



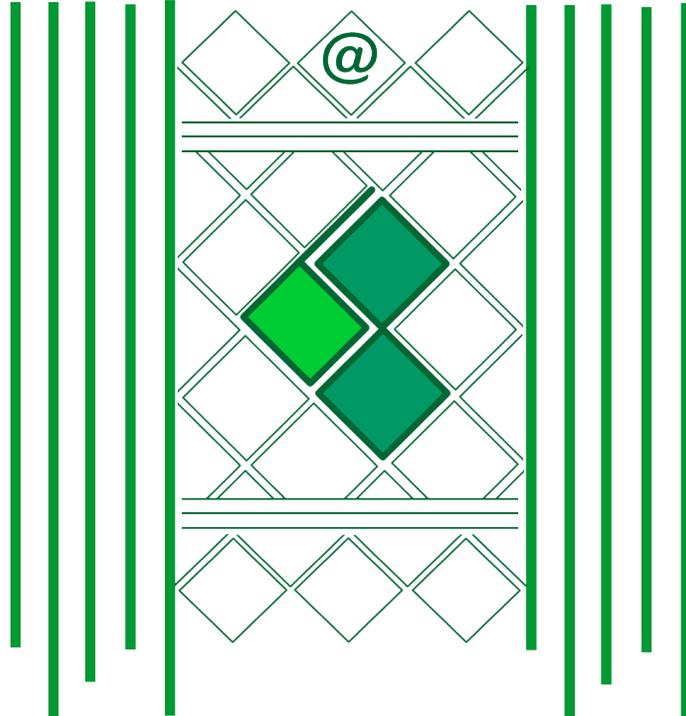
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TOWARDS BEING GREAT



DLSAU celebrates 68 years of greatness!

It is with great joy and pride that De La Salle Araneta University celebrates its 68th Anniversary this 2014 through a week-long celebration with the theme “Towards being great @ 68!” The University Week will start on January 25 with a Eucharistic Celebration and will run up to January 30.

In the 68 years of De La Salle Araneta University’s existence, it has transformed itself from a pioneering agricultural school into a well-respected university offering curricular programs both in basic and tertiary education. It continues to provide students with quality education that equips them with knowledge, skills, and a Lasallian formation that seeks to mold them into becoming integrated Christians, ethical and socially-concerned citizens, and achievers in the service of God and country.

The University Week is a special time for the community—students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni, partners, and the Brothers—to come together, celebrate, and share through the various activities that were planned for the entire week. The public, especially students who are thinking of entering the University, is also invited to come to get to know more about DLSAU, its academic offerings, and its vibrant Lasallian community.



In the late 1950’s THE FURROWS was the name of the official student publication of the Araneta Institute of Agriculture (AIA). This institution was first known as AIA when it started as an agricultural school in 1946. The concept of The Furrows was adopted once more in 2002 when Gregorio Araneta University Foundation (GAUF) became a full-fledged member of the Lasallian Family; and henceforth, ‘twas called the DE LA SALLE-ARANETA UNIVERSITY. Since the turnover up to school year 2005-2006, it became the official institutional newsletter. Today, De La Salle Araneta University, now enriched with the heritage of Lasallian schools and a partnership with a 334-year old educational tradition that has its roots in Rheims, France, has recreated and revived THE FURROWS, as it informs its collaborators and stakeholders through its regular publication and dissemination.

A New Year, A Fresh Start

Greetings!

After the Christmas break we lovingly spent with our families and friends, it is now time for us to go back to where we left off—our studies, our responsibilities at work, to what we often refer to as “reality”, as if the Christmas season was an illusion and that “reality” was something to be forlorn about. I see it exactly the opposite! It is a season of fresh starts, of new beginnings!

With the turn of the year, I am happy to share with you some of the things that we can look forward to this year:

Our 68th Foundation Anniversary which we will celebrate on January 25-30.

Salikneta welcoming a new batch of Agriculture students from boys town and girls town in Cebu starting the end of January.

The completion of the VetMed building by May 31, ready to be used by next semester.

And, of course, the much-awaited graduation!

Let us all welcome the New Year with an optimistic outlook!


Br. Jun Erguiza FSC
President



DLSAU lauds honor students



Guest Speaker Mr. Paul Zaldarriaga
of De La Salle Philippines

On 15 January 2014, the University honored 167 college students who have shown exemplary academic performance in the first semester of Academic Year 2013-2014. Among those honored were students from the four colleges of the University and students in the Agrivet Sciences Institute at the Salikneta Farm, San Jose del Monte, Bulacan.

Guest speaker Mr. Paul Zaldarriaga imparted on the awardees that “it is not important who came first but how you finish the journey together”. He also went on to share with the students how the De La Salle Brothers started in the Philippines and went on with their Mission. He further encouraged the conferees to “leave a better society to the future generation than what they inherited from their predecessors”. Mr. Zaldarriaga was confident that the university has equipped them with the Lasallian values of Faith, Service and Communion to be able to accept his challenge of “bringing the much needed change our society currently needs”.

In response, Aldrin Victor Bernardo, BS Computer Engineering student and one of the awardees, shared that being in the program was a dream that came true for him. In his early days in the University, he had already attended the same program but only as a supporter of a friend who was an awardee. He then dreamt of going to the same honoring rites again not only as a supporter but already as an awardee. His hard work, perseverance, and being prayerful made it happen. Borrowing Albert Einstein’s “It’s not that I am smart, it’s just that I stay with problems longer”, his mantra was “It’s not that I am smarter, it’s just that I keep on praying to the Lord.” He thanked his parents who both were with him during the assembly and dedicated his success to them.

Ms. Marie Allison Parpan, Vice Chancellor for Students and Missions, congratulated the awardees and parents for their hard work and sacrifices, which have come to fruition. She graciously thanked parents for taking an afternoon off to be at their children’s honoring and also for entrusting their children’s education to DLSAU.



Mr. Aldrin Victor Bernardo with parents
and Mr. Christopher Polanco

Korean Convergence Society, DLSAU ink agreement



(From left to right) KCS Vice President Mr. Seuc-Ho Ryu, DLSAU President Br. Narciso Erguiza, Jr. FSC, KCS President Mr. Kun-Hee Han and DLSAU Chancellor Mr. Christopher Polanco

De La Salle Araneta University and Korea Convergence Society (KCS) have agreed on an exchange program for the purpose of academic relationship and cooperation. The Academic Exchange Agreement was signed on 08 January 2014 by DLSAU President Br. Narciso Erguiza, Jr. FSC and Korea Convergence Society President Mr. Kun-Hee Han at the DLSAU President's Conference Hall. Also present during the signing of the agreement were DLSAU Chancellor Christopher Polanco and Lasallian Language Center Head Teacher, Ms. Lorena G. Porca.

The agreement, which took effect on the date of signing, stipulates that both institutions agree to work together to support the development of academic activities; lead the academic exchanges serving as the driving force behind the development of the academics; and serve for the exchange of domestic and international human network sharing and academic-related skill.

This agreement is a welcome addition to the external linkages initiatives of the University with various Korean schools and institutions.

Koreans participate in Multicultural Program



SAU students at the Golden Pavilion area

Twenty (20) students from the Shih Ansan University (SAU) of South Korea are in the University campus to take part in a Multicultural Program. Staying for a four-week program from January 4 to 28, students taking up courses such as Tourism, Education, Finance, Physical Education and Marketing are immersed with the academic community to learn more about Philippine culture and way of life and also to improve their English language skills. Accompanying them during their stay are Dr. Kang Sungrak, SAU President and Professor Justin Lee, SAU Program Chair.



DLSAU Students with DLSAU President Br. Narciso Erguiza, Jr. FSC

Lasallian Language Center produces 112 new graduates



(standing) graduating students from Ansan University, (seated from L-R) Mr. Joseph Hyun, International Business Coordinator, DLSAU Chancellor Mr. Christopher Polanco and LLC Director Dr. Maria Corazon Mendoza

One hundred and twelve (112) students from six South Korean universities had finished their four-week language course in the Lasallian Language Center. This is the shortest course offered by the Language Center. The graduation of language students from Ansan University, Gangneung-Wonju National University, Kwandong University, Busan Women's College, Chungwoon University, and Sangji University took place at the University's Rizal Hall on 16 January 2014.

On 20 January 2014, a new batch of one hundred twenty five (125) students from six Korean Universities was welcomed by Mr. Christopher Polanco, University Chancellor. These new students are from SangMyung University, Hallym University, Korea Maritime and Ocean University, GangNeum-Wonju National University, Chosun University and Yongin University. These students are enrolled in the 4- to 6-week language programs.

College of Education signs MOA with DepEd

On 13 January 2014, Mr. Willam Enrique, Program Chair of the DLSAU College of Education (CED), signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Education Division of City Schools - Caloocan for the deployment of CED students to public schools for their Practice Teaching.

College of Education students were subsequently deployed to Baesa High School and Baesa Elementary School where they will be able to immerse and experience teaching in the classroom from 20 January until 14 March 2014. The students will have another teaching demonstration as part of their course requirements. The MOA between DLSAU and DepEd is a requirement of Commission on Higher Education to strengthen programs in Education as part of their practicum.

Earlier this school year, Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA) granted Level II 3rd Reaccreditation to the Bachelor of Secondary Education and Bachelor of Elementary Education programs of the University, effective until 2018.



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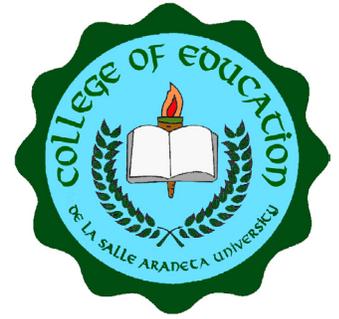
The Department of Teacher Education (DTE), a department of the College of Arts, Sciences, Education and Technology of De La Salle Araneta University, started in 1963 of the then Araneta Institute of Agriculture which was later on named as Gregorio Araneta University Foundation, offering only one degree program, Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education (BSEd). The Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (BSEEd) was introduced in 1971.

Due to the high demand for education graduates in the country, the student population greatly increased. From then on, the University has become a partner of the State in providing quality teachers to public and private schools.

With the strengthening of the degree programs in the College Department, a decision to spin off the Department of Teacher Education (DTE) from the college of Arts, Sciences, Education and Technology (CASET) was made.

June 2010 marked the rebirth of the College of Education. With the PACUCOA Level II - 2nd Reaccredited Status at its helm, it continues to train future teachers of unquestionable integrity and competence, and who are committed to their continuing professional growth and obligation to help their future students grow as responsible individuals and citizens of this country.

In October 2013, both programs of the college attained the PACUCOA Level II - 3rd Reaccredited Status, valid until 2018. Headed by Dean Dr. Rosemarie Montañano and Program Chair Mr. Willam Enrique, the college currently has 26 Bachelor of Elementary Education students and 87 Bachelor of Secondary Education students enrolled.



Salikneta Farm and Agrivet Sciences Institute



A.T. Reyes Hall, donated by Dr. Angelita Reyes, former DLSU Board of Trustee

In March 1946 Don Salvador Z. Araneta, former Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, established the Araneta Institute of Agriculture (AIA) in a 63-hectare farm in Upper Ciudad Real, San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan. It will later be known as Salikneta, short for Saliksik sa Araneta [Research in Araneta].

This satellite campus houses the De La Salle Araneta University AgriVet Sciences Institute and serves as an agritourism and research facility, primarily for the University's agriculture and life sciences students. Its facilities are also open to the public for educational and recreational purposes as well as spiritual or meditative activities.

The Agrivet Sciences Institute (ASI) was established in June 2011 under the leadership of Br. Narciso S. Erguiza, Jr. FSC. In its first year, Seventeen (17) First Year high school students and three (3) Second Year transferees were admitted.

In concurrence with CHED Memorandum Order No. 14, Series 2008, the BS Agriculture curriculum of DLSAU was revised and implemented in SY 2012-2013 at the ASI in Salikneta, where all the students are in-residence.

The relocation of the program from DLSAU's Malabon Campus to Salikneta Farm was in response to the need of providing the students the appropriate setting and direct access to a practical laboratory where they can readily integrate or apply basic concepts/theories to agricultural/farming systems.



A Signage greets you at the entrance to the farm

Also, the move was in support of the government's aim of addressing the shortage of agriculturists equipped with fundamental knowledge and practical skills and possessing an entry level of competencies in technical agriculture upon graduation.

Now in its third year of operation, the ASI is home to Sixty (60) high school and Sixty-two (62) First and Second Year BS Agriculture students, with 95% and 97% of the enrollees as scholars, respectively.

To know more about the AgriVet Sciences Institute and how to visit Salikneta Farm and book events, you may visit saliknetafarm.com.ph or call (02) 775 0454 or send an email to saliknetafarm@gmail.com.