



World University Rankings 2026



DLSU tops 5 areas in 2026 THE subject rankings

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY IS THE NO.1 UNIVERSITY IN THE PHILIPPINES IN FIVE FIELDS OF STUDY – Arts and Humanities (601-800), Education Studies (401-500), Engineering (1,251+), Psychology (401-500), and Social Sciences (801-1000) - in the 2026 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject.

Continue on Page 2 >

What's inside

La Salle profs appointed to key roles in government bodies	2
Hitachi Global Foundation Asia Innovation Award 2025 honors GCOE faculty	3
RVRCOB faculty recognized as Certified Marketing Professionals	4
A journey that gives back!	5

Moreover, DLSU is the top private Philippine university in Business and Economics, placing 1,001+. The University is also ranked in other subject rankings: Computer Science (1,001+) and Physical Sciences (1,251+).

College of Liberal Arts Dean Dr. Ador Torneo underscored that DLSU is the only top-ranked university in Psychology in the Philippines. College of Liberal Arts Associate Dean Dr. Darren Dumaop said that DLSU's strong showing in psychology, the social sciences, and the humanities reflects the collective work of students, faculty, staff, and administrators.

For Ramon V. Del Rosario College of Business Dean Dr. Reynaldo Bautista, Jr., the recognition is a reminder for the academic community to continue striving for higher

standards, to innovate, and to help uplift the quality of business education within DLSU and across the country.

Carlos L. Tiu School of Economics Dean Dr. Arlene Inocencio pointed out that the achievement is a result of the dedication and shared commitment of the whole CLTSOE community.

From the College of Computer Studies, Department of Computer Technology Chair Dr. Marnel Peradilla highlighted the importance of sustaining efforts in strengthening research, teaching, and engagement.

Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC College of Education Dean Dr. Christine Ballada said that such rankings help students identify

universities that align with their professional and career aspirations while also providing opportunities for universities to evaluate the quality and reputation of their degree programs.

Meanwhile, Gokongwei College of Engineering Dean Dr. Kathleen Aviso urged the community to continue innovating and working towards global competitiveness.

College of Science Dean Dr. Mary Jane Flores, for her part, added that the ranking is an encouragement and motivation to further strengthen the College's research output, collaborations, and academic impact.

For more information, visit: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/by-subject>

UN SDG



LA SALLE PROFS APPOINTED TO KEY ROLES IN GOVERNMENT BODIES

TWO DLSU FACULTY MEMBERS WERE RECENTLY TAPPED TO TAKE ON KEY POSITIONS IN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, namely the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

Taking the role of commissioner of the NCCA Sub-commission on Cultural Dissemination is Departamento ng Filipino Full Professor Dr. David Michael San Juan.

The post will enable him to contribute to NCCA's essential mandate which includes formulating "policies for the development of culture and arts" in the Philippines and administering the National Endowment Fund for Culture and the Arts.

An award-winning writer, San Juan was previously part of the NCCA National Committee on Language and Translation.

Meanwhile, Prof. Nilo Bugtai of the Gokongwei College of Engineering's Manufacturing Engineering and Management was also appointed as the inaugural chairperson of the Technical Panel for Manufacturing Engineering (TPMfgE) of CHED.

At DLSU, Bugtai served as the founding director of the Evelyn D. Ang - Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Health Technologies (EDA-IBEHT). He was elected as president of the Philippine Society of Clinicians and Biomedical Engineers (PSCBE), a pioneering government-recognized professional organization that brings together medical professionals and engineers in a unified platform for collaboration, innovation, and effective healthcare solutions.



San Juan



Bugtai

UN SDG



Hitachi Global Foundation Asia Innovation Award 2025 honors GCOE faculty



Ubando

DLSU GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

FULL PROFESSOR DR. ARISTOTLE UBANDO received the Outstanding Innovation Award at the Hitachi Global Foundation Asia Innovation Award 2025 for his research titled “Thermomechanical Analysis and High Computational Design for Semiconductor and Electronics Packaging Reliability”.

The awarding was held last January 16 via Zoom Webinar, live-streamed from Jakarta, Indonesia.

Ubando, who also serves as assistant dean for Research and Advanced Studies, tackles in his research the costly, slow experimental methods for product design in the Philippine semiconductor and electronics manufacturing sector, a key export driver.

He noted that the industry is faced with limitations in innovation, adoption of sustainability practices, and the development of a highly skilled engineering workforce. In response to this, he led the establishment of the Thermomechanical Analysis Laboratory (TALa).

Established through government support and in collaboration with semiconductor companies in the country, TALa delivers computational, Finite Element Analysis (FEA) solutions that virtually evaluate electronic packages’ material behavior under thermal and mechanical stress.

This R&D provides a cost-efficient alternative to traditional experimental testing, significantly saving on the cost and time associated with physical prototyping. This enables rapid design optimization, preventing product failures, and ultimately raising the quality of Philippine-made electronic packages. TALa also develops highly skilled engineers, providing valuable R&D career opportunities within the country.

TALa is located at the DLSU Laguna Campus (close proximity with Laguna Technopark Inc.), which operates as a computational design resource for semiconductor companies.

Ubando pointed out that TALa contributes to the promotion of SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), significantly enhancing domestic scientific R&D capacity and encouraging innovation in the electronics sector.



UN SDGs



Engineering students propose safety solutions for public school

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE BUILDING SYSTEMS DESIGN 1

LABORATORY taught by Engr. Salvador Olaivar and Engr. Jonas Reyes from the Gokongwei College of Engineering applied their classroom learning during a recent site inspection at Lawang Bato Elementary School in Valenzuela City.

As part of their service-learning project, the students prepared and presented an inspection report that included their

observations and suggested building design solutions based on what they learned in class.

Using the National Building Code of the Philippines and other pertinent codes as a reference, the recommendations aim to enhance the school’s facilities and improve its resilience to disasters.

The report will also serve as a reference document for Brigada Eskwela initiatives

and may help facilitate potential support from the local government unit.



UN SDGs



RVRCOB FACULTY RECOGNIZED AS CERTIFIED MARKETING PROFESSIONALS



Vergara



Liongson



Guillen



Santos

FOUR FACULTY MEMBERS FROM THE DLSU RAMON V. DEL ROSARIO COLLEGE OF BUSINESS DEPARTMENT OF MARKETING AND ADVERTISING were recently recognized as Certified Marketing Professionals in Asia and the Philippines.

The new CMPs are faculty members Jose Luis Liongson, Dr. Raymond Vergara, Dr. Nelson Guillen, and Dr. Francia Santos.

The CMP credential is awarded to experts trained to develop and evaluate high-level marketing strategies that maximize shareholder

value and brand equity. It signifies a high level of expertise in using data-driven tools to ensure marketing efforts generate measurable growth for an organization.

Conferred by the Marketing Institute of the Philippines and the Philippine Marketing Association, the certification underscores excellence, leadership, and a commitment to advancing marketing education and practice.

UN SDG



VPLM launches Lasallian Pilgrim's Backpack

THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR LASALLIAN MISSION (VPLM) LAUNCHED THE LASALLIAN PILGRIM'S BACKPACK, a virtual portfolio of formation programs developed for all full-time Lasallian Partners, including administrators, faculty, and staff.

VPLM Fritzie Ian de Vera explains that the portfolio serves as both a menu of available formation and capacity-building programs and a tracker of each partner's formation journey, envisioning progress in holistic development, professional growth, and engagement in community-building initiatives.

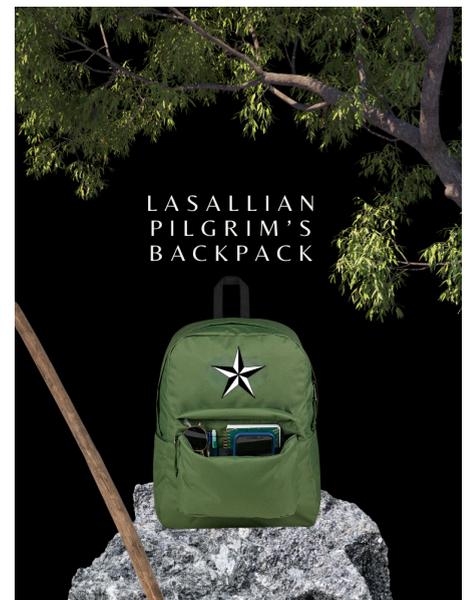
The Lasallian Pilgrim's Backpack, as well as the offered formation programs, are available

at the AnimoSpace account (Canvas). Partners receive a digital badge in their personal account for each program they participate in, providing a clear record of ongoing formation, learning, and growth.

The initiative was launched on November 21, the same day as the Heroic Vow was made by St. La Salle and two trusted Brothers in 1691, committing to the work of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools no matter the obstacles.

De Vera said "the initiative embodies the Lasallian conviction that, through the diversity of roles and experiences, our community advances together in learning, character, and communion. It invites all partners to deepen their association for

the mission to better see their work as a commitment and a vocation."



UN SDG



DLSU LAGUNA WELCOMES INAUGURAL LAGUNA 500 SCHOLARSHIPS

THE PIONEERING BATCH OF THE LAGUNA 500 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM gathered for their recognition rites last November 28 at the Academic Street of the DLSU Laguna University Hall.

Leading the ceremony was Vice President of the DLSU Laguna Campus Dr. Jonathan Dungca, who presented them with certificates and commemorative pins. He was joined by Vice Dean for Student Affairs

Nelca Leila Villarín and Associate Dean for the School of Innovation and Sustainability Engr. Miller Cutora.

Launched as part of DLSU's 50th Golden Jubilee celebration, the Laguna 500 program is a signature scholarship for students in the region. It offers a merit-based grant of Php 60,000 per year (distributed as Php 20,000 per term) to the top 500 DCAT applicants who enrolled in undergraduate programs

offered at the Laguna campus for Academic Year 2025–2026.



UN SDGs



A journey that gives back!

THE DLSU ADVANCEMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DE LA SALLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (DLSAA) AND DLSU-PARENTS OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ORGANIZATION (PUSO), presents the Jubilee Year Fundraising Raffle.

The fundraising activity aims to build Lasallian scholarships while giving Lasallians the chance to win a pilgrimage of a lifetime — a 26-day Sojourn (Lasallian Pilgrimage) to France, Belgium, and Italy.

With every Php1,000 booklet, there are five chances to win. Tickets are now available at the DLSAA and DLSU PUSO Offices, and accessible through the Advancement Offices of De La Salle member schools nationwide.

Major sponsors of the raffle are CWC Interiors and Ovialand.

Visit www.dlsu.edu.ph/jubilee-raffle for details.

For De La Salle University and De La Salle Philippines member schools only. Proceeds support the projects and scholarships of each member school. Conducted under the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Memorandum Circular No. 09, Series of 2024, exemption. Not for public solicitation.

UN SDGs



“Never speak to anyone except with kindness.”

De La Salle

Med 65.2

De La Salle University Tañada-Diokno School of Law in 2025 Bar Exams

94.34%

Passing rate for first-time
bar examinees

Ranked No. 2

Among law schools
with 51-100 examinees

82.89%

Overall passing rate

Ranked No. 5

Among law schools
with 51-100 examinees

48.98%

National passing rate



DLSU Performance in September and November 2025 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers

100%

DLSU passing rate
(Elementary and
Secondary Levels)

51.04%

National passing rate
(Elementary)

72.62%

National passing rate
(Secondary)



Sources: SC, PRC



2401 (twen'te fôr'ô, wun) is a landmark number along Taft Avenue. It is the location ID of De La Salle University, home to outstanding faculty and students, and birthplace of luminaries in business, public service, education, the arts, and science. And 2401 is the name of the official newsletter of DLSU, featuring developments and stories of interest about the University.

2401 is published bi-weekly by the Office for Strategic Communications (AH-21F, intercom 144). Editorial deadline is 3 p.m. Tuesdays. Contributions should include the name, office and signature of the sender. Materials may be edited for clarity or space.

2401 may be accessed online through the URL: <http://www.dlsu.edu.ph>.

Executive Director | Johannes Leo Badillo
Editorial Supervisor | Ruby Carlos
(ruby.carlos@dlsu.edu.ph)

2401 Vol. 57 No. 7 Artist-in-charge | Mark Louie Esteves

Issue No. 7 Writers |
Arfie Koc, Giorla Pauline Negre,
Karen Escamillas, Roy Monarch Sy,
Trisha Jeriss Basaca

Sources | COSCA, GCOE, RVRCOB
Editorial Support | Alaric Lopez de Leon,
Gabrielle Ongkiko, University
Sustainability Office

Creative Director | Peter Varona
Art Director | Mark Louie Esteves
Secretary | Virginia Umacob-Gases
Office Assistant | Raymond Menor