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171 students lauded in College Honors' Assembly

One hundred seventy-one students who had exemplary academic performance during the Second Semester of SY 2013-2014 were recognized and honored at the College Honors' Assembly on August 6 at the DLSAU Osmeña Hall. The awardees consisted of 85 students from the College of Business, 19 from the College of Education, 29 from the College of Veterinary Medicine and Agricultural Sciences, and 38 from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Technology. Students with General Weighted Average of 3.0 and above were given Certificates of Appreciation for performing above par in their academics.

Br. Narciso S. Erguiza, Jr. FSC, University President, gave a short inspirational talk to the awardees.

He mentioned that though the university wants its students to excel in their academics, it must not end there. Ultimately, the goal of every Lasallian is to be of service to others and become inspiration for others to excel as well. In his response, Mr. Patrick Cipriano, a 4th year BS Accountancy student awarded with Highest Honors, agreed with the statement of the Brother President when he said, "I am not just as an academic awardee, but also a leader of an organization who wants not only to help but also to encourage and be a motivator to my fellow Lasallians.

We should not just aim to be part of this event every now and then but help others get here and likewise be recognized by their efforts".

In closing, Ms. Marie Allison Parpan, Vice Chancellor for Students and Mission, shared with the awardees the benefit of being a Dean's Lister: a personal sense of achievement; an increase in employability; invitations to events, contests and competitions; being on the Dean's radar and; the prestige and recognition that goes with it. Though all are external identities, she posed a challenge for all awardees, and that is to help others achieve excellence and live their best life.

DLSAU congratulates new CPAs

Two BS Accountancy graduates of De La Salle Araneta University were honored on 20 August 2014 after passing the July 2014 Certified Public Accountants Licensure Exams. Mr. Vincent Arnie Martinez and Ms. Johnelyn Aneñon, both 2013 graduates, are part of the 1,107 new CPAs (out of 5,540 who took the exam) of the country. The Mass and Testimonial Lunch were held at the University Chapel and at the Molave Hall.

In the Testimonial Lunch, Mr. Glen de Leon, BS Accountancy Program Chair, shared his gratitude to DLSAU

Administrators for the support it extended in the form of the Knowledge Enhancement Program. Mr. Christopher Polanco, University Chancellor, reminded the passers that they should not forget to thank their teachers and mentors, inspire and encourage other BS Accountancy students to strive hard, and to be responsible in the practice of their profession.

Mr. Martinez told members of the Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants present that one should never lose sight of his/her goals because there will always be distraction that may lead



them elsewhere but the CPA license. Sharing his life story, he also told them that poverty is not a hindrance to success, neither are low high school grades in dreaming of and becoming a Certified Public Accountant.

Kishiwada-DLSAU Exchange Program



De La Salle Araneta University signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Osaka Prefecture Kishiwada School on 05 August 2014, at the DLSAU President's Conference Room. The MOA covers sharing of knowledge

and practices in Special Education. Representing Kishiwada were Mr. Tetsuya Mabuchi, Ms. Mariko Nakajama, Ms. Rei Tsujii, Ms. Hiromi Yasumatsuya, Mr. Masahito Murakami, Ms. Chie Saito, Mr. Yuta Tomura, Mr. Seiki Maeda.

Present for DLSAU were Mr. Christopher Polanco, Mr. Anthony Cawaling, Dr. Rosario Chu, Dr. William Enrique, Ms. Andrea Pangan, Ms. Emily Comedis and Ms. Evangeline dela Cruz.

Also part of Kishiwada's visit was a Cultural Exchange with DLSAU students held at the University's Rizal Hall on August 6.

BSFT Alumna wins Best Research Award

Ms. Cherubin Faye Santillana, BS Food Technology 2014 graduate won in the Undergraduate Research Competition of the 53rd Philippine Association of Food Technologists Annual Convention. The research entitled "Development and Application of Cornstarch Based Edible Film" was presented during the convention held at the SMX Convention Center, SM Aura, Taguig City on July 11. Ms. Adoracion Benedicto, Food Technology Program Chair, was Santillana's research adviser.

UCSAA opens 4th Season

The Universities, Colleges and Schools Athletic Association started its Fourth Season on July 31 with opening ceremonies held at the Malolos Sports & Convention Center in the City of Malolos, Bulacan. Season 4 welcomed six participating schools which include St. Dominic Savio College, Pasig Catholic College, Colegio de San Lorenzo, Jesus is Lord Colleges Foundation, University of Makati and De La Salle Araneta University.

These schools will compete in various sporting events such as Basketball, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Badminton, Swimming, and Cheerdancing from July to November 2014.

HS Batch 79 holds Reunion

High School Batch '79 of Gregorio Araneta University Foundation had a reunion on 27 July 2014 at Max's EDSA, Caloocan City. Attended by around 150 alumni, it also became the venue for the batch to hold its election of officers. Elected officers were: Mr. Ruben Florentino (President); Mr. Jhun del Rosario (Vice President); Ms. Marivic dela Cruz (Secretary); Ms. Edna Bugnon (Assistant Secretary); Ms. Natividad Pelayo Treasurer; Ms. Alice Cunanan (Assistant Treasurer). They will hold office for two years. The batch committed to attend and support the DLSAU Grand Alumni Homecoming scheduled on 31 January 2015, on the occasion of the University's 69th Foundation Anniversary.



Members of HS Batch '79 with their adviser Mr. Mikias Bebing (in red shirt)

AGSI students elect new leaders



AGSI Student Government Officers, SY 2014-2015

The rest of the new officers are as follows:

Executive President	Gerald Aguilar	3rd Year
Executive Vice-President	Francisco Naldoza	1st Year Advanced
Executive Secretary	Jane Vanessa Yamido	2nd Year
Executive Treasurer	Gemalyn Desoloc	2nd Year
Executive Auditor	Jamaica Catimbang	2nd Year
Senator	Roldan Campuso	1st Year Regular
Senator	Jimson dela Cruz	2nd Year
Senator	Jonnel Pumares	3rd Year
Senator	Sardo Toradio	1st Year Advanced
First Year Representative	Robert Andrew Liao	1st Year Regular
Advanced First Year Representative	Gerald Lavado	1st Year Advanced
Second Year Representative	Mikko Facturan	2nd Year
Third Year Representative	Ryan Jay Ogao-ogao	3rd Year

On 24 June 2014, students of Agrivet Sciences Institute in Salikneta Farm elected its new set of Student Government officers for SY 2014-2015. Mr. Gerald Aguilar, 3rd year, of the Accountable Leaders of Agriculturists' Society (ALAS) Party was voted as Executive President, winning over Mr. Jay Durano of Changers' Party and Mr. Electro Balbuena, an independent candidate.

In an interview, Aguilar emphasized that "Leadership is always about service to your people. At the end of your term, people will not recognize you because you were popular, but because of the things you've done to make them better." Both parties fielded candidates in every position but ultimately ALAS won more seats.

In the days leading to the election, candidates were pitted in a debate where they discussed their position on relevant issues and their plan of action. Mr. Wilson Emmanuel Gorosin, Vice Director of Agrivet Sciences Institute and Adviser of the Supreme Student Government facilitated the debate.

Eloiza May S. Galon

First Person: A Seed for Change

"One seed can calm a tribe and stabilize a nation. One seed can change life. One seed can determine one's destiny. One seed can lead to prosperity."

-Atty. Henry Lim Bon Liong

We were invited to attend the Mid-year Food and Agribusiness Conference at the University of Asia and the Pacific, Pasig City, on 10 July 2014. Eight Agrivet students were chosen to attend the conference. We were accompanied by our School Directress, Dr. Florencia Claveria, and her secretary, Ms. Renabelle Danlag. That day certainly changed our perspective on our studies as future feeders of the Philippines.



DLSAU-AGSI students, together with their School Directress, Dr. Florencia Claveria, (back, second from right) pose for a souvenir photo with Dr. Henry Lim Bon Liong, Sec. Francis Pangilinan, and Mr. Dominic Serquiña.

Sec. Francisco Pangilinan, Presidential Assistant on Food Security and Agricultural Modernization, shared that Agriculture is a sector that any country must have. Unfortunately, in our country the Agriculture sector is being neglected that is why most farmers experience lots of difficulties and that led to the opinion that farming is wearisome. Sec. Pangilinan also said that a way to attain food security is to equate it to the security of farmers, but he said that this is difficult to accomplish especially because the farmers today are already old and the number of youth who pursue Agriculture-related jobs is decreasing partly because of the mentality that being a farmer is a lowly undertaking. In Sec. Pangilinan's opinion one way to solve these problems is a shift in paradigm--from degrading to upgrading the farmers by means of implementation of new technology and effective governance.

In the open forum with Sec. Pangilinan, Dr. Claveria, shared how De La Salle Araneta University started the Agrivet Sciences Institute and Salikneta Farm and how they were able to recruit scholars from different parts of the country to enroll in the BS Agriculture program. She said that the scholars in the Agrivet Sciences Institute are trained in academic and practical aspects of Agriculture and these scholars are supported by the De La Salle Brothers and Department of Agriculture. Dr. Henry Lim Bon Liong, impressed by the AGSI story, talked to our Directress and he told her that he is willing to help AGSI whenever the institute needs help. At the end of the conference, as we stood at the back of the three speakers namely: Dr. Liong, Mr. Dominic Serquiña and Sec. Pangilinan for picture taking, Dr. Liong told Sec. Pangilinan, "At our back are the future."

The words that he uttered were simple but those were etched in my mind and heart that being an Agriculturist is not a simple task because it requires seeds of hard work, perseverance, optimism, and concern for the future of the Philippines. It also encompasses the vision that in farming, there can be a bright future.

Many people ask me and my fellow Saliknetans why we chose Agriculture over the other programs that offer a "more promising" future for us. I have not given this much thought before but after the conference I knew that I already found the answer. It is because, just like what Sec. Pangilinan said, "The Philippines needs Academically-Skilled Farmers for the food security of the country for the future generation."

Emmie Marie E. Rosales



#ManicMonday



#ThoughtfulTuesday



#WittyWednesday



#ThrowbackThursday



#FantasticFriday

The Supreme Student Council (SSC) spearheaded the celebration of Frosh Week from July 21 - 25 to welcome freshmen students. Dubbed as the Great Week of Welcome (Great WOW), the activities held were designed to warmly welcome, energize, unify and make students feel the real essence of belonging to a Lasallian community.

The SSC made use of taglines to mark every day of the Great WOW. On #ManicMonday, Froshies were treated to a free film showing on the life of St. La Salle and a free boodle fight-lunch. #ThoughtfulTuesday showcased seminars on being a Lasallian and on College Life Adjustment and a forum on hazing with Congressman Sherwin Gatchalian of Valenzuela City. #WittyWednesday featured the students in a Splash Mob College Party and Games and Canvas Bag Designing Contest. On #ThrowbackThursday, students had a free photo booth set up at the LSB Lobby for friends and block mates who want to take photos of themselves. The week ended with a bang with almost 1,500 students present during the Frosh Night Party tagged as "Revolution 2014". Definitely a #FantasticFriday to cap off a Great Week of Welcome!



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