

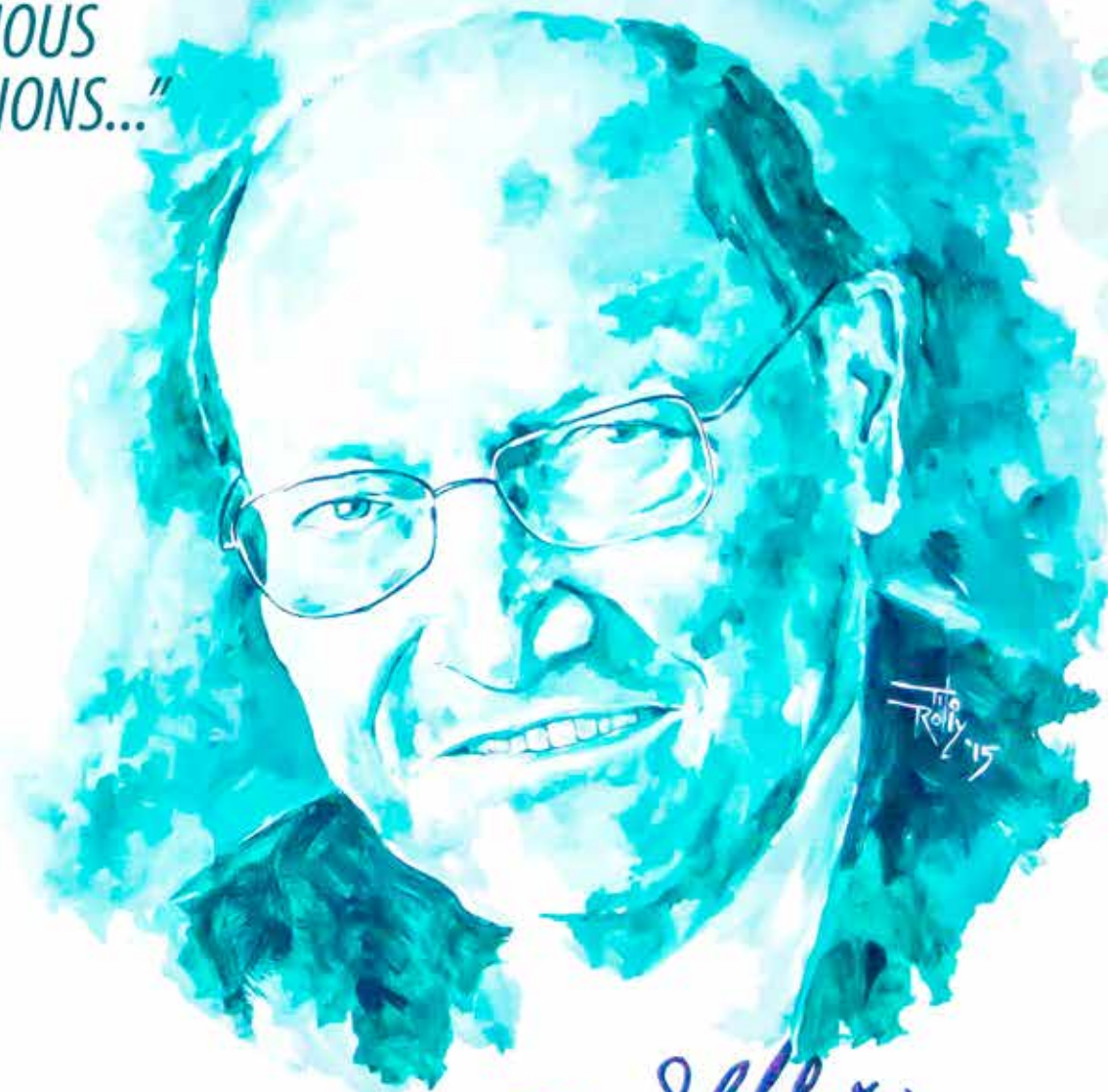
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CELEBRATES 60TH YEAR
ASA DE LA SALLE BROTHER**

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PAULINE DEL ROSARIO (DLSZ 2016) TAKES THAILAND OPEN CROWN



PAULINE BEATRIZ DEL ROSARIO

Congratulations to Pauline Del Rosario (DLSZ 2016) for taking the Thailand Ladies Amateur Open crown at the Phoenix Golf Club in Pattaya, Thailand last October 30, 2015.

Pauline won against Thai national, Paphangkorn Tavatanakit.



JIGGS LAGLEVA PARTICIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY TOURNEY



John Glenn "Jiggs" Lagleva (DLSZ 2022) of Team Pilipinas Ice Hockey took home the gold medal in the peewee division of the 7th Malaysia Invitational Ice Hockey Tournament held last September 9-12, 2015 at Sunway Pyramid Ice in Kuala Lumpur.

The Philippine team, composed of players aged 13 years and below, bested teams from Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia.





HS-SRCC TAKES PART IN LLTC, SINGAPORE

Seven officers of the De La Salle Santiago Zobel High School – Student Representative Coordinating Council (HS-SRCC) attended the Lasallian Leadership Training Camp (LLTC) last September 3 – 9, 2015 held at St. Joseph's Institution International in Singapore.

Now on its second year, the LLTC was also participated in by student-leaders as well as Lasallian Partners from La Salle College – Antipolo, La Salle Greenhills and De La Salle Lipa. Mrs. Angela B. Brazan, DLSZ Social Action Minister, accompanied the delegates.

The participants are as follows:

Daniella Kristin Marie Evan (DLSZ 2016)
Christine Michelle Orbeta (DLSZ 2016)
Danielle Louise Dy (DLSZ2017)
Kirsten Ashley Mayuga (DLSZ 2017)
Katrina Bisuña (DLSZ 2017)
Julia Luisa Panganiban (DLSZ 2017)
Alfredo Solis III (DLSZ 2018)

LLTC aims to inculcate in all student-leaders from secondary schools the unique Lasallian trademark of leadership and to experience the diverse multicultural backgrounds of each participating school.

The leadership camp was organized by the Lasallian East Asia District (LEAD), in cooperation with De La Salle Philippines (DLSZ).



ROBOTICS TEAM QUALIFIES IN 14TH PRO FINALS



One of the DLSZ Robotics Elite teams composed of Joaquin Gilberto Amante (DLSZ 2018), Juan Carlo Hernandez (DLSZ 2021), and Cedric Joshua Atienza (DLSZ 2019) qualified in the finals of the 14th Philippine Robotics Olympiad (PRO).

The elimination round of this national contest was held last September 10, 2015 at Cyberzone, SM North Edsa. 93 schools in the Philippines participated in the said contest.

Kudos to team coaches Katrina Mendoza and Mr. Albert Pagilagan.



DLSZ ROBOTICS TEAM WINS TWO GOLD MEDALS IN THE 17TH INTERNATIONAL ROBOT OLYMPIAD (IRO) 2015 CHINA OPEN

Two of the Robotics Team members won in the 17th International Robot Olympiad 2015 China Open (IRO 2015 China Open). The event was held in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China from 14th to 17th August 2015. The participants were John Sebastian Gerard Julian Dela Cruz (DLSZ 2017) and Justin Aaron Natividad (DLSZ 2018).

They were accompanied by their Team Coach, Mr. Albert Morris Pagilagan.

Justin Aaron Natividad received a gold medal in the Sumobot Mini (500g) Challenge. He also participated in the Mission Challenge Event. John Sebastian Gerard Julian Dela Cruz participated in the Mission Challenge, Lego Line Tracing, Sumobot Mega (3 kg), and Sumobot Lego (1 kg) events. He got several certificates of excellence for besting several other Chinese and Singaporean teams. Thus, he also received a gold medal award.

The IRO is an annual event where students of the primary and secondary levels use their creativity, robotic knowledge, and skills to explore and develop robots for missions designed by International Robot Olympiad committee.



THIRD DLSP NIGHT HIGH SCHOOL LEARNING FESTIVAL



La Salle Green Hills, De La Salle Santiago Zobel-Br. Rafael Donato Night High School, La Salle College-Antipolo, and La Salle University-Ozamiz will be at the Third DLSP (De La Salle Philippines) Night High School Learning Festival last September 18, 2015 at the Debbie Decena Auditorium in DLSZ.

This year's festival carries the theme, "PEARL: Prepared, Engaged, and Actively-Reconnected Lasallians". Productive and exciting activities are lined up such as talk on K to 12/Senior High School (SHS) Program, presentation of SHS program models, team-building, intermission numbers and lots more.



TABLE TENNIS TEAM TAKES BACK-TO-BACK OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP IN ISSA 2015



Our very own Table Tennis Team won back-to-back overall Championship in the ISSA 2015 Table Tennis Cup at Xavier School, San Juan last September 12, 2015. The following are the awards that the team got from the said tournament:

TEAM EVENT HIGH SCHOOL

Champion

Dino Gabriel Marcelo (DLSZ 2020)
Earnst Ludwig Salloman (DLSZ 2020)
Phoebe Jay Jumamoy (DLSZ 2017)
Anna Fatima Royeca (DLSZ 2018)

1st Runner-up

Ivin Rameses Yap (DLSZ 2016)
Nathan Andrew Siasico (DLSZ 2016)
Kanes Leonard Molde (DLSZ 2017)
Enric Vince Remitio (DLSZ 2017)
Justin Aaron Natividad (DLSZ 2018)

TEAM EVENT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Champion

Neo Angelo Laudato (DLSZ 2020)
Angelica Royeca (DLSZ 2018)
Fernan Gelle (DLSZ 2021)
Sophia Bianca De Vera (DLSZ 2019)

2nd Runner-up

Vianne Depiedra (DLSZ 2019)
Shiela Mae Bautista (DLSZ 2019)
Alfred Justin Amorado (DLSZ 2019)
Mark Ezekiel Aljucilja (DLSZ 2024)

SINGLES EVENT HIGH SCHOOL

Champion

Dino Gabriel Marcelo (DLSZ 2020)

1st Runner-up

Enric Vince Remitio (DLSZ 2017)

2nd Runner-up

Earnst Ludwig Salloman (DLSZ 2020)

SINGLES EVENT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Champion

Neo Angelo Laudato (DLSZ 2021)

1st Runner-up

Shiela Mae Bautista (DLSZ 2019)

2nd Runner-up

Vianne Depiedra (DLSZ 2019)



TANKERS SEIZE SILVER IN THE 78TH UAAP SWIMMING

The boys and girls of the De La Salle Zobel Junior Green Tankers won first runner-up in the 78th Swimming Competition held last October 22-25, 2015 at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Manila. Over the four-day competition, the team took home a haul 17 golds, 7 silver and 6 bronze medals in the various events.

Sacho Ilustre (DLSZ 2018) and Nicole Pamintuan (DLSZ 2019) were awarded Most Valuable Players last Sunday, October 25, MVP Pamintuan celebrated her day by shining glory gold for the La Salle Team in the Girls' Division; accomplishing a rare UAAP feat: winning 7 golds in 7 events, and breaking all 7 UAAP records in the 50m, 100m, 200m & 400m freestyle, and 50m, 100m & 200m backstroke events.

MVP Sacho Ilustre bagged a gold in the 800-meter freestyle. According to DLSZ Swim Team Manager Lawrence Sahagun, Ilustre only failed to break the record in said event because the young swimmer was sick that day. But by the next day until the end of the 4-day competition he was in back in fighting form to grab more gold and break all the records in the 100m, 200m, 400m, 1500m freestyle, and the 100m & 200m butterfly.

Aside from the records broken by Ilustre and Pamintuan, UAAP rookie Seth Martin (DLSZ 2021) broke the Junior National Record in the 100m backstroke, previously held unbroken for 17 years by Evan Grabador, the present swim team coach of DLSU.



Contributing to the runner-up win for DLSZ were our strong swimmers in individual events led by Yuri Ilustre (DLSZ 2018) who bagged a gold for 200m breast, a silver for 400m medley, and 2 bronze for 200m medley & 100m breast; Milcah Mina (DLSZ 2020) hauled 3 silvers for 50m, 100m & 200m breast stroke; Samantha Borlain (DLSZ 2020) with a silver and bronze for 800m & 400m freestyle respectively; and Franco Dela Rosa (DLSZ 2020) who took home a bronze for 50m freestyle.

The DLSZ Green Tankers also shown brightly in the crowd-favorite relay events. Jana Laurian (DLSZ 2018), Chrystelle Reyes (DLSZ 2021), Kara Mendoza (DLSZ 2020) and Christiana Verzo (DLSZ 2016) won gold in the 4x100 freestyle. Juliana Burgos (DLSZ 2019), Chrystelle Reyes, Bea Ylen (DLSZ 2016) & Jana Laurian took another gold for the 4x50m relay.

Two silver medals were grabbed in the Girls' 4x50m and Boys' 4x100m relays by the teams of Julia Burgos (DLSZ 2019), Christiana Verzo, Diana Ampil (DLSZ 2016), Chrystelle Reyes, Fernando Trinidad (DLSZ 2016), Keith San Juan (DLSZ 2016), Liam Tangan (DLSZ 2017) and Matthew Hernandez (DLSZ 2016).

Finally, two bronze medals for the Girls' 4x200m relay and Boys' 4x50m relay were swept by the teams of Kayleen Keh (DLSZ 2021), Kara Mendoza, Jana Laurian, Christiana Verzo, Fernando Trinidad, Jacob Ramos (DLSZ 2018) and Nicolas Martin (DLSZ 2019); bringing the total medal count at 30 medals for De La Salle Zobel.

*Written by:
Mr. Dunn Lawrence Sahagun (DLSZ 1990)*



DLSZ PARTICIPANTS DOMINATE THE 57TH CMLI CONFAB



The thirty-student envoys of De La Salle Santiago Zobel merged triumphant in the recently concluded 57th Annual National Convention of Children's Museum and Library Inc. (CMLI) Junior Members and Teacher Advisers held at Teachers Camp, Baguio City last November 4-8, 2015.

Conquering the national conference, the De La Salle Santiago Zobel contingent composed of the High School – Student Representative Coordinating Council (SRCC), Motivate. Orient. Volunteer. Excel. (MOVE), Key of Z, Zobel Dance Crew, and the Br. Rafael Donato Night High School's (BRafeNHS) Luntiang Binhi had proven what Lasallian Excellence is all about as they hauled the following major awards:

CMLI Junior Council National Executive Board President – Fumiya Kyle Ueda (DLSZ 2016)

CMLI Junior Council National Executive Secretary – Andrea Betina Hocson (DLSZ 2016)

CMLI Junior Council Regional Executive Board NCR P.R.O. – Peter Andrew Acierto (DLSZ 2016)

CHAMPION in HIP HOP DANCE COMPETITION – ZOBEL DANCE CREW: Maxine Aira Coleene Ganzon (DLSZ 2019), Maria Noelleene Bañez (DLSZ 2019), Ysabelle Ngo (DLSZ 2019), Katrina Ann Regala (DLSZ 2018), Monina Felice Salamanca (DLSZ 2018), Janella Angelique Varias (DLSZ 2017), Kyle Conrad Cuenca (DLSZ 2016), Juan Carlo Cabero (DLSZ 2016), Justin Chino Alvarado (DLSZ 2016) and Mary Sophia Josephine Ladao (DLSZ 2016).

CHAMPION in A CAPELLA QUARTET SINGING – KEY OF Z: Carl Tricy Antipuesto (DLSZ 2020), Caine Orozco (DLSZ 2019), Jedidiah Franco (DLSZ 2019) and John Vincent Uy (DLSZ 2016)

CHAMPION in POP QUIZ – Cyril Jude Cornelio (DLSZ 2016) and Angelo Louis Lucelo (DLSZ 2016)

CHAMPION in EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH IN FILIPINO – Jennelle Uadan (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2018)

BEST PARTICIPANT IN HIP HOP DANCE – Janella Angelique Varias (DLSZ 2017)

BEST PARTICIPANTS IN MODELLING – John Vincent Uy (DLSZ 2016) and Alfredo Solis III (DLSZ 2018)

With the theme, "CMLI and the Filipino Youth: Trailblazing a Filipino Identity in the Global Society", the annual leadership convention was attended by 27 schools from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao with a total of 800 participants who vied for the Competition for Excellence (CFEX) and Competition for Entertainment (CFEN).

The victorious participants were accompanied by Mr. Mark Mendoza (Zobel Dance Crew Moderator), Ms. Marcelina Flores (Key of Z Moderator), Ms. Djouana Manjares (Luntiang Binhi Moderator), and Mr. Jasper Villanueva (Filipino Faculty).



SELECTED DLSZ STUDENTS SPARKLE IN PITYLC – YOUTH LEAD PHILIPPINES

The seven delegates of De La Salle Santiago Zobel marveled the participants of the Fourth Philippine I Transform Youth Leaders Convention (PITYLC) organized by the Youth Lead Philippines with the theme, “Good Governance: Empowering Sustainability and Convergence”, on September 18 – 21, 2015 held at Teachers Camp, Baguio City.

The lone high school participants showed what it is to be a Lasallian as they actively engaged in the multifarious Primus Tourney (Academic Tournaments) prepared by the organizers.

Laurice Emylle Sy (DLSZ 2017) won first place in the On-the-Spot Essay Writing Competition besting other 42 representatives from various colleges and universities from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

The DLSZ Contingent also brought home the Best Organizational Cheer Award while the other participants equally performed very well in Poster Making Contest, Mr. and Ms. Paraiso, On-the-Spot Video Making Contest, and the Kabataan Fair that highlighted the eight Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations.

The following are the DLSZ representatives:

Sean Tristan Papa (DLSZ 2020)
 Isabelle Sarrosa (DLSZ 2017)
 Emmanuel Gatchalian (DLSZ 2017)
 Joannah Angellie Vazquez (DLSZ 2017)
 Laurice Emylle Sy (DLSZ 2017)
 Carlos Gemperle (DLSZ 2016)
 Clint Llesis (DLSZ 2016)

The four-day convention featured renowned speakers like Hon. Leila De Lima, Secretary of Justice Department, Director James Arthur Jimenez, COMELEC Information and Education Department, Mr. Elvin Ivan Y. Uy, Assistant Secretary of Department of Education, Ms. Myrna Clara Asuncion, Director of Social Development Staff NEDA, Prof. Miriam Coronel – Ferrer, Chair of Government Peace Panel, Ms. Rowena Paraan – Head of ABS CBN Bayan Mo I-patrol Mo, Mr. C.S. Metodio B. Maraguinot, President of Youth LEAD Philippines, and Ernesto B. Neri, Chair of Cagayan de Oro Youth Development Council who enlightened the youth leaders of their significant roles as the present and future generation of the Philippines and citizens of the world.

The leadership conference was attended by 692 student council officers from 115 Private and State Colleges and Universities. Mr. Jesus M. Sulit Jr. accompanied the Lasallian student leaders.





BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS HANDBALL TEAM



The High School Handball Team, composed of the day and Br. Rafael Donato Night High School (BRafeNHS) students, brought home the second-runner up trophy in the recently held 2015 Philippine Handball League last November 8 and 15, 2015 at the Ateneo de Manila University.

The team was led by team captain Joemar Tandoc (DLSZ 2016) alongside fellow veteran Mark Anthony Magallanes (DLSZ 2016) and super rookie Lleyton Earl Emmanuel Bondal (DLSZ 2020).

Although undermanned against the Montessori Integrated School, the team still manages to perform a great team effort and win the bronze medal match in the boy's under-17 category.

During the awarding ceremony, Lleyton Bondal was named as part of the Mythical Team. This is our best record since joining the league in 2013.

DLSZ High School Handball Team:

Joemar Tandoc
Mark Anthony Magallanes
Lleyton Earl Emmanuel Bondal
Gabriel Guntan (DLSZ 2017)
Gio Dela Piedra (DLSZ 2016)
Rexter Fajardo (DLSZ 2016)

Rodrigo Lagbo Jr. (DLSZ 2016)
Matthew Jessie Pineda (DLSZ 2016)
Joshua De Jesus (DLSZ 2020)
Ramon Miguel Yee (DLSZ 2020)
Mark Joshua Legaspi (DLSZ 2018)
Lenard Eidriel Nazareno (DLSZ 2018)
Alfredo Villaverde (DLSZ 2017)
Marc Christian Bravo (DLSZ 2019)
Daniel Isaac Dela Cruz (DLSZ 2019)
Rovic David Jones (DLSZ 2018)
Mark Justin Fornasidoro (DLSZ 2018)
Aivan De Roxas (DLSZ 2018)

Head Coach: Mr. Marvin M. Veluz
Assistant Coach: Mr. Paul William Cipriano
Team Secretary: Mr. Nicole John Alejo

The High school handball team (Boys Handball Club/ BRafeNHS Handball) who joined the said tournament is under the supervision of the Students Clubs and Activities Office (SCAO).

Thank you to SCAO, PE Unit and the DLSZ community for their never ending support! Animo La Salle!

The Philippine Handball League is a growing tournament organized by the Philippine Handball Federation Inc, under the supervision of the Philippine Sports Commission.

Written by: Mr. Marvin M. Veluz



CHESS TEAM BAGS INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM AWARDS IN PAYA AND ISSA CHESS TOURNAMENTS

The DLSZ Grade School Chess Team finished **SECOND** while the High School Chess Team placed **THIRD** in the Philippine Athletic Youth Association (PAYA) Chess Championship which was concluded last October 11, 2015 at La Salle Green Hills.

The PAYA Chess games were held on September 5 and 6 and on October 4 and 11, 2015. The team members and individual board medalists from DLSZ for the PAYA Chess Championship game are as follows:

Grade School:

- Board 1 – Giancarlo Francisco (DLSZ 2020) – BRONZE
- Board 2 – Joaquin Nicholas De Guzman (DLSZ 2022) – SILVER
- Board 3 – Jefferson Villarin (DLSZ 2024) – SILVER
- Board 4 – Marcus Ocho (DLSZ 2022)
- Board 5 – John Paul Meim (DLSZ 2024)
- Board 6 – Martin Ocho (DLSZ 2023)

High School:

- Board 1 – Hans Jeremy Reyes (DLSZ 2019) – SILVER
- Board 2 – Glesit Marie Tatoy (DLSZ 2021)
- Board 3 – Davenson Co (DLSZ 2017)
- Board 4 – Lynux Louie Ansay (DLSZ 2017) – GOLD
- Board 5 – Adolf Emil Gaiser (DLSZ 2019) – SILVER



Moreover, the DLSZ High School Chess Team was the **CHAMPION** in the Interscholastic Sports Association (ISSA) Chess Tournament held last September 12, 2015 at Brent International School in Laguna.

Members of the DLSZ HS Champion Team were:

- Board 1 – Glesit Marie Tatoy (DLSZ 2021)
- Board 2 – Davenson Co (DLSZ 2017) – GOLD
- Board 3 – Lynux Louie Ansay (DLSZ 2017) – GOLD
- Board 4 – Hans Jeremy Reyes (DLSZ 2019) – BRONZE

The HS group B and Training Team also took part in the event represented by: Adolf Emil Gaiser (DLSZ 2019), Ezekiel Joachim Figueroa (DLSZ 2019) – SILVER, Cedrik John Malabanan (DLSZ 2016), and Jose Jerard Lim (DLSZ 2016).

The DLSZ MIDDLE SCHOOL Team were represented by: Jefferson Villarin (DLSZ 2024) – SILVER, Ella Kirsten Garcia (DLSZ 2019) and Antoinette Sia (DLSZ 2019) and John Paul Meim (DLSZ 2024).

Leading the DLSZ Chess Team is their Coach, Woman International Master Jan Jodilyn Fronda, who is a member of the National Team and the former captain of the DLSU Women's Chess Team.



QUADRUPLE GOLD AND OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR DLSZ AND DLSU TABLE TENNIS TEAM IN UAAP SEASON 78 TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Our very own DLSZ and DLSU Table Tennis Team made a history in UAAP as the only team and event to finish Quadruple Gold in one season.

The first to get the championship is DLSU Women's against FEU, next is DLSZ Girls against UE, then DLSU Men's against UST and DLSZ Boys against NU.

Individual awards were given to the following athletes:

High School Boys Rookie of the Year: Neo Angelo Laudato (DLSZ 2021)
 High School Boys MVP: Elijah Chars Yohan Yamson (DLSZ 2020)
 High School Girls MVP: Phoebe Jay Jumamoy (DLSZ 2018)

The following are the members of the Champion team:

High School Boys

Neo Angelo Laudato (DLSZ 2021)
 Elijah Chars Yohan Yamson (DLSZ 2020)
 Enric Vince Remitio (DLSZ 2018)
 Ivin Rameses Yap (DLSZ 2016)
 Nathan Andrew Siasico (DLSZ 2016)
 Dino Gabriel Marcelo (DLSZ 2020)
 Kanes Leonard Molde (DLSZ 2018)
 Earnst Ludwig Salloman (DLSZ 2020)

High School Girls

Vianne Depiedra (DLSZ 2020)
 Shiela May Bautista (DLSZ 2020)
 Sophia Bianca De Vera (DLSZ 2019)
 Phoebe Jay Jumamoy (DLSZ 2018)
 Angelica Royeca (DLSZ 2019)
 Anna Fatima Royeca (DLSZ 2018)
 Patricia Deblois (DLSZ 2016)
 Marjorie Santos (DLSZ 2016)

Coaches:

Coach Jay-R Beterbo
 Coach Adolfo Jun Glorioso Jr.





FAITH GENUINO SHINES IN BALLET



DLSZ acknowledges the following achievements of Allegra Fatima "Faith" Genuino (DLSZ 2022) in Ballet as reflected in the official letter of Dance Theater Arts to the school:

1. There was an audition held by the Australian Conservatoire of Ballet (ACB) Directress, Ms. Christine Walsh A.M. last May 2015. Out of 60 dancers, Ms. Walsh handpicked Faith to be the soloist in one of her choreographies.
2. She has performed in the International Ballet Gala held at the CCP last July 19, 2015 together with other dancers from different ACB Filipino schools, Australia, Hong Kong and Japan, with principal guest artists from Russia, USA and The Royal Ballet from London.
3. In the 2015 Association of Ballet Academies, Philippines, Ballet Competition, held last August 22 and 23 at the Meralco Theater. She won the following awards:

- First Place in the Junior 3 Solo Classical Ballet Category
- Best in Musicality
- Best Performer
- First Place in the Junior 3 Classical Group Category
- Best in Choreography
- Best in Costume
- First Place in the Junior 3 Contemporary Group Category
- Best in Choreography



BRAFENHS HOSTS IDEA 2

The DLSZ BRafENHS hosted the third invitational of this year's debate season of the Interscholastic Debaters Association (IDeA) on Saturday and Sunday, November 7-8, 2015. The invitational was attended by students from 14 Metro Manila schools, comprising 53 teams, 106 debaters, and 23 observers.

The plenary sessions and the final debate were held at the Debbie Decena Auditorium, while simultaneous elimination, quarterfinals, and semi-final debates took place in the Grades 6 and 7 classrooms. There were three elimination rounds of debates held on the first day. The top 16 schools advanced to the quarterfinal round the next day. The motions for the first-day-elimination rounds of debates were:

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LASALLIAN ACHIEVERS

- This house supports a boots-on-the-ground intervention by the US for the Syria conflict;
- This house supports a federalized Philippines; and
- This house prefers conditional cash transfer over direct monetary dole-outs as a poverty alleviation program.

The following teams broke to the quarterfinals:

Ateneo de Manila High School
 Colegio San Agustin – Makati
 Claret School of Quezon City
 Immaculate Conception Academy, GH
 Peref Southridge School
 St. Scholastica’s College – Manila
 Xavier School, GH
 Peref Woodrose School

The second day motions were:

- This house believes that animal welfare activists should prioritize total animal welfare over the specific protection of endangered species for the quarterfinal round;
- This house believes that ASEAN states should have a mutual defense treaty against Chinese aggression for the semi-final round; and
- This house believes the ICC should aggressively prosecute high ranking members of the Myanmar government for crimes against the Rohingya people for the championship round.

Debate adjudicators were IDEa alumni, with Basilio Claudio as Chief Adjudicator and Nicolo Fortuna as Co-Chief Adjudicator.

The Immaculate Conception Academy, Greenhills team of Alyana Laddaran & Clarice Tee emerged as the Champions.

Kudos to our very hard-working BRafeNHS Debate team moderator, Mr. Rován Lopez, and the Debate team officers: Carlo dela Cruz (DLSZ 2016) – Convener, Amilee Evangelio (DLSZ 2016) – Co-convener, and the debate members: Dyanna Arcartado (DLSZ 2016) – Finance head; Aina Canta (DLSZ 2016) – Food committee head; Krupskaia Requilman (DLSZ 2016) Ushers head; and the undergraduate debaters: Abbygail Dela Cruz (DLSZ 2017), Julia Louise Cabarloc (DLSZ 2019), Samantha Kaye De Leon (DLSZ 2019), Maria Isobel Salvacion (DLSZ 2019), Angeli Mari Rodenas (DLSZ 2019), Sheen Andrei Vince Bayutas (DLSZ 2019), Ace Justin Dela Cruz (DLSZ 2019), Erin Grace Edralin (DLSZ 2020) and Lehoney Joy Turtor (DLSZ 2020).

The BRafeNHS Debate Circle is also indebted in gratitude to all the BRafeNHS students who extended help as registration assistants, runners, etc., without whose help the Debate Circle would not have accomplished this herculean task. Special thanks go to the BRafeNHS faculty who lent their unselfish time and effort to assist the students in this endeavour.

Truly, we felt the community behind us and we see Jesus in each one! Animo La Salle!

Written by: Ms. Heidi Marie Padua, BRafeNHS' Liberal Arts teacher





A GOLD WIN FOR THE DLSZ SYMPHONIC BAND



Our very own Symphonic Band bagged the gold award in the 7th Winter Band Festival in Hong Kong held last November 24-28, 2015.

The members of the Symphonic Band are:

1. Natalia Andreana Aguilar (DLSZ 2020)
2. Zoe Bennett Aldea (DLSZ 2019)
3. Mia Danielle Amba (DLSZ 2021)
4. Andrei Joseph Arriola (DLSZ 2020)
5. Emilio Santiago Artadi (DLSZ 2017)
6. Sean Benedict Bernardo (DLSZ 2023)
7. Julia Margarita Bustamante (DLSZ 2019)
8. Timothy Christian Cruz (DLSZ 2017)
9. Maria Angelica De Leon (DLSZ 2019)
10. Maria Cristina Del Mundo (DLSZ 2020)
11. Kurt Lewis Dela Cruz (DLSZ 2018)
12. Derek Louis Dilanco (DLSZ 2017)
13. Gabrielle Alexandra Diokno (DLSZ 2020)
14. Emilio Manuel Dumayas (DLSZ 2020)
15. Juan Carlo Hernandez (DLSZ 2021)
16. Javier Jimenez (DLSZ 2018)
17. Seung Won (Freddy) Kang (DLSZ 2020)
18. Peter Daniel Mascariñas (DLSZ 2020)
19. Dominic Francis Nerves (DLSZ 2020)
20. Joey Noel Pacheco (DLSZ 2018)
21. Aaron Joshua Palma (DLSZ 2017)
22. Carlos Antonio Pamittan (DLSZ 2021)
23. Joseph Raphael Perez (DLSZ 2017)
24. Matthew Roque (DLSZ 2017)
25. Don Lemuel Kester Tejero (DLSZ 2019)
26. Almira Tesorero (DLSZ 2018)
27. Chiara Marie Fe Tolentino (DLSZ 2021)
28. Lorenzo Martin Torres (DLSZ 2017)
29. Erin Joy Trivino (DLSZ 2019)
30. Rollo Denzel Velarde (DLSZ 2017)
31. Paolo Joaquin Villa (DLSZ 2019)
32. Julia Patrice Villa (DLSZ 2021)
33. Juan Miguel Yumul (DLSZ 2018)

Fifteen (15) competitors in the Seniors Category from Southeast Asian countries like China, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong sent different delegates but out of these only the Philippines is represented by a group coming from DLSZ.

The group is mentored by Ms. Nena Chavez and Mr. Linwell Lalic.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DOMINATE SCI-MATH COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to our very own high school students for winning in the following academic competitions:

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY – INTEGRATED SCHOOL (CANLUBANG)		
7 TH SCI-MATH INTERSCHOOL CHALLENGE		
October 24, 2015		
EVENT	RANK	STUDENTS
SCI MATH 2015 MAKERS AND TINKERS FAIR AND COMPETITION	1 st Placer (Champion)	Alyanna Marie Basbas (DLSZ 2017)
		Davenson Co (DLSZ 2017)
		Dominic Lance Salmingo (DLSZ 2017)
SCI MATH 2015 INFOMERCIAL MAKING	2 nd Placer	Victoria Helene Manalo (DLSZ 2017)
		Camilo Briccio De Guzman (DLSZ 2017)
		Jeline Marie Reyes (DLSZ 2017)
		Bianca Shareena Reforma (DLSZ 2017)
		Lilian Felina Morales (DLSZ 2017)
SCI MATH 2015 QUIZ BEE	3 rd Placer	John Philip Lee (DLSZ 2016)
		Grant Lewis Bulaong (DLSZ 2016)
		Avelyn Goc (DLSZ 2016)



SCI MATH 2015 MAKERS AND TINKERS FAIR AND COMPETITION – 1ST PLACER (CHAMPION)

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES – LOS BAÑOS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY
WEEZARDS: INTER-HIGH SCHOOL MATH AND PHYSICS OLYMPIAD 2015
November 14, 2015

EVENT	RANK	STUDENTS
OVERALL CHAMPION		DE LA SALLE SANTIAGO ZOBEL SCHOOL
QUIZ BEE	1 st Placer (Champion)	John Philip Lee (DLSZ 2016)
		Grant Lewis Bulaong (DLSZ 2016)
		Avelyn Goc (DLSZ 2016)
INDIVIDUAL TOP SCORER		Grant Lewis Bulaong (DLSZ 2016)
ESSAY WRITING	1 st Placer (Champion)	Lilian Felina Morales (DLSZ 2017)
	2 nd Placer	Laurice Emylle Sy (DLSZ 2017)



UPLB WEEZARDS QUIZ BEE – 1ST PLACER (CHAMPION)



UPLB WEEZARDS ESSAY WRITING CONTEST – 1ST PLACER (CHAMPION)



UPLB WEEZARDS ESSAY WRITING CONTEST – 2ND PLACER



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November 16, 2015

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MATH & PHYSICS QUIZ BEE	1 st Placer (Champion)	Fumiya Kyle Ueda (DLSZ 2016)
		Daniella Kristin Marie Evan (DLSZ 2016)
		Andrea Betina Hocson (DLSZ 2016)
	2 nd Placer	John Philip Lee (DLSZ 2016)
		Grant Lewis Bulaong (DLSZ 2016)
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KOUJI TOMAS (DLSZ 2015) WINS AWARDS IN TWO MATH OLYMPIADS IN SINGAPORE



KOUJI TOMAS

A student from the Goal of Excellence in Math (GEM) program and the subject medalist in Math during the 2015 DLSZ High School Graduation Rites, Kouji Tomas (DLSZ 2015) received the bronze award in the Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad (SASMO). SASMO is one of the biggest competitions in the Asian region participated by more than 30,000 students from 15 nations.

Kouji Tomas also won an honorable mention award in the inaugural Singapore International Mathematics Olympiad Challenge (SIMOC) 2015 held in Singapore on August 14-17. SIMOC drew 400 participants from 13 countries which include Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.



CARLOS ECHEVARRIA (DLSZ 2015) AND NIKKO CARISMA (DLSZ 2015) ARE DLSU'S STAR SCHOLARS



CARLOS ECHEVARRIA



NIKKO CARISMA

DLSZ acknowledges two of its alumni, Carlos Benedict Echevarria (DLSZ 2015) and Nikko Angelo Carisma (DLSZ 2015), for being among De La Salle University's Star Scholars.

The Star Scholars Program is given to "undergraduate to graduate degrees applications who topped the entrance examinations and the University screening".

Congratulations, Carlos and Nikko! You make your alma mater 'greener' with pride! Animo La Salle!



MY HUMBLE LLTC EXPERIENCE

BY DANIELLE LOUISE DY (DLSZ 2017)

"I will humbly serve," these are the last words that I said before leaving the camp. Four long days and three even longer nights had passed before I was able to confidently say these words. This camp was rather interesting to say the least. It consisted of many obstacles, realizations, new experiences, amazing people, and a completely different environment. Despite being away from my family and my friends, I instantly felt as if it was just like home. The people were very hospitable and the camp as a whole was life changing. Each day, we were reminded of the constant feeling of independence; the feeling that we had to undergo each problem head on. But I personally believe that one of the most important thing is that you can build astounding relationships under crazy circumstances. Before I go on with my realizations, allow me the chance to share with you my LLTC experience.

The first day was almost a blur. Departure day. I was excited and ready to leave for Singapore with my fellow Zobel delegates. Just like that, we were making our way to the airport. When we arrived, this is when I faced my first obstacle. I know I haven't even left yet and already a problem arose. My passport did not reach the six months validity rule of Singapore. This resulted to me missing my flight and having to re-book my flight and get my passport's validity extended. My parents picked me up from the airport, and we had less than 24 hours to fix everything before our re-scheduled flight at 5:00AM the following day. My parents ended up joining me on my flight to Singapore as I would not have been permitted to travel alone. Despite this event that got in the way of being able to leave on time with my fellow delegates, I remained calm and continued to keep in my mind that I would be with them the next day.

I found myself in the airport once again, patiently waiting for my flight together with my parents. Next thing I knew, I was in Singapore and I immediately met up with my group in Gardens by the Bay where I was welcomed with loads of hugs. Only a few hours of being in Singapore, and I already felt like I found a new family that I will forever treasure. They ended up becoming a few of my closest friends, but more on that later. We then went shopping and afterwards headed to St. Patrick's where we stayed for the night and met the rest of the Filipino delegates who came from La Salle Greenhills, La Salle Antipolo, and La Salle Lipa. We got to know more about each other over dinner, then had one last orientation before we were off to bed.



The next day started bright and early as we were tasked to pack all our essentials and necessities for the four-day camp. We got into the bus and drove to St. Anthony's Primary School where we split into 12 groups consisted of delegates from different schools both from Singapore and Philippines. I can even recall how oddly nervous I was to meet new people, especially those with different cultures. Despite my feelings that I did not allow to get the best of me, I was ready to face the tasks set for the first day of the camp. Without maps, or any vehicles, we were told to find our way to the school where the camp will be held. We walked roughly 25 kilometers in about four hours, but ended up getting lost in a forest and eventually found ourselves in a private golf course. Since time ran out, the facilitators granted us permission to take the bus to our final destination. Although the walk was quite tiring, and the fact that we ended up in a golf course was completely out of the way, the four-hour walk definitely allowed my group mates and I to get to know each other and to bond despite it only being the first day. We learned abundant information about each other and gladly got along very well. We finally arrived in the school after all the re-routes taken. We had a number of sessions about St. La Salle and sessions about leadership as well. After the long day, each of us was given only four minutes to take a shower. This made us realize how precious time really is. We made do with the time given to us and somehow we all managed. After which, we had our supper, otherwise known as our midnight snack, then we all went to bed. But we did not sleep on actual beds. We all slept in sleeping bags laid on the floor of the classroom. It was quite a struggle to fall asleep even though we were all really tired. We got as much rest as we could because we knew that the following day would be another long day.

At 5:50 AM, we were all awakened by the song "Shake it Off" on repeat. We went for our morning run which was intended to bring us closer together, and encourage each other to finish the run. We encountered more sessions and even got the chance to see the teaching style in that school. I found it rather different, but

in some ways the same. That day, we learned to become better leaders as we listened to each other's opinions about being a leader. The main activity scheduled for this day was somewhat like an Amazing Race around Singapore where we go to visit different Lasallian institutions. We felt even closer as a team as we were able to finish 5 out of 6 stations. We then had sharings and listened to what each of us had to say. The next day, we went to help the elderly clean their houses as they are not capable of doing so anymore. We painted and cleaned, but somehow I wanted to do more. Unfortunately, we were only given a limited number of units to clean so we made do with what we had.

The hardest day arrived. The day we had to say goodbye. No matter how tired I was, I just did not want it to end. We exchanged incentives, but it was just so hard to go and think that it was all ending. It was such an amazing experience that I will forever cherish and I cannot thank DLSZ enough for giving me a chance to grow as a leader and as a person. Because of this, I became determined to inspire others to do the same. This camp opened my eyes to new doors filled with endless possibilities and countless reasons to be grateful for the things I have now. A few of the many important things that I learned is that I want to become a better leader, a better daughter, a better friend, a better me, and I would like to do all this for others. I realized that God never left my side throughout my whole stay in Singapore. He kept me safe and He never let me stray too far from the path. I realized that He blessed me with so much and I have abundant reasons to smile. I can truly say that this camp made me a better person. Despite the obstacles I faced along the way, I learned that if you really want something, you go after it head on no matter what the hassle may be. I learned to be determined, independent, and I learned to grow to become a better person. As I left the camp, I could confidently say "I will humbly serve" - but not for me, for others.

MY LIFE-CHANGING LLTC JOURNEY

BY MARIA KATRINA BISUÑA (DLSZ 2017)



"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." —John C. Maxwell

This is one of the quotes that really struck me from the start until the end of the camp because it clearly defines what I believe a true leader should be.

I was ecstatic when they chose me along with my fellow delegates to represent De La Salle Zobel and De La Salle Philippines in one of the biggest leadership trainings in the East Asia District. I honestly did not know what to expect in a leadership camp with an estimate of a hundred participants. I expected new faces, unusual culture, inspiring talks, long nights, and fun games just like the usual camps here in school, however, I got so much more than I could ever imagine. I was able to learn the unique Lasallian trademark of leadership just as St. La Salle did. In addition, I was able to experience diverse multicultural backgrounds, and in the process, I definitely realized my true self.

The seven delegates--Annelle, Kirsten, Jill, Michelle, Dannie, Amby and I--were so excited the night before our flight to Singapore that we could not even sleep. As we were checking-in at the airport the next day, we were told that Annelle was not allowed to fly with us because of the expiry date of her passport. Well, that is a whole other story. We flew to Singapore feeling a little empty that we left Annelle back in the Philippines and we would not see her until the next day. Nevertheless, our mood instantly changed when we were welcomed with the smiles of



some of the Singaporeans. We settled into our room in the Brothers' Residence of St. Patrick's School and met the other Filipino delegates for dinner. It was a great first day for me because I was immediately able to make new friends and to familiarize myself with the culture in Singapore. Our second day was just a day full of touristy pictures and sightseeing. So, allow me to fast forward to the camp itself.

We were told to pack all our clothes for four days into one backpack; and surprisingly, I was able to do it. We rode a bus to a place what we thought would be St. Joseph's Institution International. I was grouped with ten other Singaporeans from three different Lasallian schools in a team named "Dolet". I met the OT's (Organizing Team) Jon and Sam who were more than friendly. Well, not until they asked me to surrender my phone, wallet and EZ-Link card. Being the only Filipino in the group, it was quite awkward to socialize with them especially when I had a difficult time understanding them with their accents. But with my efforts, I was able to get to know each of them by the end of the ice breakers. We were welcomed to the camp by Mr. W-Ong and Ed-Linddi. Afterwards, they revealed to us that we were not in SJII (St. Joseph's Institution International) but rather in St. Anthony's Primary School. Hence, we were tasked to walk from St. Anthony's all the way to SJII in three hours with our heavy backpacks without any idea how to get there because we had no phones to google it. More so, we had no money or EZ-Link cards to take the bus. I did not know what to feel because I had no idea how far a walk that was (Note: I found out it's roughly a 17-km walk) or what route to even take. I had to give full trust to the Singaporeans in my group

to lead the way. I was beyond enthusiastic, bringing up the spirits of my team mates because I really wanted to get there on time. The first half of the walk was not so bad. On the way, I got to know most of my group mates personally, and I willingly reciprocated the action and shared things about myself too. I felt even more comfortable and accepted in the group. The second half of the walk was when a few of us were starting to get frustrated and irritable. Our bags felt

twice as heavy as what it really was and we were starving. Additionally, we were walking under the noontime sun for almost three hours, lost in some forest. But walking in the forest, far away from the busy city noises got me thinking how some kids back home actually walk this far to go to school everyday. I felt blessed how I get to school with ease and it put me into deep thought if that happens in Singapore as well.

The sight of buildings and cars after walking in the forest for an hour gave me so much relief. When my group finally got to SJII after four hours of tiresome walking, we literally screamed. During the processing of this activity, I realized how essential it was for leaders to walk the talk—to do what you say you will do, which brought us to our first session on modelling the way. I definitely enjoyed this activity because it helped me organize and realize my values. By modelling the way, you align your values and beliefs with your actions. We had to narrow down a list of 30 values to only 5 of which we value the most. Thus, I ended up with the following: family, happiness, balance, love, and wisdom. This activity made me more aware of my actions because it greatly reflected my values and self-integrity as a leader. In a later session, we viewed the entire life of our founder, St. La Salle, and how he himself was an ideal leader who modelled the way. He lived a life of good morals and prayer. God guided him to see the poverty and lack of education; thus, he realized his mission to build schools and educate the poor youth in France. He was blessed with wealth and yet he gave it up to show an example of humility as a leader. He knew the way, so he showed everyone around him the way as well, and almost 300 years

later, his legacy remains and is widespread across the world.

Later in the afternoon, we celebrated Mass and it was interesting how Priests in Singapore were called Friars. The Gospel was about how Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak by saying, "Ephphatha!"—which means "Be open!" I found his homily very intriguing because of the way he said it with such sincerity and conviction. He explained how we, leaders, should be open to the cries of the voiceless (the mute) and be God's instrument of grace to those who close their ears to the Gospel (the deaf). From all the issues and problems we have today, we only listen to those who can speak up. He asked us, "How about those who have no voice and cannot be heard?" His message really struck me to look back at the time I too was once voiceless until Jesus answered my cry and made me join Him in His saving grace. Occasionally, we should make time to stay silent and listen to what God is calling us to do. Then, take action.

I wish to say more about my LLTC experience, but I feel that the first day had my most memorable and life-changing moments. The camp made me see the past and present and look into how I see myself in the future. As one who completely knows herself as a Lasallian leader. The entire camp just goes back to the quote I cited in the beginning. Our actions speak louder than words and in order for one to become a Lasallian leader, one must model the way to those who are misguided and be open to the cries and worries of the voiceless because it is through our openness to the lost, least, and the last that we may respond to God's mission for us just as St. La Salle did.



BR. MARTIN SELLNER FSC CELEBRATES 60TH YEAR AS A DE LA SALLE BROTHER

Br. Martin Sellner FSC celebrated his 60th year as a De La Salle Brother last November 8, 2015. Attended by the De La Salle Brothers and other guests from DLSZ, De La Salle University, DLS-College of St. Benilde, and DLS-Araneta University, the festivity started at the Our Lady of the Star Chapel with a Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Robert John Abada OFM (DLSZ 1998), Br. Martin's former student.

During his thanksgiving speech, Br. Martin regaled the audience with touching yet funny stories of his growing up years in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, his journey to becoming a De La Salle Brother, and how he came to ignite his passion for chemistry. His religious

life for six decades is a living testament to the Lasallian mission of teaching minds, touching hearts, and transforming lives.

A dinner reception followed at the Sports Pavilion where the guests were treated to wonderful music rendered by the DLSZ High School Chorale under the masterful supervision of Ms. Marites Panaligan, the DLSZ Strings under the baton of Mr. Leopoldo Sumera, and the DLSZ Symphony Orchestra under the tutelage of Mr. Linwell Lalic and Ms. Nena Chavez. As a surprise to the celebrant, a 3 x 3 ft acrylic-on-wood portrait of Br. Martin, made by Rolly delos Santos, was also unveiled.

Early Years in the Philippines

In September 1985, Br. Martin Sellner FSC – upon the invitation of Br. Andrew Gonzales FSC – went to Manila to join the Department of Chemistry in De La Salle University. For 15 years, Br. Martin did not only teach undergraduate chemistry in DLSU but also in De La Salle Santiago Zobel. He was a Science teacher in DLSZ from school year 1994 to 1999. He found working with Filipino students very satisfying.

He returned to the United States in 2000 for health reasons.

Visit to DLSZ after 12 Years

On June 18, 2012, Br. Martin flew back to Manila and visited DLSZ. A refurbished campus and a number of familiar faces greeted him on his return. Though he is not young as he used to be, Br. Martin still carries a dynamic and charismatic vibe.

A simple welcome back program occurred that gave him the chance to reconnect with his old colleagues.

Second Visit to DLSZ, a year after

On June 2013, Br. Martin Sellner FSC was once again assigned in De La Salle Santiago Zobel School not as a Chemistry teacher but as a consultant for grade school and high school Science laboratories.

Every morning that he comes to DLSZ, Br. Martin greets students and Lasallian Partners in front of St. La Salle Building. He is not hard to identify since he always wears his white robe.

To date, he is DLSZ's Lasallian Institutional Animator and concurrent De La Salle Araneta University's consultant for Science laboratories.



SPEECH OF BR. MARTIN

Wow! 60 years! To me it seems like a drop in the bucket, and yet, if you think about it, it is an ocean of graces received, and of services performed for others. Maraming Salamat my dear Lasallian friends for coming tonight and celebrating this special occasion with me. I am sure that if you all were first, second, third, fourth graders, you would all storm this area right now to receive a blessing and participate in a group hug. So let me just extend my arms and let's all share that group hug right now.

Bro. J.J., your words are cherished and so inspirational, and your presence today is truly an honor. I don't think you and Bro. Dodo realized three years ago when you extended an invite for me to come back what you would have to deal with upon my return. Bro. Dennis, our Brother Director at DLSU, I have had many Bro. Directors in my lifetime, but no one can come close to the kindness and welcome you convey to all of us. Bro. Bernie and Bro. Jun, my bosses at Zobel and Araneta, you also did not know what you were in for when you asked me to come aboard. Just remember you may be over me in school, but a little under me in the house. Someone said I better be careful what I say to you, I could be fired. I simply replied, you can't fire someone that you never hired. All kidding aside, it is a pleasure to be working side by side with you and helping out in whatever way I can in these two wonderful schools. And Brothers of the Philippine Sector of the LEAD District, you have taken in this foreigner in ways that cannot be explained to others. I am so grateful. To my batch mate in formation years, Bro. Benildo, I congratulate you on your 60 years as a LaSalle Brother. While not here with us tonight, my three years living with you in formation in Minnesota will always be fond memories, as will those of my other classmate, Bro. Andrew Gonzalez, who is enjoying his eternal reward. Father RJ and Bro. Paulo, my two former students; thank you so much for your part in this Mass. You two certainly are shining examples to be admired, respected and emulated. And my many other former students, your success in life makes me so very proud. You have my prayers for continued success in all you do always.

Some of you know me to some extent, but many of you do not. So just a few words about myself. I grew up on a farm about 20 km from a little town named Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, the fifth child of nine that my loving parents brought into this world. My father passed away when I was twelve and my mother had to raise the nine of us. My mother let many know that I was the most difficult one to raise, as I was always giving her grief. Grade school was an absolute disaster for me. I don't think I have hated anything more than that over all the years since. Why school I thought, I am going to be a farmer, just like my Dad, and I don't need this. In spite of hating school, I did manage being the class valedictorian in each of my eight grades. Maybe being the only member in each of those classes had something to do with it. My mother pleaded with me to go to high school, high school not being a requirement at that time. I kept saying no, I hate school, but she persisted. I believe she wanted me out of the house. I finally relented with the words: "Ok I will go but if I don't like it I quite in one month." I went and, lo and behold, I fell in love with it. I decided to take chemistry my third year, hearing that it was neat, with explosions and fun. Not only was it all that, but I fell in love with it, and my idea of becoming a farmer went out the window, and in came the idea of teaching chemistry. I saw the Franciscan Sisters in school and their way of life and wondered, is there a life like that for men. I had never heard of Brothers, or any religious orders for men for that matter, knowing only priests and the Sisters. I finally asked one of them if there were religious orders for men. Of course she said. There are the Franciscans, the Dominicans, the Jesuits. UGH! But at that time too young to know better. She continued, what would you like to do? So I said, I want to be a teacher just like you so maybe I should join the Franciscans. Oh my gosh no, she said, you will never teach in that order, you will only be a slave to the priests. Join the Christian Brothers, as we are known in the States. And with emphasis she said, they are teachers and they know how to run

schools. I won't say what my mother said when I told her of my intention, except that she was stunned and incredulous. I wrote a letter to the Brothers, having never met any of them, not knowing the name of a single one, and simply saying I want to join you, what do I do. A week after high school graduation, I left my family, left my little town of Sleepy Eye, being taken to a large city, actually two cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, having never seen anything this big before, taking a train to Chicago, an even larger city, where I stayed for a week. I was absolutely scared to death, wondering what am I doing here and what am I getting into. From Chicago another train to St. Louis, Missouri, and then a hectic, and believe me it was hectic, bus ride to a little village named Glencoe, Missouri, in the foothills of the Ozarks, where the Brothers' novitiate was located. There were 31 of us, 30 from Brothers' schools, and me. Years later I found out that the postulants, the novices, even the Brothers were betting that I would be the first one to leave, basing it on the fact that I was not from a Brothers' school. Some gave me a day, some a week, some a month. Even my mother, on Robe day, the day we started the novitiate, came with family members, leaving one space open in the car, knowing without a doubt that I would be with them on the trip back home. Well, it is 60 years later and I am still here. By the way, my mother, on the way home from that trip did get it right, when she said, amidst tears, when I saw him, I knew he would never come home again. Yes, Mom, I never came home again, but I also never ever left you.

One other thing, many of you know I have a very difficult time remembering names of people, given names are so hard to remember, and then you have those unbelievable nicknames, family names - I don't even try. Can you imagine Dodo being the name of our Br. Visitor! Then we have J.J., LuLu, Babes, Baby. How does one remember these difficult given names like Bernie, Jun, Dennis, Allison, Ruby, Agnes? Now I don't have that problem with chemical names. Table salt, nothing could be easier than the name sodium chloride. How about sugar. Maybe you know it as sucrose. But there is a much easier name for it which I have no trouble remembering: alpha-D-glucopyranosyl-beta-D-fructofuranoside. Now that is so simple and easy, not difficult like Babes or Ruby!!

The Brothers' life is really something special and it has been an amazing adventure. For 60 years I have lived with these great men, these special men, men who support you, men who guide you, men who enrich your life. When one unites oneself to God in a special way, the graces received spill out and touch all those one comes into contact. For 45 years I was able to teach chemistry to young people. But not just as a science; while teaching about the interactions of atoms, I would compare that to the interactions of humans, and taught so much more. You have the expression here of teaching minds, touching hearts, transforming lives. We didn't have that slogan back home, but my gosh, I believe that that is exactly what I have done over the years. When you experience a young person struggling with a difficult concept and then looking up at you with beaming eyes, a smiling face, and with an expression that now I understand, you know your teaching reached someone's mind. When you have young people coming to you for advice with problems, be it with parents, with studies, with their faith, you name it, you know you have touched hearts. When you have graduates coming back again and again thanking you for the things you had done for them, and their parents doing the same thing, you know you have transformed lives.

I was fortunate to have had a truly inspiring high school chemistry teacher, and also one in college, although I had my share of others whom one wishes to forget. For seven summers I had the opportunity to work with a great Harvard University chemistry professor, Dr. Hubert Alyea, who, by the way, also happened to be a personal friend of Dr. Albert Einstein. Dr. Alyea was one of those persons, who, when you meet them, you never forget. I tried to incorporate his many ideas into my teaching style, and I owe so much to him. Again when graduates come back and ask, Brother do you remember when you did this, or when you did that, I would smile within myself, and say thank you Prof. Alyea for giving me the idea.

Right after the Sputnik scare in the States, I was asked to be part of a committee formulating more effective ways of teaching chemistry and other sciences to students. I am happy to know that many of our suggestions are still found in today's textbooks. I was asked to help train junior high school science teachers for many summers, and from them I received and valued so many new ideas of presenting concepts effectively to students. As more and more Brothers' schools came into existence, I got involved in designing science

labs and equipping them with needed supplies, something it seems I am still doing today. Bro. Andrew Gonzalez invited me to consider coming to the Philippines in the early 1980s. I came and found a new home. Later I returned to the States due to health problems, and I was asked to take care of our elderly Brothers. 19 of them came into my care. Each one was difficult to lose as the Lord called them home for their eternal reward. Three years ago I was asked if I would come back again. So here I am, back home.

There is an old Irish saying: As you slide down the banister of life may the splinters never point the wrong way. I have slid down this banister for some time now and I can truly say that I have not met one splinter pointing the wrong way. I believe that the best part of that ride still lies ahead, and those are the days I am with you, at Zobel, at Araneta, and even more so, with you Brothers in the Philippines. You enrich my life with so much. Thank you all for accepting me, thank you all for coming tonight. This is indeed an occasion to be remembered and treasured.

Maraming maraming salamat po.



DLSZ FORGES ITS SECOND PARTNERSHIP WITH AYALA LAND, FOR AN EXTENSION CAMPUS IN VERMOSA, IMUS, CAVITE



(L-R) Br. Raymundo B. Suplido, Bernard Vincent Dy, Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC, Anna Ma. Margarita B. Dy

Alabang, Muntinlupa – De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ) signed a contract with top developer, Ayala Land, Inc. (ALI) for an extension campus in Vermosa, Imus, Cavite. Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC, DLSZ President and Br. Raymundo B. Suplido, DLSZ Board of Trustee graced the contract signing ceremony together with ALI President, Bernard Vincent Dy, and Anna Ma. Margarita B. Dy, ALI Senior Vice President.

DLSZ Administrators, student and parent representatives and the employees of the school were present to witness the contract signing.

ALI donated the land and seed money to fund the construction of a school building. Vermosa, regarded as the future city of the south is a sprawling 700-hectare estate, master-planned to offer fundamental mixed-use components – from a wide range of horizontal residential options, sports-themed retail with healthy dining selections, a central business district, hotel, educational institutions, and entertainment that are seamlessly integrated with generous open spaces that allow opportunities for social convergence and encourage efficient movement in everyday life. Redefining suburban living, this future city will showcase the Vermosa Sports and Lifestyle Complex that will house world-class sports facilities including an Olympic size pool, oval track, motocross track, bike skills trail, and the country's first Sports Science Laboratory.

The DLSZ-Vermosa Campus is envisioned to be the trailblazer in technology-supported learning in Philippine education. True to its vision, the DLSZ-Vermosa Campus will provide a world-class, learner-centered environment that produces lifelong learners who are reflective, creative, critical thinkers and problem-solvers in a transformative and innovative learning environment. It will be a campus that will promote green architecture through its facilities and structural designs.

Further, it will continue to uphold a dynamic learning community through its existing student programs in the fields of academics, science and technology, sports, arts and music. These programs inspire curiosity and promote the attainment of developmental and holistic learning. Further, the Vermosa Sports and Lifestyle Complex will serve as a training facility to DLSZ's athletes who will represent the Philippines in local and international competitions. It will also build a church within the school site and open it to the public for regular Sunday Masses.

This move is also one of DLSZ's visions in ensuring that Lasallian education is more accessible to a greater majority of students in southern Mega Manila. In order to fully transition to the implementation of the K to 12 program, it will also offer different tracks and strands for the Senior High School program. These are: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), ABM (Accountancy, Business and Management) and HUMSS (Humanities and Social Sciences) Strands under the Academic Track and the Arts and Design Track.

DLSZ is a member of De La Salle Philippines (DLSP), a new district-wide network of 16 Lasallian schools in the country. For 37 years, it has been producing outstanding Lasallians who are responsible citizens in the service of church and country. According to its founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle, the main purpose of every Christian school is to rear children in accordance with the teachings of Christ as found in the gospel. Thus, DLSZ, as an academic community, fosters not only academic excellence but also the spiritual and moral maturity of the individual.

The DLSZ-Vermosa campus will continue what has been started in the DLSZ-Alabang campus, that is, to offer Lasallian excellence in education thereby developing globally-ready students.

The DLSZ-Vermosa Campus hopes to open earliest June 2017.

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Learn more about DLSU's connectivity program at www.dlsu.edu.ph/seniorhigh



Ms. Winona Diola, Grade School Science Teacher, has been selected for the **Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE)** program. She will be joining thousands of educators around the world and collaborate with Apple in developing new uses in technology for classroom instruction and learning.



Ms. Emelita Baylon, Institutional Coordinator for Educational Technology Unit and **Mr. Symbol Fabellon**, High School Science Teacher, were granted **Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Expert** Certification. MIE Experts have the opportunity to work closely with Microsoft in testing new products in beta form and sharing best practices with world-renowned educators to promote innovation in teaching and learning.

FORESIGHT CONDUCTS DRRM SEMINAR TO DLSZ’S PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND EMPLOYEES

The Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) seminar/workshop for De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ) families have been concluded last November 14, 2015. Around 900 families have attended the training conducted by FORESIGHT Life Resilience Corporation (FORESIGHT). They have taught families how to identify hazards at home, community, school, workplace, road routes, and places one frequents; prepare Go-Bags and Get-Home-Bags; know how much food and water to prepare; make critical decisions; coordinate with family and friends without use of any mobile phones or internet; how to deal with looters and other acts of desperation; and learn simple and practical no non-sense survival ideas. Thus, this training provided them knowledge beyond the “Drop, Cover, Hold On” and evacuation drills.

Moreover, the attendees were provided with DLSZ’s Evacuation Plan; Family Reunification Plan and Release Protocol; Contingency Plan; and an alternative course of action if AAV is not accessible after a major earthquake.

Relatedly, a Survey on seminar attendance has been fielded last November 25 to get feedback on scheduling and financial constraints. This will help the school schedule additional seminars and finalize and implement the DRRM Plan.

On November 16 and 25, all DLSZ employees gathered at the Sylvia P. Lina Theater to attend the seminar on disaster preparedness. Mr. Dennis Patiño, Director for Administrative Services, have presented to all employees the Plan and the measures to take as teachers and office personnel. In addition, FORESIGHT called for qualified volunteers who will help and stay in school should the ‘big one’ happen.

To sustain the Plan, selected employees have attended the “Search and Rescue” seminar facilitated by the Philippine Air Force last December 5. Four Pararescue Personnel served as instructors during this seminar. DLSZ acknowledges National Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin for extending this service to the school.

Further to this, all DLSZ employees will also undergo Basic First-Aid Training sometime in January.

The school administration, in collaboration with the DLSZ Parents Association, has been stepping up its efforts on Disaster Preparedness. The School appreciates the active participation of everyone in the community in this life-saving activity.

Always remember, *“Noah built the Ark before the rain came, not during or after.”*



IN R37ROSPECT: THE 37 YEARS OF ONE LASALLIAN ANIMO



De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ) celebrated its 37th Founding Anniversary last November 26-28, 2015.

As a tradition, various exciting activities were lined up for all Lasallians and friends; these include Gimmick booths, Food/Dry Goods booths, Timezone, Inflatables, Photo Booth, Field Demonstration (Pre-Kinder to Grade 3), Modern Dance Competition (Grades 4 to 6), Cheer Dance Competition (Grades 7 to 9), Flash Mob Dance Competition (Grade 10, Y3, Y4 and BRafeNHS), Collaboration Night and other sports and recreational activities.

To close this year's Vision Mission (VM) Week, the school community gathered in front of St.

La Salle building to witness the annual Advent Lighting ceremony dubbed as Luminare. Br. Martin Sellner FSC led the Gospel reading while Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC shared his reflection about the Gospel. The latter called on everyone to deepen our faith to God as we prepare for the coming of our Savior.

"One of the core values we have here in La Salle is the value of Faith. This faith is a faith in God who has given us his Son so that we may experience eternal salvation. During this season--when we have the experience of darkness, when we sense that life's burdens are too heavy for us to carry, when it seems like doing what is right and doing good are very difficult--let us keep this faith in a God who has given us his son."

Before the program ended, Br. Bernie signaled the official lighting of the campus by saying, "Let there be light!"

The Student Representative Coordinating Council (SRCC) has partnered with the DLSZ Parents Association for this festive celebration. This is also well supported by the DLSZ Alumni Association.

Kudos to everyone who helped made DLSZ's 37th VM Week possible.

IN THE COMMUNITY





ICONS 2015: GROWING @ 37

To open the festivities of the Vision-Mission Week, the Cultural Affairs Office together with the faculty, select administrators, office personnel, staff and parents have put together a fund-raising concert held last November 23-25, 2015 at the Sylvia P. Lina Theater.

ICONS 2015 carried different themes for the Lower Grades (#ROYGBRIV "Rocking Your Imagination, Breaking into your Vision"), Upper Grades ("Back to the Future"), and High School ("Ganito Kami Noon, Ibang-iba na Ngayon").

The students and guests witnessed wholesome entertainment filled with singing and dancing. Students showed enchantment to their teachers and other performers through loud cries of cheers and applause.





LEARNING LIFE'S GREATEST LESSONS: MY UNFORGETTABLE TRIP TO KOBE

By Leah Marie Tumlos-Castillo

Growing up, I always dreamed of setting foot on the Land of the Rising Sun. Learning about its culture and history back in elementary up until graduate school deepened my fondness for this spectacular country. So when I discovered an academic conference in early February called The Asian Conference on Education (ACE 2015), I took a chance by sending my research abstract and hoped for the best. The conference was to be held in the city of Kobe from October 21 to 25, 2015.

God instantly answered my prayer. In summer 2015, I received an acceptance letter from the International Academic Forum (IAFOR), organizer of ACE 2015. The next day, I asked permission from the school administration regarding this academic opportunity and another prayer was answered. De La Salle Santiago Zobel (DLSZ) promised to sponsor all conference expenses – registration fee, airfare, hotel accommodation and allowance – for my trip to Kobe. I could not be more grateful! Education transcends boundaries

The beautiful port city of Kobe, situated between Mount Rokko and the Seto Inland Sea, is the new home of IAFOR conferences in Japan. This year's theme "Education, Power and Empowerment: Transcending Boundaries" made a significant impact to me as an educator, a Social Science major and a global citizen. I learned from the keynote presenter, Dr. Eiko Otani (President





and Professor of Osaka Jogakuin University, Japan), and featured presenter, Dr. Barbara Lockee (Associate Director and Professor of Virginia Tech, USA), that learning happens when teachers continuously motivate and inspire their students to “make” their own future.

Because learning is easy and made available through technology, the notable conference speakers encouraged at the same time challenged all of us present in the plenary to effectively train the “makers” of the future. This could be done by combining art, culture and technology in the curriculum. What impressed me most was when they highlighted the role of teachers to “transcend intercultural, international and interdisciplinary boundaries” by choosing to love one’s own country. This, I believe, could be achieved when we teach our students to be good citizens.

The ideal nation

The beauty of Kobe lies not on its scenic spots, unpolluted streets or efficient transportation system. What is special and admirable about this city is its people – honest, well-mannered, disciplined individuals. In the places I visited like the Art Center Kobe, Ikuta Shrine, Oji Kobe Zoo, downtown Sannomiya and nearby shops and public parks, all the Japanese I encountered shared one common trait – being courteous. I believe that this is one of the reasons why Japan is successful as a nation; they respect others, a true and noble sign of good citizenship. When we choose to be good citizens, we contribute to the development of our society.

Having praised the Japanese for this remarkable behavior as well as designating Japan as the benchmark for the ideal nation, I could not help but think of the Philippines. Even as our country continues to struggle given the political, economic and cultural issues that are yet to be resolved, the hope remains that teachers like us can help make a big difference. The incredible tale of our history highlights the power of the Filipinos to make great things happen – and as teachers, we are always empowered to create good citizens. Our country’s past taught us to perform our role extraordinarily well each day. By purposely choosing to love our country through the ministry of teaching, our drive for a higher quality of life in the 21st century is strengthened. I believe that the most important task all teachers must do is to instill and

thereafter sustain a sense of optimism to our students about our country’s future. By so doing, we learn how to “savor” our being Filipino and delight in the many things we can achieve as a nation so we may often hear ourselves say “*Ang sarap maging Pilipino!*”

Learning life’s greatest lessons

My trip to Kobe not only enriched my learning experience as a teacher, writer and researcher; it also made me realize the value of family, education and heritage. These are wonderful, irreplaceable treasures from God, the source of all that is good in this world.

Indeed, my heart is filled with joy and gratitude because I spent this unforgettable trip with my husband and daughter, my all-time supportive team. As a family, we explored Kobe’s lovely sites and embraced the many blessings that came our way. Also, I pursued a lifelong dream of coming to Japan. In my own little way, I left a mark and contributed to the global academic community. Likewise, I represented my alma mater as well as our country in a meaningful scholarly endeavor. Such experience made me value my role as a teacher, a gift that I wish to share with my DLSZ community. In essence, all these blessings were made possible because of a good and loving God who always reminds me how beautiful life is – since it is through Him that I discovered who I am and what I am living for.

*Ms. Leah Castillo presented her research paper entitled *The Usefulness of Curriculum Mapping in Teaching Asian History in the Asian Conference on Education (ACE 2015) during a Parallel Technical Session on “Primary and Secondary Education” on October 25, 2015 at the Art Center Kobe in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan. She is currently the Social Studies Coordinator of the High School Department.**



RELIEF OPERATION TO THE AETA COMMUNITIES IN CASIGURAN, AURORA

Last October 23-25, DLSZ volunteers distributed a total of 682 relief packs to the AETA communities in Casiguran, Aurora, where a lot of people, including the indigenous communities of Aetas, have been displaced because of Typhoon Lando. The relief operation was realized in coordination with the Prelature of Infanta, Quezon through Fr. Nilyon Co Villanueva from Baler and Fr. Joafran from Casiguran.

DLSZ extends its heartfelt gratitude to its students and stakeholders for their generous donations to the victims of Typhoon Lando.

Typhoon LANDO entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) last October 14, 2015. It has immensely affected Regions I, II and III, especially Casiguran, Aurora.

DLSZ DONATES SCHOOL EQUIPMENT TO THE DIOCESE OF PARAÑAQUE

De La Salle Santiago Zobel has donated wooden armchairs, overhead projectors, cassette players, stereo speakers and office chairs to the Diocese of Parañaque for use of various Public Schools of Muntinlupa City.

The following schools received the donations last September 3:

- Lakeview Integrated
- Putatan Elementary
- Soldiers Hill Village Elementary
- F. de Mesa Elementary
- Muntinlupa City High
- Knights of Columbus, Council 8447

In a letter sent by Mr. Jorge Nomos, DRRM Lay Coordinator of the Diocese of Parañaque, he shared the gratitude of the beneficiaries to the DLSZ community.



Muntinlupa City High



Putatan Elementary



Soldiers Hill Village Elementary



F. de Mesa Elementary



Lakeview Integrated

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