

A young girl with long dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt and floral shorts, is climbing a wooden rock wall. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The wall is made of dark wood and has several colorful handholds (blue, yellow, red) attached to it. The background is a light green wall.

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SKY's the Limit
Reach for your stars

Model: Sky Eana Navarro, Pre-K B
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Ako ay Lasalyano. Tunay na Kristiyano, Tapat na Pilipino

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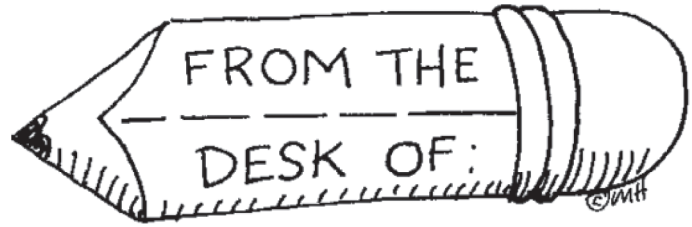
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“It’s good enough.”
“I guess this is fine...”
“This seems ok.”

Do you find yourselves saying those expressions of mediocrity? Oftentimes, we are satisfied with what seems to be “just ok.” Many times, we settle with what looks fine. But, do we always want to be simply “maybe, good enough?” Well, many may argue that it’s being “human”, but don’t you think we all can be better than being “just that?”

Setting the standard which is beyond “quite good” and “just fine” is the key to pushing ourselves closer to our dreams. We all have dreams to start with. The difference lies on how we strive to reach them. Some just go with the flow. Others, simply rely their future on what the stars say.

You know what? It is time to change “all that”. Let us all work hard and make our parents proud by raising the bar higher. It means setting more challenging goals for yourself; goals higher than what you think you “just can.”

I am only 10 years old, the youngest in Grade 6. At first, I thought it was impossible to achieve a lot. I was competing with batchmates older than I am by one, two, or even three years, but that didn’t pull me down. I aimed...and aimed high! In the process, I realized that I am not competing with them. I am competing with myself. This new perspective pushes me to strive harder.

My parents always tell me, “Success is not solely based on intelligence. It is not even grounded on luck. Success is about attitude! And among the three, attitude is what we have control over!”

We all have our roles in making ourselves and others succeed. My role now is to tell you that if I was able to do it, you too can achieve it. We all just have to work, work, and work hard. And more importantly, for us to aim, aim, and aim higher. After all, the sky is the limit.

Audric B. Vitangcol

DLSZ welcomes new admin in grade school

RHIANNA KRISTEL R. ISIDRO, 4F

De La Salle Zobel Grade School welcomes its new administrators for the academic year 2016-2017. On this page are the new academic leaders of the Grade School Department.



Mrs Shiela Marie Bautista
Reading Coordinator



Mrs Sylvia E. Patiño
Grade School Principal



Mrs Noemi Miculob
Filipino Coordinator



Mrs Rizalina Aguilar
P.E. Coordinator



Ms Mariko Camacho, Ph.D.
Art Coordinator



Mrs Niña De Jesus
Upper Grades' Vice-Principal for Operations



Mrs Emilianie E. Hadjirul
Language Coordinator



Under its new leadership, DLSZ will continue to raise the bar higher after being granted the highest level in the most recent PAASCU accreditation.

Microsoft Corporation recognized DLSZ for excellence in the use of technology in instruction.



Mrs Clare Adrienne Mendola
Upper Grades' Student Formation Officer

DLSZ is now an Apple, Inc. distinguished school. Hooray!

PHOTO CREDIT: Mr Ricardo Lopez

S.R.C.C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The current Grade School Student Representative Coordinating Council (S.R.C.C.) started the new academic year with a bang! First, we attended a leadership training which is called **Lasallian Leadership Empowerment and Development 1 (LEAD 1)**. In this activity, all the student leaders from Grade School, High School and BrafeNHS gathered together to get basic training on leadership as well as opportunities to collaborate on the projects that we want to propose for this school year.

After the leadership training came **Brigada Eskwela** wherein your S.R.C.C. officers went to a public school in Muntinlupa to help in repainting classrooms before the opening of classes. It was a fun experience for us because we were able to bond with our friends while working.

Then, we sponsored the **New Students' Orientation** which welcomed the new students and gave them orientation and basic information about their new school, DLSZ! We believe we gave them a good start because they were quite eager to meet their classmates and schoolmates and experience the Animo spirit in Zobel.

Who among the student leaders would ever forget the **GS S.R.C.C. Orientation**? We had fun dancing, practicing, and planning. We also got to present our Fair ideas during the program. I personally felt pumped up with excitement because of the reactions of our schoolmates during our presentations. They were already excited for the project proposals we presented to them. They asked a lot of questions regarding the yearly Fair.



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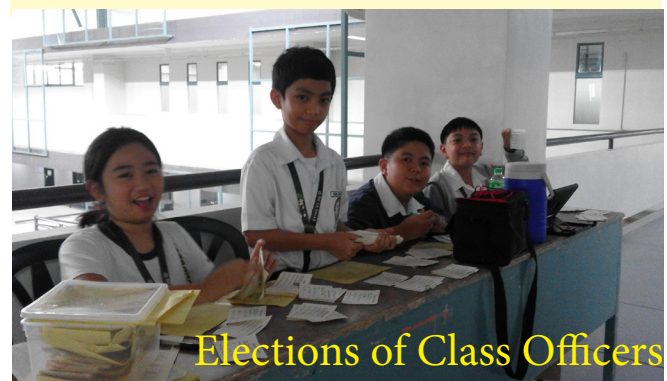


Lasallian Digital Citizenship Campaign

This campaign reminded Lasallians to become responsible netizens.



LEAD 1 sets the standards for Lasallian leadership.



Elections of Class Officers



S.R.C.C.
Orientation



The yearly Brigada Eskwela reminds us that Lasallian leadership is all about service to others.



Every year, the Club Promo helps students choose the clubs that could hone their talents, skills, and interests.

In July, we organized the **Club Fair**. Those students who couldn't decide for a club yet were given a chance to know a little about the different exciting clubs and organizations being offered this academic year. And that helped them pick a club that they think can hone their talents, skills, and interests.

Lastly, we had the **Lasallian Digital Citizenship Launching**, a campaign that reminded every Lasallian to become a responsible digital citizen. We invited a resource speaker that shared with the community what it is to be called responsible digital citizens.

I know that this is just the beginning of one unforgettable journey for us. There would be ups and downs but I'm personally excited, and I look forward to the next activities that we will be having because I know that all of these will be a learning opportunity for me, the rest of the S.R.C.C., and for everyone in the Lasallian community.

Julia Laylo
S.R.C.C. President

Lasallians campaign for responsible digital citizenship

MICHAELA ZAIRAH C. CORTUNA, 5F

The Lasallian Formation and Mission Department, (LFMD) headed by Ms Evangeline De Peralta led the Lasallian Digital Citizenship campaign last month. Separate talks on the subject were held at different campus venues.

The Student Representative Coordinating Council (S.R.C.C.) in both grade school and high school prepared the programs for the students. Parents and the DLSZ employees attended their respective seminars on the said topic during the Culminating Unit Assessment (C.U.A.) week.



iTHINK was the slogan carried by the campaign. It hopes to caution Lasallians to ask the following questions before posting anything on the internet: Is it **true**? Is it **helpful**? Is it **inspiring**? Is it **necessary**? Is it **kind**?

Prof. Rontoy, the resource speaker in the seminar for DLSZ employees made it clear to his audience that technology is here to stay. Since everyone is aware of the pros and cons of technology, adults should teach the children to exercise control over the use of technology and to strengthen the teaching and modelling of positive values, in the hope that the young will become responsible digital citizens.

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children's

BookWeek16

18-22 July



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Dominic Ramos of 5I encourages every Lasallian to read books and have the love for reading. Read Dom's review of the novel "The Trials of Apollo" written by Rick Riordan in this issue of the Young Observer.

DLSZ celebrates Nat'l Children's Book Week

VITTO LORENZO B. BISUÑA, 3H

De La Salle Zobel Grade School joined the nation in the celebration of National Children's Book Week which began on July 18.

The theme of this year's celebration was "Be free and take flight."

Activities were Book Character Parade, Book Character Dress-Up Contest, Bookmark coloring activity, Storytelling, Book Spine Poetry Writing Contest, and Eco Bag Design Contest.

The winners in Eco Bag Design contest were Rande Nonato and Wanda Marquez of 4G (First Place), Maxine Tapiador and Danielle Villamater of 4H (Second Place), and Benito Roberto and Sage Espiritu of 4I (Third Place).

In Book Character Dress-Up Contest, the overall winners were Allen Hizon of 5H (First Place), Nathaniel Jacob Magat of 4A (Second

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Nathaniel Jacob Magat, 4A



Indigo Rojo G. Tolentino, 3E

Book Character Dress up Contest

Allen Conner Hizon, 5H



PHOTO CREDIT: Ms Rhodora Valdez

Book Character Parade

PAOLO JOSE MARI M. BETIA, 31

Lower Grades Building- Students of Pre-Kinder until Grade 1 joined the Book Character Parade held last July 19.

Jedis, Ninjas, Transformers, princes and princesses were spotted in the event.

Although participants in the parade were from Pre-Kinder to Grade 1 students from other levels both in the Lower and Upper Grades came in their favorite book characters' costumes too.

Each grade level had three winners of the Best in Character Costume award. And from these winners, the judges of the contest chose three students who brought home the title Best in Book Character Costume.

The Learning Resource Center (LRC)

led the event in line with the celebration of the National Children's Book Week.

"The parade was nice because many were wearing beautiful costumes," Vitto Bisuña (3H) said.



Aldrei Carlo Hizon-- 2 I

PHOTOS BY: Mr Nilo Satumbaga and Mr Ed Tolentino

JADEN



AUDRIC



BIANCA



BJORN



MARTIN



LASALLIANS REACH FOR THEIR STARS

BJORN ISAAC C. ESCALONA (6G) received a gold medal (Sumo Standard-Junior category) and a silver medal (Robot in Movies-Junior category) in the 18th International Robotics Olympiad (I.R.O.) China Open held in Inner Mongolia last July 25-30.

BIANCA NICOLE Q. CASIMIRO (6D) and **AUDRIC B. VITANGCOL (6A)** were awarded a gold medal (Sumo Standard-Junior category) and a silver medal (Robot in Movies-Junior category), respectively, in the 18th I.R.O.

MARTIN JOHAN M. OCHO (6I) received a gold medal, a silver medal, and a trophy in China Primary Mathematics Olympiad held in Zhejiang, China last July 26-31.

JOEY



SKY

SKY EANA NAVARRO (Pre-K B) is the 2016 overall Gold Champion in gymnastics for her age group at the Philippine Gymnastics Academy.

JADEN COEN D.C. REYES (6C) was awarded a gold medal in the International Mathematics Wizard Challenge (IMWiC) 2016 held in Bangkok, Thailand last July 20-24.

JOEY L. DEL ROSARIO (4I) bagged 4 gold and 4 silver medals in the 12th SICC Open Invitational Swimming Championship held in Singapore last August 6-7.

DLSZ Chess Team reigns in PAYA 2016 chess tourney

By: BJORN ISAAC C. ESCALONA, 6G



The DLSZ Chess Team was crowned the overall champion in the recently concluded Philippine Athletic Youth Association (PAYA) chess competition held at De La Salle Greenhills last August 29.

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5I, Kampeon sa Sabayang Pagbasa



PHOTO CREDIT: MRS THERE FABABEIR

Pinatunayan ng klase ni Gng. Theresa Fababeir ang kanilang galing at pagkakaisa nang tanghalin silang pinakamahusay sa pagtatanghal sa naganap na kompetisyon sa Sabayang Pagbasa na ginanap sa Debbie Decena Auditorium bilang pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wika ng ikalimang baitang.

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Ms Winnie Diola: winner in Metrobank's 2016 Search for Outstanding Teachers

2016 National Winner
Elementary Competition



MRS. WINONA DIOLA
De La Salle Santiago Zobel School
Marikina City



PHOTO CREDIT: MS WINNIE DIOLA

De La Salle Santiago Zobel celebrates the victory of one of its hardworking teachers in grade school after being included in the prestigious **2016 Search for Outstanding Teachers** by the Metrobank Foundation, Incorporated.

In an interview by Y.O., Mrs. Winona “Winnie” Diola revealed that until now she couldn’t believe why an ordinary teacher like her should be deserving of such distinction.

“If you look at the profiles of other awardees, you will be amazed at their accomplishments,” the humble Science teacher emphasized.

Ms Winnie shares her award with her mother, who never realized the dream of becoming a teacher, but was her able tutor and great support while she was growing up, deprived of many beautiful opportunities and a comfortable life.

Gawad Luntian recognizes outstanding members of clubs and orgs

Audric B. Vitangcol, 6A



Her Journey to Reaching Her Stars

Ms Winnie recalled selling vegetables with her mother at Sta. Rosa Public Market during her grade school days, mentioning that her classmates would tease her “sitaw” because she was very thin. In high school, the mother-and-daughter tandem sold siopao and *nilupak* to be able to buy supplies needed in school. On weekends, she was her nanay’s faithful help in doing the laundry of some neighbors.

To go through college, Winnie asked for a relative to support her, promising that she would baby sit and do all the house chores for this relative’s family. And because she had to stay with them, on weekends her mother would visit and help her do the laundry for the family supporting her education.

The diligent student graduated with flying colors and felt fortunate to have been accepted at De La Salle Santiago Zobel where she currently shares her passion for teaching and technology to make a difference in her students’ lives.

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The Student Clubs and Activities Office (SCAO), headed by Mr Jesus Sulit Jr., recognized outstanding members of religious, academic, athletic, artistic, and interest clubs and organizations from the previous academic year in a special program dubbed **Gawad Luntian– Lasallian Star Achievement Awards 2016** held at the Sylvia P. Lina Theater last June 15.

DLSZ administrators, headed by Br. Bernie S. Oca FSC and Lasallian Animator Br. Martin Sellner FSC handed the awards to the deserving students. Each awardee received the much coveted star medal. Ms. Agnes Panaligan, HS Vice-Principal for Academics; Mrs. Nancy Resma, HS Vice-Principal for Operations; and Ms. Evangelina De Peralta, Lasallian Formation and Mission Department Director, assisted in giving the medals and certificates.

A good number of coordinators were spotted in the event. Parents of most of the awardees attended the occasion. Outstanding club moderators, clubs, and organizations were also recognized.

Ms Litz Nuevo, Art teacher, designed the elegant stage.

2016. This year has brought in some favourable surprises for me. One of which was being invited to attend the Apple Distinguished Educator Institute (ADE) 2016 held in the city of arts and museums, the capital city of Germany—Berlin.

I got excited when the ADE organizers announced the learning walk in Berlin which was a great opportunity to enjoy the rich culture and history of our host city. The challenge was to explore Berlin and to capture informal and “unplanned” learning moments.

Alexanderplatz is the first thing you will see when you explore the city of Berlin. It is one of the most visited squares and traffic junctions where you can find the Fernsehturm or the 360-meter TV tower (Berlin’s highest construction with a rotating viewing platform), St. Mary’s Church, and the Neptunbrunnen or Neptune Fountain.

At the heart of the city is **Kurfurstendamm** which is West Berlin’s grandest boulevard and the home of the capital’s high-end shops like the Apple Store, the only Apple store in Berlin.

I also visited **The Berlin Cathedral** or **Berliner Dom** to give thanks and pray for all the blessings I have been receiving. However, I learned that it is not a Catholic cathedral but a protestant counterweight to the Catholic St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome.

I was truly overwhelmed by the richness of Berlin’s history as I visited the longest open-air gallery, **The East Side Gallery**, which is a segment of the **Berlin Wall** that serves as international memorial for hope, friendship, and freedom.

The grand **Berlin Victory Column**, known as “Golden Lizzie”, is a monument to commemorate Prussia’s Victory in the German-Danish War in 1864.

The Cathedral of Holy Trinity



I enjoyed the stroll around the majestic Zwinger, which is the most famous building monument of Dresden that served as the orangery, exhibition gallery and festival arena of the Dresden court. But at some point, it made me wonder- Aside from Zwinger’s grandeur architectural design, what made these good-looking guys gather around the fountain? Oh, my! It is a Poke Stop and a Poke Gym nearby!



As I continued exploring, I read a heart-breaking story about 500,000 lives murdered in the Nazi genocide at the gate of the **Memorial to the Sinti and Roma Victims of the National Socialism**.

The magnificent **Brandenburg Gate/ Tor** should never be missed! It is a triumphal arch with the Quadriga above it consisting of the Goddess of Peace riding a four-horse chariot in triumph.

I wondered why there are so many pink and blue pipes around the city, making it difficult for tourists to take pictures? So I asked around and learned that Berlin's name did not come from the name of Albrecht de Bar' (the bear) but rather from the term "berl" which simply means swamp! Berlin is a swampy area where the ground water level is quite high, so whenever there is a construction going on it is constantly flooded. Hence, the need for those big colorful pipes!

Aside from Berlin, I also had a once-in-a-lifetime chance to visit the fairy tale-like city named **Dresden**.

The stunning **German Katholische Hofkirche** or Cathedral of the Holy Trinity with 85.5 meter-height and 78 statues in niches and on the railings is one of the prominent places I have ever visited in Dresden.

Bruhlsche Terrasse or the Bruhl's Terrace, also known as the "Balcony of Europe", is a popular promenade on the bank of Elbe River.

The Goldener Reiter or Golden Rider is the gold-plated statue of Augustus the Strong (Elector of Saxony and King of Poland) in a Roman armor.

Nymphenbad or Bath of the Nymphs is on the left wing of the Zwinger and known for its graceful fountains and mythological female figures.

Truly, I will forever be grateful to God for a wonderful experience I will treasure as long as I live.

Berlin

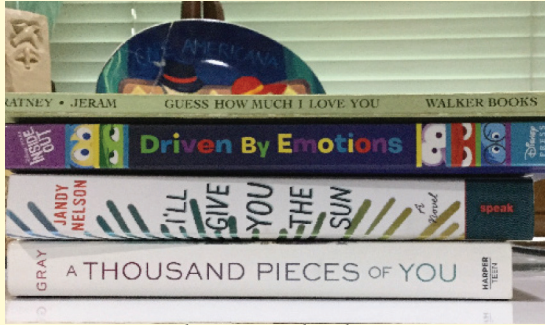
wunderschon!

By : Mrs Winona "Winnie" Diola

I must say that Berlin is "wunderschon."
It is lovely. It is beautiful.

PHOTO CREDITS: Mrs Winnie V. Diola

POEMS



Guess how much I love you
Driven by emotions
I'll give you the sun
A thousand pieces of you
Miguel Macabali, 5A

Richest man in Babylon
How positive people think
You can, you will
Think and grow rich
Timothy Purog Padiernos, 5H

After the rain,
Little women,
Smile,
To catch a prince.
Rose Anne Margarette C. Cardines 5I

A Beautiful Park
by Maxine Lois R. Tapiador, 4H

Shining in my eyes is the beautiful sky
With birds that really love to fly
Lying on the grass, it's wonderful
oh sky, sky, sky

Green grass with beautiful trees
I wonder, how many are there?
One, two, three

Playing in the playground
Are the kids who love to play
Their parents want them to go,
but they all want to stay

Sky, grass, trees, and playground
Oh, a beautiful park!
The park is truly a spark!

hugot

#hugotsaeskwela



Mabuti pa ang
pagche-check
ng **test papers...**

MAY FOREVER.

-Mrs Eunice V. Taganahan
Language Teacher

Ang paghanga ko sa 'yo
parang Math
na nagdi-divide ng zero.
It cannot be defined.

-Ms Salyn Paga
Math Teacher

Mabuti pa ang **schedule**, may
time. Eh tayong dalawa...

Sana **project** na lang ako, para
pagpupuyatan mo.

-Grade 11F

Tapos na ang project,
parang tayo lang.
-Grade 11F

Mabuti pa ang Intsik,
marunong mag-Chinese
Bakit ang Pilipino
hindi makapagsalita ng **Filipino**?
-Ms Marla Dalagan
Filipino teacher

Ang crush parang **Math problem**.
Kung hindi mo makuha,
titigan mo na lang.

-Ms Maritri Africa, Mr Charlie Amarela,
and Mr. Gabe Cosme
Math Teachers

Mabuti pa ang basketball, may **break**.
Ang teacher, panay working break.

-Ms Goldie Ann Donceras
C.L. Teacher

CHALK TALK

The Truth About Patriotism and Nationalism

Mrs. Leah Marie Tumlos-Castillo



PHOTO CREDITS: Mr. Leonilo Saumbaga

Being nationalistic is not the same as being patriotic. So who is nationalistic and who is patriotic?

Differentiating Patriotism and Nationalism

Patriotism refers to the love for a nation, giving emphasis on values and beliefs. It is a feeling of admiration for a way of life. Such feeling is rooted in affection; some say it is based on peace. Nationalism, on the other hand, refers to the importance given to unity by way of cultural background, which includes identity, language, and heritage. It is a feeling that one's country is superior compared to another. Such feeling is rooted in either rivalry or resentment; some say it is militant by nature.

A patriot believes that all people are considered equal, tolerates criticism reasonably, and values civic duties and responsibilities. In contrast, a nationalist believes that only the people in his/her country should be considered his/her equal, considers criticisms as insults, and puts premium on loyalty and allegiance over the common good. A patriot enables people to understand the past's shortcomings and improvements made, while a nationalist finds justification for mistakes made in the past.

Is Patriotism a Virtue?

Patriotism is an expression which can be outlined as a positive attitude of individuals or a group of people towards their native soil primarily because of the people's devotion and loyalty. It can thus be considered as the achievements and culture of the homeland, which include the intentions to maintain its character and to keep people harmonized. At heart, there is a moral commitment for the citizens to make sacrifices to promote the country's good.

The Heart of Nation-Building

The heart of nation-building lies on patriots – responsible and engaged citizens who are ready and willing to commit themselves to make the country a better and brighter place to live in. When citizens do not perform their roles dutifully, societal problems like corruption, poverty, and injustice persist and worsen each day. Having a sense of civic consciousness is the first step in battling these problems. Choosing to do the right things the right way is the next. Doing both dutifully makes our quest for a peaceful and productive future a possibility.

About the Author

Mrs Leah Marie Tumlos-Castillo is currently the high school Social Studies coordinator. She was a classroom teacher from 2004-2011 when she taught Philippine History, Asian History, and Introduction to Political Science.

Back in her grade school days at De La Salle Zobel, Leah Tumlos was a brilliant writer of *Young Observer* and a year-book staffer in 1999-2000. A prolific writer, Ms Leah Castillo contributes to *Student's Digest* (Grade 10) and the Social Studies magazine of SD Publications (a member of the Vibal Group). According to her, if she were not in the academe, she would probably be a writer.

People say that there is a lesson to gain in every experience. I agree. I must say that being part of the Apple Summit was, in fact, a fruitful experience. I participated in the Summit as one of the presenters that would impart effective use and integration of technology in classroom activities and projects. Being one of the presenters, I found out that there was also a lot to gain from this experience.

The Apple Summit is an event that aims to exchange practices in integrating the use of technology in learning activities, and to inspire others to try the same in their schools. This year, the summit was held at the Garden Wing of EDSA Shangri-La Hotel on the 28th and 29th of April 2016. It lasted for two days, but if you include the rehearsal day, that would make it three.

Audric Vitangcol (5B), Jaden Reyes (5B), Dale Crisaldo (6B), Joaquin de Guzman (6B) and Bernice del Rosario (6I), were there with our Grade 5 teachers: Mrs. Winnie Diola, Ms. Bhex Dela Rosa, and Sir Jholan Torres. Our Grade School Principal, Mrs. Ruby Ramos and our High School Vice-Principal, Ms. Agnes Panaligan also joined us.

"I realized that we, millennials, can have great contributions in creating innovative changes in education."

My Harvest from the *Summit* Apple ^ Tree

By: BJORN ISAAC C. ESCALONA, 6G



Some high school students and faculty members from our school also participated in the event.

At the venue, we were welcomed by Apple, Inc. representatives. We were also greeted by students and teachers from Xavier School that participated also as presenters in the event. We were given time to practice in the room, so I was also able to listen to the other students' presentations.

I realized that we, millennials, can have great contributions in creating innovative changes in education. I felt proud of the classroom tasks we have accomplished unconventionally with the use of mobile devices through the guidance of our teachers and school administrators. This shows that trying to make things better and finding other ways of doing things does not choose age.

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Lasallian Youth Dialogue

A Reflection by Maxine Ilagan, GS SRCC Treasurer



Last July 19, 2016, some of my fellow student leaders, GS SRCC, HS SRCC and CMO affiliates and together with the student leaders of De La Salle Lipa, De La Salle Greenhills, De La Salle Araneta University, De La Salle University-Manila, among others, had a dialogue with Br. Robert “Bob” Schieler FSC, the Superior General of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools at DLSU-Manila.

It was a privilege to meet Br. Bob and learn more about what Young Lasallians do in this part of our Lasallian world. According to him, “We are the next generation of great Lasallians.” Meaning, we should be role models to others by following St. La Salle’s footsteps.

Br. Bob shared some fond childhood memories with the Lasallian brothers who were always willing to allow children like him to play basketball in the Brothers’ house. He was struck by the kindness and generosity of the brothers who influenced him to join the call to serve the Lasallian community as a brother. That’s why instead of pursuing his dream of becoming a teacher, he decided to join the ministry of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Since then Br. Bob has continued to be a blessing to the Lasallian community, inspiring young Lasallians to serve God and the country.

I must say that I felt honored to meet Br. Bob Schieler FSC through *The Lasallian Youth Dialogue*. Really, the event was very meaningful for me as it made me realize that the community around us makes a big impact and influence on our future. And I feel blessed that I am being surrounded by the Lasallian community.

The Sky is the Limit for Sky

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Last but not the least, she can do swimming laps on a ten-foot pool without any professional training. She is a natural water baby and enjoys doing snorkeling in open sea.

As she turns five in November, it goes without saying sky’s the limit for Sky.



DLSZ celebrates Children’s Book Week

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Place), and Indigo Rojo G. Tolentino of 3E (Third Place).

In Book Spine Poetry Writing contest, Miguel Macabali (5A) won First Place while Timothy Purog Padiernos (5H) and Rose Anne Margarette C. Cardines (5I) won Second and Third respectively.

Ms Winnie Diola...

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As an Apple Distinguished Educator, Ms Winnie creates her own “iTunes U Courses which help her students learn Science concepts in unconventional ways.”

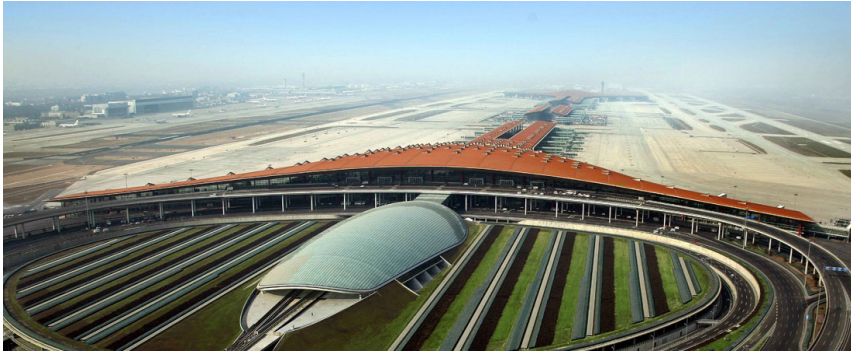
To pay back to the public school that gave her basic education, she gives training to teachers at public schools in provinces.

This Metrobank awardee was also a recipient of the G.O.L.D. (Growth in Organizational Leadership and Development) Distinguished Lasallian Leader Award in 2012.

The devoted wife of Mr Jay Diola dedicates this victory to her loving husband and her children, Yaj and Kaia, who will forever be her tallest trophies.

I.R.O. Mongolia I WAS THERE

A photo essay by Audric B. Vitangcol, 6A



July 25, 2016 - Touchdown! We reached Beijing International Airport at around 2 P. M. The team was excited for what's ahead of us and amazed at how beautiful the airport is.



We arrived at our designated hotel, Howard Johnson Doman-do Plaza Wulanchabu, Inner Mongolia, after a 5-hour bus ride from Beijing. We were all exhausted but we're looking forward to the competition scheduled in the next days.



July 26, 2016 - First Contest Day
We were ready, excited and all! This was our first photo taken in front of the Inner Mongolia Stadium, the competition venue.



Sir Heinz was my go-to guy in China. He became not just a good friend but a real family to me. Thank you, Sir Heinz, for being part of one of the best experiences I had abroad. Thank you for being my best pal!

PHOTOS BY: Mr Mike Casimiro and Mr Gerrick Hernandez



We had to train, train, and train some more in preparation for more challenges in the next days. Extensive trainings were called for by our patient and very supportive coaches: Sir Heinz Elorde, Sir Albert Pagilagan, and Ms. Jenny Pillar.



This is how the stadium looks like inside. It is massive and I think it was used during the previous Olympics. The competitions for Day 1 included Robot in Movie Junior, Puck Collect Challenge, and Sumo Standard Challenge.

My Harvest...

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The second day we were there was the time to present. As I nervously sat in the waiting room, I thought of the 30 plus school administrators who would be part of our audience. Given their wisdom and experience, would I be able to interest them? I thought to myself. When I stepped in and did my first round of presentation, I was jerky and did not do that well, but I knew I had to overcome those jitters and was determined to deliver, so I pulled myself together and did much better on the second and third rounds. It felt good to be able to share what I know and answer their questions. I realized that sharing what we know feels good, not because we were able to show that we know more than they do, but because we were able to contribute something- something that will help them in shaping the future of the students in their respective schools.

On the third day, I felt mostly excited in sharing our accomplishments, and I was not nervous anymore. We were invited to have lunch at one of the restaurants in the hotel. We also received limited edition Apple water bottles for participating in the event. We went home with not just water bottles, but also with our mind and heart baskets filled with a feeling of being accomplished- that our school was able to achieve something and we were able to inspire and help others in one way or another. I realized that we can be generous not only with material things, but also with our knowledge and talents. And I feel thankful to be part of this school, more so, of this event.

The Apple Summit, like other meaningful experiences, was like a tree from where we pick fruits that will nourish our mind and body. From that Apple Summit tree, I was lucky to be one of the pickers. Now I am more confident and ready to take on new experiences with my nourishing harvest from the Apple Summit.



July 28, 2016 - Faith! Everyday, before we proceeded to the venue, we prayed for guidance. And indeed, the Lord showered us His blessings. On this third contest day, programs included Mission Challenge, Sumo Lego Junior, and Line Follower



My robot and I in action!



July 29, 2016 - Last Contest Day. Hooray!
Last day contests included Sumo Lego Challenge, Line Follower Race Lego Junior, and Fire Fighting Standard Challenge.



DLSZ got the most awards among all schools composing the Philippine Team. DLSZ took home 17 medals: 4 gold, 7 silver, and 6 bronze.

R E V I E W S



Have you ever felt like you held the world in the palm of your hand, but then it was suddenly taken away? If so, you should read “The Trials of Apollo: the Hidden Oracle.” This book is about the god Apollo. Stripped of his immortality, the golden boy along with Meg McCaffery and Percy Jackson must survive his first trials: return the power of prophecy to the Oracle by defeating the Python and exterminating the greedy and vicious Emperor Nero (just another boring day in the life of a god.) Warning: This book is so good to read that you can’t put it down once you start reading it because it contains some tear-jerking, brain-busting, adventurous, and hilarious tales of mortal life narrated by Apollo himself. After reading this book, it dawned on me... I found out that if you were to be famous and powerful, it would be both a blessing and a curse. It is a blessing because you would be recognized, but a curse because that would bear a great amount of responsibility. Yup, I would definitely recommend that you buy and read non-stop this best-selling novel masterpiece written by Rick Riordan

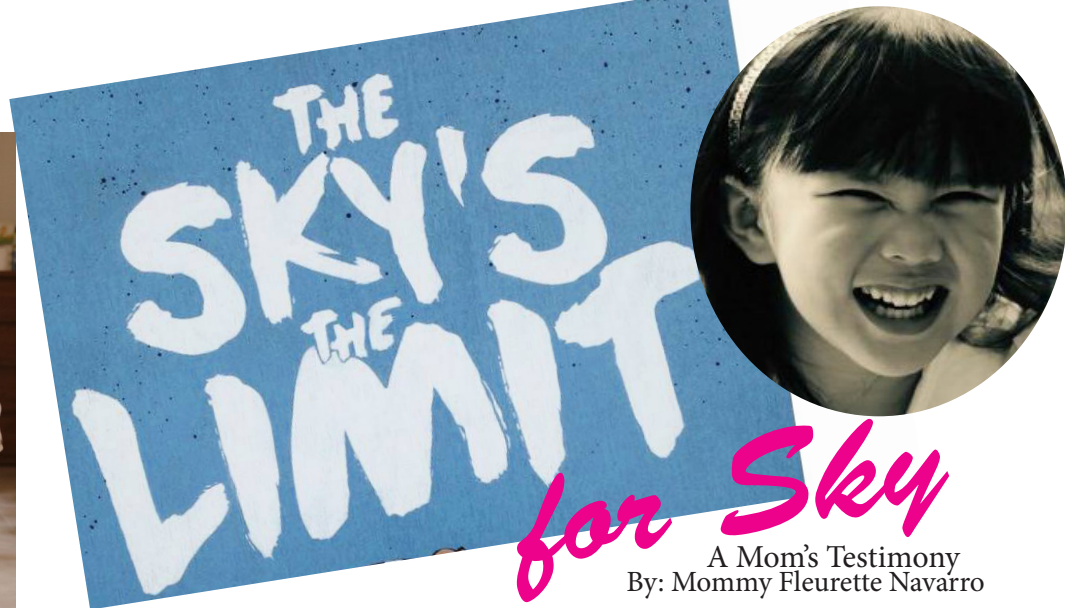
Dominic Leo B. Ramos, 5I

If I were to give another title to the movie, it would be "MAN vs HIMSELF." For me, the movie does not really depict a battle between Batman and Superman. No...definitely, it does NOT. It was more of a battle between mankind's perception of heroism and how this is thought of to last. It was a struggle between the belief that mankind needs a hero, but should only be of its own. In truth, the movie, I think, shares the message that the true enemy of man is himself. It is greed for power that Lex Luthor led him to be the weirdo guy that he is. It is the lack of the knowledge of truth that led the Senate to doubt Superman. It is the revengeful heart that intensified Batman's pursuit of his dark justice.

Did I like the movie? I am quite generous in my reviews but for this, I give it only 3.5 stars. The first half of it was somewhat dragging. The action came only at the last half part. The thing is, it did not, for me, live up to the excitement and anticipation it created in our minds. My dad had to reserve seats and buy tickets a week in advance. We went to the cinema lobby an hour before the time shown on our tickets. That's how excited we were to see the movie. Got a little frustrated? A bit, yes! But overall, it was still a treat.



Audric B. Vitangcol, 6A



for Sky

A Mom's Testimony
By: Mommy Fleurette Navarro

We waited for numerous years to have a baby. We visited countless churches and prayed relentlessly to be blessed with a kid. One day, we gave up on the hope and prayed to God that we would be happy as a couple even without a child. Next thing we knew the miracle came. And we named this miracle Sky Eana Navarro, born on 11/11/11.

Our friends, neighbors, and school staff find Sky unique. Her constant curiosity at the age of one, coupled with her impeccable social skills, makes her a crowd favorite until today. With much humility, Sky gets commended both in her academic and extra-curricular achievements.



In the Summer of 2015, Sky tried gymnastics to ensure there is a sport she can enjoy fully. She loved it so much. We were invited to a culminating activity, without knowing that it was a competition. In 2015, Sky got two gold medals, one silver, and she was declared the overall Silver medalist for her group after trying gymnastics for two months. This year, Sky was the overall Gold Champion for her age group.

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Ang ibat-ibang baitang sa Mababang Paaralan ng De La Salle Zobel ay nagtanghal ng ibat-ibang natatanging gawain ayon sa tema ng pagdiriwang: "Wikang Filipino: Wika ng Karunungan." Halimbawa, noong Agosto 8, nagkaroon ng "mob dance" na nagbukas sa pagdiriwang. Nang araw ding iyon, nagsuot ng makulay na kasuotang Pilipino ang buong komunidad ng DLSZ at nagsalu-salo sa mga pagkaing Pilipino.

Ang selebrasyon ng Buwan ng Wika ay pinangunahan nina Bb. Lea Ann Despabeladero katuwang si Bb. Marla Dalagan sa gabay at patnubay ni Gng. Noemi Miculob, ang kasalukuyang pinuno ng Kagawaran ng Filipino.

DLSZ Chess Team...

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The team consisting of Jethro Dino Aquino, Joaquin de Guzman, Bjorn Isaac Escalona, Giancarlo Francisco, John Paul Meim, and Jefferson Villarín competed in the Midgets Division; and Dhon Agbayani, Lynux Ansay, Khalil Kis-ing, Hans Reyes, Glesit Tatoy and Paolo Villa who competed in the Junior Division brought home a total of 23 medals: 10 gold, 11 silver and 2 bronze.

The DLSZ Chess Team is under the supervision of Coach Jodi Fronda who has been training the chess varsity players since 2014. Coach Jodi is an alumnus of DLSU, a chess varsity player during her college days and has been competing in national and international chess competitions as well.

This issue of Y.O. will let you in some interesting facts about your teachers...

... and **WORLD PEACE.**

DID YOU KNOW?

Ms Wendy, Reading teacher in Grades 3 and 4, was crowned Ms Education 2015 in the university where she graduated **cum laude.**



Mr. Robert Guillena, Grades 2 and 3 C.L. teacher, is into extreme adventures like swing diving and cliff diving. But wait! There's more. Did you know that this George Clooney look-alike can speak Russian?



Ms Martha Mina, Grade 2 Reading teacher, was once the Programs and Planning Head of HS-SRCC and a member of the DLSZ Badminton Varsity. This DLSZ alumna graduated **magna cum laude** at De La Salle University-Manila.



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