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DLSU improves standing in QS Sustainability Rankings 2026

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY IMPROVED 373 SPOTS IN THE LATEST EDITION OF THE QS SUSTAINABILITY RANKINGS, the global rankings that assess a university's ability to tackle environmental, social and governance challenges.

The University is now ranked 538, from the 911-920 bracket from last year. DLSU placed 133rd in Asia.

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It also improved in the following indicators: environmental impact (including environmental sustainability and environmental education), social impact (including knowledge exchange), and governance.

In his message, University Sustainability Office Executive Director Antonio Carlos Maralit extended his gratitude to the Lasallian community, citing how the different sectors embraced and promoted the whole-of-university approach. "It is worth reflecting on how the QS methodology is set apart from other systems by its emphasis on good governance."

Aside from the establishment of the whole-of-university sustainability framework, Maralit said DLSU has continued to improve and expand its various sustainability efforts.

A total of 1,994 institutions have been ranked across 108 locations.

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Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business bags Eduniversal 4 Palmes of Excellence

THE DLSU RAMON V. DEL ROSARIO COLLEGE OF BUSINESS (RVRCOB) HAS BEEN AWARDED 4 PALMES OF EXCELLENCE BY EDUNIVERSAL GLOBAL RANKINGS, which makes it among the world's most influential business schools and the Top 1 in the Philippines.

RVRCOB was recognized for its academic excellence, regional leadership, and strong integration of sustainability and ethical business practices. Eduniversal ranked 1,000 business schools globally, giving 4 Palmes to institutions in the top 20%.



Dr. Bautista, left, receives the award

The awarding ceremony was held at the 2025 Eduniversal World Convention Indore at the Indore Marriott Hotel in Indore, India last November 11. RVRCOB Dean Dr. Reynaldo Bautista Jr. represented the University during the event, which was hosted by the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and attended by top business schools worldwide.

"The award affirms RVRCOB's commitment to global business education excellence by delivering programs that combine academic rigor with real-world experience, in line with its Lasallian mission to form leaders who

make a difference," Bautista said. He also shared how RVRCOB further strengthens its unique identity by grounding global excellence in Filipino cultural values and Lasallian principles.

The event theme, "Bridging Purpose and Performance: Business Education as a Force for Good," resonated with RVRCOB's own mission.

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Faculty highlights research in peace process

ACTIVELY CONNECTING ACADEMIA WITH THE PEACE PROCESSES IN THE PHILIPPINES, DLSU Department of Political Science & Development Studies

Full Professor Dr. Juilo Teehankee joined the plenary panel on "Research in Motion: Guide Transformation Across Sectors" at the 2025 Peace Research Conference organized by the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU) last November 4.

OPAPRU through the Philippine Peace Institute (PPI) kicked off this year's annual Peace Research Conference as it sought to strengthen the agency's peacebuilding initiatives by translating policy research into actionable solutions.

The session emphasized how research agendas serve as strategic roadmaps

in driving transformation across various sectors – shaping priorities and policies and translating data into solutions.

From 2002 to 2004, Teehankee served as a member of the Preparatory Committee for the Negotiating Panel for Talks with the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front of the Philippines (CPP-NPA-NDFP), under the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP), appointed during President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's administration.

From 2016 to 2019, he rejoined the Government Peace Negotiating Panel for the GRP-NDF talks in Europe under President Rodrigo Duterte as a member of the Reciprocal Working Group on Political and Constitutional Reforms. Most recently,

he served as Chief of Party for Political Participation for Greater Electoral Integrity (PARTICIPATE) from 2022 to 2025.

This multisectoral project supported the Bangsamoro Transition Authority and the Bangsamoro Parliament in drafting the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Bangsamoro Electoral Code. Project PARTICIPATE also launched the Academy of Multiparty Democracy-BARMM to prepare for the first parliamentary elections in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) as part of the negotiated peace settlement.

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GCOE GRAD STUDENTS WIN AWARDS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

TWO MS STUDENTS FROM THE DLSU GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING separately won in international conferences for their outstanding research.

Engr. Baron Joseph Magdaraog, a student of MS in Mechanical Engineering program, won the Best Presenter Award at the 11th International Conference on Low Carbon Asia (ICLCA) 2025. The conference was held at the Hikmah Exchange Event Centre in Sarawak, Malaysia on October 22-25, 2025.

Magdaraog was recognized for his outstanding presentation of his work titled "Advancements in ZSM-5 Catalytic Torrefaction of Microalga Chlorella sp. for Biochar Production". He was mentored by Dr. Aristotle Ubando. His study explores torrefaction, which is a potential solution to convert microalgal biomass into solid biofuel, offering a means to capture carbon and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

In another development, Lee Anthony De Jesus emerged as 1st Runner-Up at the Winnovation Awards during the Asian Conference on Advanced Manufacturing (ACAM) held recently at Solaire Resort in Parañaque City.



He won for the MACPROSYS project, which showcases the innovative application of additive manufacturing in developing a mass customization production system. He was mentored by Engr. Jeanette Pao and Dr. Armynt Sy from the Department of Biomedical, Manufacturing, and Robotics Engineering.

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DLSU Publishing House releases new book

THE DLSU PUBLISHING HOUSE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SPRINGER HAS ANNOUNCED THE RELEASE OF THEIR JOINT PUBLICATION, *Analyzing Filipino Discourse* by J. R. Martin and Priscilla Angela T. Cruz, this December.

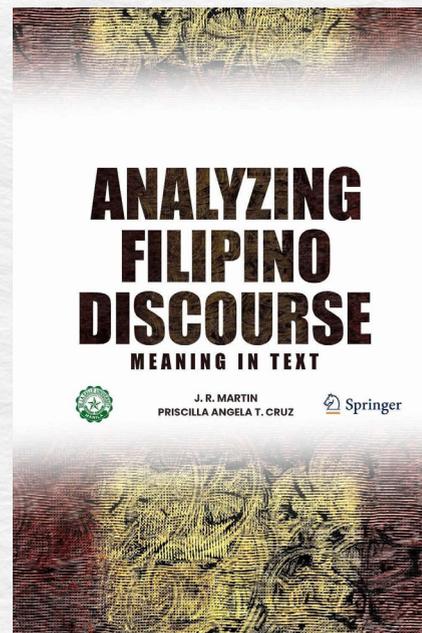
Martin is a professor of Linguistics at the University of Sydney. He was elected a fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities in 1998 and was awarded a Centenary Medal for his services to Linguistics and Philology in 2003. Cruz is an associate professor of English at the Ateneo de Manila University.

DLSUPH Executive Publisher Dr. David Jonathan Bayot shares that the book explores Filipino, the national language of the Philippines, from the perspectives of Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) and Positive Discourse Analysis (PDA) — informed by Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL).

“It is designed to encourage researchers to study Filipino texts—both spoken and written and to unpack them in a way that clarifies their function in Philippine society. With this goal in mind, the book introduces a number of discourse analysis tools and shows how to apply them to a range of Filipino texts,” according to the book’s back cover.

“This is the first book to draw on a range of functional linguistic tools to analyze Filipino discourse in order to provide deeper insights into the role of language in bilingual education, the linguistic enactment of power, and the importance of thinking across languages when analyzing texts. Key issues addressed include the complementarity of CDA and PDA, SFL’s model of social context (as register and genre), analyzing bilingual texts and bilingual education.”

Bayot acknowledges Nasser Zulueta for the artwork on the cover. The cover design artist is John David Roasa.



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DLSU, UC BERKELEY TO COLLABORATE ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, RESEARCH

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley Campus in the USA signed a Memorandum of Understanding to support the development of programs and activities that advance scholarship through a cooperative relationship.

The five-year MOU covers the following: joint research projects, joint conferences, workshops, symposia, seminars, and training programs of mutual interest; pursuit of avenues for exchange of researchers which may include faculty, graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars; pursuit of avenues for student exchange; exchange of academic publications and other information; and other forms of mutually agreed undertakings.

Signing the MOU were DLSU Provost and Vice President for Academics Dr. Robert Roleda and UC Berkeley Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Senior International Officer Prof. Liza Alvarez-Cohen.

Dr. Lisandro Claudio of the Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies of UC Berkeley initiated the MOU together with Roleda.



Br. Bernie (3rd from right) with DLSU administrators and Philippine officials during a visit to UC Berkeley in April 2024.

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CCS STUDENTS GARNER TOP SPOTS IN VARIOUS COMPETITIONS

Students from the DLSU College of Computer Studies shone in recent national and international competitions in the areas of AI and computing.

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GenQ hackathon by QAI Ventures

A TEAM OF LASALLIANS—ONE OF THE THREE WHICH REPRESENTED THE PHILIPPINES—WON A MAJOR AWARD

and placed 3rd overall in the Global Hackathon Series 2025 by QAI Ventures, which concluded with a final pitch round at the Singapore Week of Innovation and Technology (SWITCH) on October 29.

The DLSU delegation composed of Kean Louis Rosales (BSCS-NIS) and Roi Victor Roberto (BSMSCS) was mentored by Department of Computer Technology faculty member Dylan Josh Lopez. They competed against 23 teams from the USA, Canada, Malaysia, and Singapore.

Hosted by QAI Ventures, a global VC firm and ecosystem builder in quantum tech and advanced computing, the Global Hackathon Series 2025 was a 3-continent initiative to empower the next generation of quantum innovators, or GenQ, to prototype real-world applications of QAI aligned with the UN SDGs. The hackathon explored high-impact use cases in Energy, Life Sciences, and Finance.

The DLSU team focused on potential quantum applications for finance. There were three challenge areas: risk estimation, credit card fraud detection, and portfolio optimization. They won the Best Quantum Use Case Application for portfolio management optimization.



The team receives the award.

Byte Forward Hackathon 2025

THE LASALLIAN TEAM TECHMEHOW2DOUGIE composed of BSIT majors Brendan Castillo, Christina Sijera, Angeline Shi, and Will Tesalona won 1st Place in the Byte Forward Hackathon 2025 National Finals held during the 51st Philippine Business Conference & Expo last October 21 at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City.

Over 200 students nationwide joined the nationwide series of hackathons to develop digital solutions for businesses.

Designed to solve real-world business problems and promote digital transformation for businesses, the series was jointly hosted by the



Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), Converge ICT Solutions, and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

The DLSU team won with their AI-powered inventory assistant called "Caya".

Trend Micro University Capture the Flag 2025

THE DLSU TEAM NAMES NETWORKING GARNERED THE THIRD PRIZE in Trend Micro University Capture The Flag (uCTF) 2025 during DECODE 2025, the Philippines' premier cybersecurity conference, held last September 9 at EDSA Shangri-La, Mandaluyong.

With the theme "Defenders of the Digital Realm," uCTF aimed to introduce students to security concepts, including tactics and techniques used by hackers in targeted attacks like spear-phishing, drive-by-download, persistence, fileless payload and more.

From the initial 199 teams, only the top five advanced to the finals. Members of the DLSU team were CS-NIS majors Richard John Pecson Jr., Kyle Loja, John Dionel Capacio, Harvey Ivan Chan, and Kyle Adrian Santos. They were mentored by Department of Computer Technology faculty member Keinaz Domingo.

“ Be warm-hearted to everyone, speaking to others in a gentle and respectful way. ”

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DLSU still among Asia's best universities



De La Salle University remains one of Asia's leading universities, according to QS Quacquarelli Symonds, ranking 178th in the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2026.

The University also improved in the academic reputation indicator in the survey this year.

1,526 HEIs from 25 locations in the region qualified to be ranked in the 2026 edition.

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