

SINAGBERDE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF DE LA SALLE SANTIAGO ZOBEL SCHOOL

ISSUE NO. 3

DECEMBER 2017



**DLSZ CELEBRATES 39 YEARS OF LASALLIAN EXCELLENCE
IN EDUCATION**

STORY ON PAGE 9



SINAG BERDE EDITORIAL STAFF

Suzette Balgos
Editor

Liz Orbino Gasta
Associate Editor

Lorie Cruz
Secretary

Kat Tan
Graphic/Layout Artist

Ricky Lopez / Ryan Siaron
Photographers

Comments and suggestions including articles for SinagBerde may be sent through E-mail: adcomm@dlszobel.edu.ph



WHAT'S INSIDE

2 LASALLIAN ACHIEVERS

8 ALUMNI ACHIEVER

12 IN THE COMMUNITY

14 LASALLIAN PARTNERS

18 DONATION REPORT

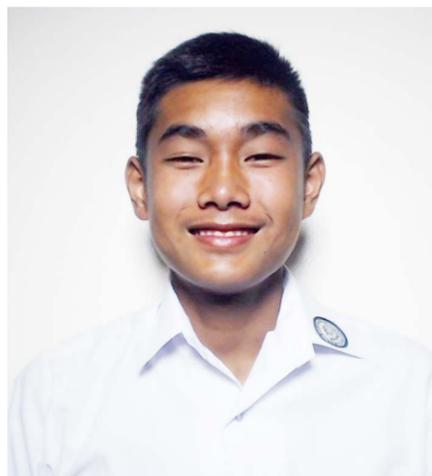
LASALLIAN ACHIEVERS

JM MITRA PARTICIPATES IN BAYERN MUNCHEN FOOTBALL CAMP

Jan Meir Mitra (DLSZ 2021) was one of the two contingents from the Philippines that went to Munich, Germany for the Bayern Munchen Football Camp which was held last August 16-23, 2017.

JM is a member of the Malaya Football Club that participated in the Allianz Futsal Tournament on May 6, 2017. Out of the 230 players from the Philippines,

JM was one of the top 5 players that was chosen for a football camp by Bayern Munchen Football Club to go to Bali, Indonesia on August 1-4, 2017. In Bali, only 50 players from other Asian countries (14-16 years old) underwent training. From there, Bayern Munchen shortlisted 15 players to send to Munich.



LASALLIAN ACHIEVERS

MATH WIZARDS STRIKE MEDALS IN IMOYA 2017



Ma. Tricia Jasmine Ocho



Marcus Ocho



Eddrian Costes

Congratulations to Ma. Tricia Jasmin Ocho (DLSZ 2025), Marcus Ocho (DLSZ 2022), and Eddrian Costes (DLSZ 2023) for their victory in the recently concluded 2017 International Mathematics Open for Young Achievers (IMOYA).

Geared up for the final encounter to outwit the equally best Asian math contenders, more than a hundred Filipino math wizards, up to the mark, had their foreign challengers on the run as they competed in this year's IMOYA held in Singapore last September 1 - 4, 2017.

Through their efforts, Ma. Tricia Jasmin bagged two bronze medals for the Individual and Team Categories under the Middle Primary Division, and Marcus Ocho was able to win a

bronze medal for the Individual Category under the Junior High School Division. Eddrian Costes superbly won a silver medal for the Individual Category under the Upper Primary Division.

According to Dr. Archieval Rodriguez, President of the Mathematics Development Academy of the Philippines (MathDap), there were a total of 2,203 participants from China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Macau, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

In addition, IMOYA had five contest venues namely Singapore, Guangzhou (China), Hong Kong, Taiwan and Iran. Our said students were chosen to be part of the said

competition after attending rigorous training given by the Mathematics Trainers' Guild (MTG) Philippines.

These math wizards, along with the previous students who won in their respective international competitions, are a proof that Lasallians are indeed committed to excellence. Hats off to everyone!

DE GUZMAN AND FERNANDO REPRESENT DLSZ IN BOYS AND GIRLS' WEEK OF MUNTINLUPA



Unik Aqo De Guzman



Jose Mateo Emmanuel
Franco Fernando

Last October 25, two DLSZ students namely, Unik Aqo De Guzman (DLSZ 2020) and Jose Mateo Emmanuel Franco Fernando (DLSZ 2020) represented the school to the Boys and Girls' Week of Muntinlupa held at the Muntinlupa Sports Complex.

Both students provided powerful speeches about their plan of action to the current problems faced by Muntinlupa and were elected as the Little Mayor and Little Public Employment Services Office Head respectively. Both students will be given an opportunity to do an immersion work on the life of public officials in Muntinlupa City. The students were placed under

the mentorship of Ms. Emie Baylon, Social Studies Faculty and EdTech Coordinator.

The Boys and Girls Week of Muntinlupa is an annual project sponsored by the Youth Affairs and Sports Development Office of the City Government of Muntinlupa. The aim of this event is to provide an opportunity to young students to appreciate the work of public officials and to hone the leadership skills of Muntinlupa students. Mayor Jaime Fresnedi, Vice Mayor Celso Dioko and Congressman Ruffy Biazon graced the said event.

DLSZ BRINGS HOME MAJOR AWARDS IN WSC-TOC



Alyssa Nicole
Oresca



Marco Luis
Mendoza



Ysabella Natassia
Maria Valerio



Methuselah De
La Cerna



Andrea Jean
Medina-Cue

Hats off to our DLSZ delegates for bringing home 13 major awards in the World Scholars Cup-Tournament of Champions (WSC-TOC) held on November 10 - 14, 2017 at Yale University, Connecticut, U.S.A.

Hosted by the Yale International Relations Association, the world competition of academic champions assembled the victors of Global Round Competitions of Hanoi Vietnam, Athens Greece, Cape Town South Africa for the final showdown of wits.

Our very own champions fearlessly took up the gauntlet and snatched the following accolades:

Team 813
Gold Medal, Group Debate
Champion
Silver Medal, Scholars Bowl

- Alyssa Nicole Oresca (DLSZ 2018)
Silver Medal, Individual Writing

Silver Medal, Scholar's Challenge (Special Area - Modern Mythology)

- Marco Luis Mendoza (DLSZ 2018)
Gold Medal, Individual Debate Champion

Team 860
Silver Medal, Group Debate
Champion
Gold Medal, Collaborative
Writing, Rank 23

- Ysabella Natassia Maria Valerio (DLSZ 2018)
Silver Medal, Scholar's Challenge (Arts)
Gold Medal, Individual Writing,
Rank 27
School Top Scholar

- Methuselah De La Cerna (DLSZ 2018)
Silver Medal, Individual
Writing
Gold Medal, Individual Debate
Champion

- Andrea Jean Medina-Cue (DLSZ 2018)
Silver Medal, Individual
Writing

The champions underwent acid tests that comprised four events namely Individual and Team Debate, Individual and Collaborative Writing, Scholar's Bowl - Online Quiz Bee, Scholar's Challenge - Written Test in Literature, Arts & Music, Special Area, Social Studies, Science, and World History.

The world competition allows participants to discover their unknown strengths and skills. It focuses on bringing students from different cultures together to discuss issues and ideas relevant today and the future.

The DLSZ contingent was led by Ms. Adrienne Victoria Zaballero, SHS English Faculty, and Erudite Club Moderator.

DLSZ JUNIOR GREEN TANKERS HAULS MEDALS IN UAAP SEASON 80

Last October 12 to 15, the DLSZ Junior Green Tankers saw action in the UAAP Season 80 swimming events held at the Rizal Sports Stadium Aquatics Complex. The DLSZ girls were successfully able to defend their championship lead by the heroics of three-time UAAP Most Valuable Player awardee Nicole Meah Pamintuan (DLSZ 2019), Milcah Therese Mina (DLSZ 2020) and Bela Louise Magtibay (DLSZ 2020). Nicole won seven gold medals and broke six UAAP records, while Bela brought home two individual gold finishes and broke two records followed by Milcah who brought home one gold medal and also broke a UAAP record.

The girls relay team composed of Kara Angelica Mendoza (DLSZ 2020), Kayleen Zakia Keh (DLSZ 2021), Bela Magtibay and Juliana Marion Burgos (DLSZ 2019) also brought home the gold and a new UAAP record for the 4 x 50 medley swim on the first day. On the third day of competition, our girls team composed of once again Juliana Burgos and Kara Mendoza, this time with, Kirsten Robyn Tan (DLSZ 2023) and Alexandra Maria Burog (DLSZ 2019) secured another gold finish and broke another UAAP record.

The DLSZ boys team went home with its best-ever finish, beating

out its longtime archrival Ateneo swimming for the first time but succumbed to only a six-point loss to the champions from UST due to a contentious disqualification meted to one of our swimmers. The boys were once again led by three-time UAAP Most Valuable Player Maurice Sacho Ilustre (DLSZ 2018) with seven gold medals and six new UAAP records. Another gold medal and new UAAP record were secured by the boys in 4 x 200 freestyle relay composed of Inaki Emil Lorbes (DLSZ 2020), Raphael Henrico Santos (DLSZ 2022), John Paul Elises (DLSZ 2022) and Marc Nelson Libarnes (DLSZ 2019).

This year's results are so far the best the school has ever achieved in terms of team standings and UAAP records set. "The kids brought home a total of 31 Gold medals, 24 silver medals, 20 bronze medals and set 17 new UAAP records as a team. This only shows that the program we call DE LA SALLE SWIMMING started four years ago will not only continually secure more honors for our alma mater but contribute greatly to Philippine swimming," shared team manager Lawrence Sahagun.

"I want to thank my Lasallian family and community...for giving me the chance to take advantage of

my full potential and represent the green Animo," said three-time MVP and Multiple record holder Sacho Ilustre who swam his last UAAP Juniors for DLSZ.

"What more could I ask for? Three-peat MVP, 6 new records this season and back to back champion in the junior girls' division ...thank you Lord for giving me this opportunity to represent my once dream school (DLSZ), I am honored and blessed" said three-time girls MVP Nikki Pamintuan.



BOYS TEAM LINE UP

Maurice Sacho Ilustre
 Jerard Dominic Jacinto (DLSZ 2020)
 David Franco Dela Rosa (DLSZ 2020)
 Raphael Henrico Santos
 Mctracy John Alindogan (DLSZ 2019)
 Isaac Matthew Santos (DLSZ 2019)
 Carlos Roman Cabreza (DLSZ 2019)
 Jonathan Jacob Ramos (DLSZ 2018)
 Gavin Benjamin Ignacio (DLSZ 2020)
 Andre Raphael Abacahin (DLSZ 2018)
 Gerardo Rafael Alava (DLSZ 2018)
 Marc Nelson Libarnes
 Bernard Matthew Cruz (DLSZ 2019)
 Yuri Ilustre (DLSZ 2018)
 John Paul Elises
 Jose Antonio Dela Rosa (DLSZ 2022)
 Raphael Carlos Sacdalan (DLSZ 2020)
 Luis Adrias (DLSZ 2020)
 Inaki Emil Lorbes
 Gerardo Gabriel Alava (DLSZ 2020)

GIRLS TEAM LINE UP

Nicole Meah Pamintuan (DLSZ 2019)
 Angela Shannen Tan (DLSZ 2020)
 Kirsten Robyn Tan
 Kayleen Zakia Keh
 Alexandra Maria Burog (DLSZ 2019)
 Juliana Marion Burgos (DLSZ 2019)
 Chrystelle Alina Reyes (DLSZ 2021)
 Margarita Isabel Cabreza (DLSZ 2021)
 Dylan Marie Tangan (DLSZ 2019)
 Jana Cassandra Laurian (DLSZ 2018)
 Katharyn Nicole Solic (DLSZ 2019)
 Jessica Laman (DLSZ 2018)
 Milcah Therese Mina (DLSZ 2020)
 Raven Faith Alcosoba (DLSZ 2021)
 Everly Janarie Macalalad (DLSZ 2022)
 Bela Louise Magtibay (DLSZ 2020)
 Antonella Lanza (DLSZ 2019)
 Kara Angelica Mendoza (DLSZ 2020)

PAUL BENJAMIN R. NATIVIDAD (DLSZ 2012) WINS IN NATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION



Paul (right) with his mother and DLSZ Grade School Violin Teacher, Ms. Ruby Natividad.

De La Salle Santiago Zobel School would like to congratulate Paul Benjamin R. Natividad (DLSZ 2012) for winning 1st Place and being awarded Best Interpretation of the Contest Piece in the National Music Competition for Young Artists - Senior Strings Category, held on November 21, 2017 at the Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo (Main Theater) of the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

Paul Natividad is a prided alumni of De La Salle Santiago Zobel School, and has developed from student cellist to a wonderful musician and has been featured as a soloist in several string concerts. He began his musical journey with the cello in sixth grade, joined the DLSZ Strings in seventh grade, proceeding to become cello principal player in 2010 under the baton of Mr. Leopoldo Sumera Jr. One of Paul's main source of strength and inspiration is DLSZ's very own violin teacher, and Paul's mother, Ms. Ruby Natividad. His teachers and peers describe Mr. Natividad as efficient, responsible, and hard-working.

Further, Paul has completed his units in Bachelor of Music in Cello Performance at St. Scholastica's College, Manila and is set to graduate on June 2018.

DLSZ CELEBRATES 39 YEARS OF LASALLIAN EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION



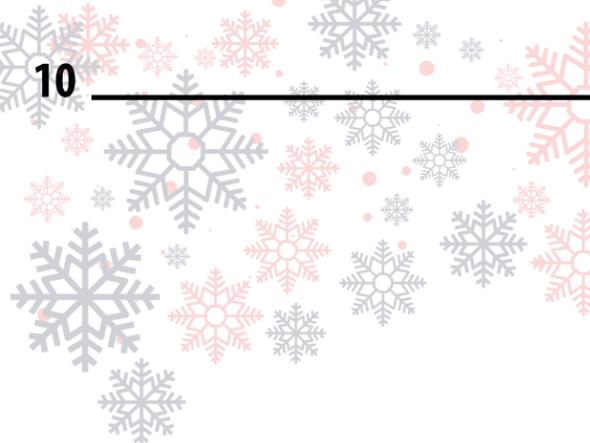
De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ) commemorated its 39 years of Lasallian excellence in education with the theme, "ONE ANIMO: OUR L39ACY LIVES ON" on November 20 to 25, 2017.

Various exciting activities were lined up for all Lasallians and friends. Some activities include Adopt a Child, Gimmick booths, Food/Dry Goods booths, Timezone, Film Viewing,

Inflatables, Collaboration Night, Field Demonstration (Pre-Kinder to Grade 6), Inter-batch Cheer Leading Competition (Grades 7-12 and BRafeNHS), and various fun-filled events.

Making its comeback, students and guests were entertained by the Lasallian Partners as they showed off their homegrown Lasallian talents to the DLSZ community. With the theme, All About Hue, DLSZ employees

and parents belted out and grooved to trendy and nostalgic music that makes us happy, excited or sad--just like how we get emotions out of the colors. To make this 39th year even more exciting, DLSZ has launched the Ruby Anniversary countdown headed by our President, Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC.



Of course, the Vision Mission Week celebration will not be complete without the annual lighting ceremony dubbed as Luminare. This year's ceremony focused on Jesus as the light of every Filipino family.

Congratulations to the Student Representative Coordinating Council (SRCC), the DLSZ Parents Association, the DLSZ Alumni Association and the administration for a very successful celebration.

Let us look forward for another high-spirited academic year as we countdown to DLSZ's 40th founding year!



IN THE COMMUNITY

LEARNING ON A NEW LEVEL

BY FRANCESCA ANNE V. BENGZON (DLSZ 2018)



Travelling abroad to study has always been a dream of mine. When I found out that I had been selected to travel with Sister Schools and my schoolmates to New Zealand for 10 days, I was shocked and I didn't know what to expect. It was my first time to travel without my parents to a country I had never been to. Though I went in blind, the learning program has changed my life and it was an experience I will never forget.

The best thing about the trip was the relationships we had built-sitting together on airplanes and vans, being roommates with one another. Prior to the trip, I wasn't really close to anyone but I was thankful to have met so many people that I would've only interacted in the classroom. I'm also honored to have built a friendship with Matthew and Joel who took care of us throughout

the whole trip. I am also thankful that I got to know Miss Suzette and Sir Richard who served as our parents to 15 kids for 10 days in another country. It was definitely challenging and even if we may not see each other all the time, I am thankful to them because they made my first trip to New Zealand unforgettable.

The main thing this trip taught me is to embrace new things. I was pushed to do things I don't normally do at home, like cooking breakfast for me and my roommates right when we wake up. I learned that pushing yourself out of your comfort zone will always have a good outcome. I am lucky to have skied for the first time with my friends and hiked a mountain to which I witnessed a sunset I will always remember. I hope that once in anyone's life, they will step out of their box and do something

that they never thought they could do. I will always be thankful for the whole learning experience and I hope that others will be able to take part in something as amazing as this.

Annika went on a Cultural Immersion Study Tour to New Zealand from September 7 to 18, 2017 with Emilio Miguel Gonzales (DLSZ 2018), Jonathan Jacob Ramos (DLSZ 2018), Jacek Aivry Cabiles (DLSZ 2019), Stephanie Tolentino (DLSZ 2019), Liezl Dela Cruz (DLSZ 2019), Rheanne Angelica Mendoza (DLSZ 2019), Edgar Desher Empeño (DLSZ 2019), Lorenzo Barzaga (DLSZ 2019), Alonzo Nathaniel Gilladoga (DLSZ 2018), Minel Catrice Espeleta (DLSZ 2018), Jennifer Gwen Marie Serrano (DLSZ 2018), Sean Ethan King (DLSZ 2018), Adrien Thaddeus Hernandez (DLSZ 2018), and Gabrielle Antonia Gordove (DLSZ 2019). They were accompanied by Ms. Suzette Balmos, Academic Services Department Director and concurrent Advancement and Communications Head and Mr. Richard Lasap, Senior High School Over-All Strand Coordinator.



IN THE COMMUNITY

PERFORMING FOR OUR MARAWI SOLDIERS

BY FREDDY KANG (DLSZ 2020)



On September 23, 2017, The DLSZ Symphonic Band performed at the AFP Medical Center - V. Luna at Quezon City. We were there not only to play for the soldiers but to interact and connect with them as well.

When we got there, we set up the stage, warmed up, and waited for them - all of which make up a regular routine. As soon as the soldiers were settled on their seats, we were greeted with a presentation on PTSD - a medical condition they all had.

One of the doctors at the hospital described to us stuff like its symptoms, what triggers it, etc. After that, we started our performance. Our band directors, Ms. Nena Chavez and Sir Linwell Lalic, had chosen OPM hits such as "Kahit Maputi Na Ang Buhok Ko," music from the Eraserheads

and Regine Velasquez so that they could sing along.

As we were playing, I was surprised to hear people started to sing along and enjoyed themselves. It was at that moment that I became truly amazed. These people went through the worst situation imaginable - they lost good friends, killed fellow Filipinos, and walk around every day with injuries that remind them of the misery they've witnessed. Yet they danced and sang as if they hadn't just gone through those traumatic events. They were so happy, and I don't know why, but them being so happy filled me with glee. This just goes to show that no matter who you are, what you do, where you come from, and what you've been through, music is the universal language that connects all of us.

After the first part of our performance, we had lunch with them. This gave us a chance to have a one-on-one conversations with the soldiers. Unfortunately, however, I wasn't able to converse with them, due to my lack of understanding of the Filipino language. Then the second part of our performance began. This is where we played more recent songs like Despacito and Sir Duke. After that was well and done, we started to give out our tokens of gratitude. We handed out handwritten letters from not only the band members, but other members of the school wanting to express their thanks who helped us reach our quota of more than 200 letters. We also gave out La Salle keychains, and pins. Finally, we took a photo with the soldiers to capture the moment forever. Even without the photo, that'll be a memory that I'll cherish forever.

ANG PARMENIE: KANLUNGAN NG NAPAPAGOD NA PUSO LIWANAG SA PANANAMPALATANG SUMUSUKO

NI TEODULO BLAS JR.



*Pinasok ko ang iyong katahimikan
dahil inakala na ito'y aking makakamtan.
Ang lamig sa labas
ay naglalagos sa iyong pader;
sa bintana ay naramdaman ko
ang init ng iyong paghinga
at naririnig ang pagtibok ng iyong puso.
Pinagmasdan ko ang lahat-lahat
sa iyong pag-aari nang harapan
na hindi ang sa larawan lamang,
hinahagilap ko ang iyong mga kamay
dahil hindi ko hangad
ang lumabas sa pintuan
na hindi tinataglay
ang iyong angking katangian.*

Ang salitang PARMENIE ay galing sa salitang Latin na "para moenid" na nangangahulugang sa palibot ng mga pader. Ito ay isang tahimik na lugar na tinayuan ng maliit na kapilya na nasa isang burol. Naitayo ang kapilya sa Parmenie bilang dedikasyon sa Banal na Krus na pinaniniwalaan na naitago sa lugar na ito. Simula noong ikawalong daantaon (8th century) ang nasabing lugar ay naging sentro ng pamamanata lalo na ng mga paring may matataas na katungkulan sa simbahang Katoliko. Ang kapilya ay nasira noong 1391 at muling itinayo ni Shepherdess Louise Hours kasama ang malaking bahagi na sa ngayon ay pinagdarausan ng mga retreats ng mga taong mula sa ibat-ibang bansa. Ang pagtatagpo ni Sis Louise at ni San Juan Bautista De La Salle sa Parmenie ay isa sa mahahalagang pangyayari sa buhay ng santo. Dito niya naranasan ang buhay ng pag-iisa, pag-iisip at kalungkutan sa kabila ng kaso na kanyang kinakaharap nang mga panahong iyon (1714) sa kanyang buhay. Ito rin ang panahon na lumayo ang mga taong dapat sana ay susuporta at nagtatanggol sa kanya bilang tagapagtatag ng kanyang misyon at sinimulan.

Ang lugar para kay San Juan Bautista De La Salle ang naging kanlungan niya ng kanyang napapagod na puso, ng kanyang kalungkutan at pagbabalik tanaw sa kanyang mga pinagdaanang paghihirap para sa kongregasyon at samahan. Ito ang panahon ng lamig at dilim sa kanyang sinusubok na pananampalataya; ang panahon na kung saan hinahagilap niya ang presensya ng Panginoon at

ang pagnanais na maramdaman ito sa mga panahong kinakailangan niya ang pag-ibig. Kung sakaling ang kanyang pag-alis ay nangangahulugang pagtakas o paglayo sa kanyang nasimulang gawain maaaring ito rin ang panahon ng pagbabalik tanaw sa kanyang mga pangyayari sa kanyang buhay kung ito ay naaayon sa kalooban ng Panginoon.

Bahagi na ng buhay ng tao ang pagsubok at dahil nakakaranas ng mga kabiguan napapagod ang puso-ang kalooban. Bunga nito naghahanap tayo ng pahingahan; ng matatakbuhan. May mga panahong sinusubok ang ating pananampalataya at nararamdaman ang kahungkagan at kalungkutan sa ating ispirital na buhay. Dahil nakakaranas ng mga ganito naiisip natin na tinalikuran na tayo ng Panginoon kasunod pa nito ang katanungang "Mahal ba ako ng Diyos?"

Sa buhay din ng ating Panginoong Hesus ay nakaranas din Siya ng mga pagsubok na higit pa sa ating nararamdaman at nararanasan. Naranasan rin Niya ang mabigo, pagtaksilan at malungkot. Sa Lukas 22:42 sinabi niya ang ganito, "Ama, kung ibig mo ilayo mo sa akin ang sarong ito; gayon may huwag mangyari ang aking kalooban kundi ang iyo". Sa mga pahayag nangangahulugan ito ng kanyang pagkatakot at pagsuko sa maaaring maganap sa kanyang sarili. Bilang pagtupad ng kanyang pag-ibig sa sanlibutan ipinako at namatay Siya sa krus at upang maging ganap ang pagmamahal Niya ang Kanyang pagkabuhay muli.

Noong April 9-22, 2016 naging mapalad ang may-akda na maging bahagi ng Sojourn 2016. Isang paglalakbay Lasalyanong programa na pinamamahalaan ng De La Salle Philippines na naglalayong magkaroon nang malalim na pagnanais sa ispirital na buhay ng isang Lasalyano at muling pagbabalik-tanaw sa buhay at pananampalatayang naranasan ni San Juan Bautista De La Salle patungo sa pagiging isang banal at santo.

Noon ay galing ang lahat sa malayong paglalakbay at katatapos lang ng hapunan. Naglakad siya sa labas at napansin ang isang maliit na kapilya na bahagi ng malaking bulwagan. Binuksan niya ang pinto iginala ang tingin sa paligid. Nararamdaman niya ang pagpasok ng malamig na simoy ng hangin mula sa labas. Naupo siya at nag-iisip.

Sa paglalakbay sa buhay at sa mga nararanasan natin naghahanap tayo ng lugar ng kapahingahan ng isip at katawan; lugar ng pagbabalik tanaw sa mga nakaraang pangyayari sa buhay at paghahanap ng mga kasagutan sa tanong sa galaw ng mundo. Higit sa lahat ang lugar sa paghagilap sa liwanag sa pananampalatayang sumusuko at kanlungan ng napapagod na puso-Ang PARMENIE.

Si G. Jun Blas ay isang guro sa Filipino ng mag-aaral ng Senior High School.

SPREADING THE ANIMO SPIRIT

BY MARY GRACE C. NUEVA



I was privileged enough to be one of the four speakers in Center for Intercultural Philosophy Organization’s seminar-workshop entitled, “Doing Qualitative and Quantitative Research” held last November 11, 2017 at the Philippine Institute of Quezon City.

It was indeed a great experience to share my knowledge and skills as a researcher to 205 participants composed of private and public school teachers and graduate students. I was assigned to facilitate the discussion about “Qualitative and Quantitative Data Management and Analysis”. The discussion went smooth and appeared as more on clarification on the participants’ understanding about the topic.

They were enlightened on the general principles applied in doing qualitative data analysis and appropriate statistical treatment to be applied on specific research problem in terms of quantitative data analysis. They were also amazed on how technology could ease their burden in conducting the data analysis of their research. The presentation ended well with sound applause from the audience showing their appreciation on how they understood the topic from a Lasallian point of view. A number of participants approached me for another invitation to hold similar seminars in their respective institutions. Some asked for me to become part of their peer review committee while others had consultations about the nature of their graduate school paper.

Small beginnings like this would soon lead to bigger things. Lasallian teachers like me are so blessed to be trained and exposed to the complexity of education including the field of research. We have so much to share with our colleagues and thus there is a need to spread the animus spirit. With research, neither action nor conventional research, as the current demand in education, we can have our own share in this major lift in Philippine education.

Ms. Grace Nueva is the school’s Researcher under the Instructional and Performance Assessment Office.

NEW BEGINNINGS

BY LEAH MARIE O. TUMLOS-CASTILLO

What does it truly mean to begin anew?

Some say, “I will start eating healthy and hit the gym from now on.” Oftentimes, we find this unachievable when unlimited eating and lounging in bed are much more effortless and fun to choose.

Or some even say, “I will start studying 6 to 8 hours a day.” This is a typical declaration by conscientious students when adjusting their modes of studying because they simply want to be on top.

Or perhaps some also say, “I will start my bucket list of adventures soon.” An articulation such as this shows a deep desire to gain new experiences by dreaming as big as we want.

New beginnings are windows of opportunities for us to make a great effort to thrive, prove our worth, and let others know who we are. These also provide possibilities to correct prior mistakes and learn from them; open doors for fresh perspectives that can be translated into noble actions; and offer promises for growth, healing, and happiness.

When a mother whispers to the unborn child in her womb, “I will love and take care of you always”, it is a tender assurance of her affection that speaks of kindness and unconditional love.

When a man professes his vow to his bride in front of the altar, “I will cherish and hold you forever,” it is an understandable expression of his commitment that speaks of faithfulness and devotion.

When a little girl utters a powerful message to his father, “I will be good so you will be proud of me,” it is a genuine statement of her pledge that speaks of respect and admiration.

Such are real examples of new beginnings that transform lives.

Fundamentally, to begin anew, we must be hopeful and optimistic. New beginnings are special occasions when we share the love in our hearts with the rest of the world. It need not happen at the start of the year; these always happen when we embrace Christ - since it is through Him that we discover who we are and what we are living for.

Ms. Leah Castillo is the High School Coordinator for Social Studies.

DONATION REPORT (AS OF DECEMBER 4)

- One La Salle Scholarship Fund - P171,973.44
- Br. Rafael Donato FSC Night High School - P574,000.00
- Birthday Donation for KAISAKA Inc. - P84,500.00
- Hospicio de San Bernardo - P2,000.00
- Relief Operation - P70,000.00

Hospicio De San Bernardo

It's Christmas season once again, a time for giving and exchanging gifts.

In lieu of gifts (items, food, wine and drinks), Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC, together with Br. Martin Sellner FSC and the rest of the administrators, would highly appreciate that you give cash gifts to the "Hospicio de San Bernardo" for the benefit of the medical expenses of students and the One La Salle Scholarship Fund.

You may give through the depository account "Hospicio de San Bernardo" at the Finance Office or anonymously at the dropbox in the lobby of the President's Office.



Lasallian Mission Annual Project

De La Salle Philippines continues its Lasallian Mission Annual Project (LMAP) "Weaving Commitments. Weaving Dreams. Weaving Heritage. HABI Campaign" this academic year 2017-2018.

The campaign will cater to various educational programs, develop culture-sensitive curriculum and instructional materials, and provide training for teachers of the indigenous communities. LMAP envelopes will be distributed on January 2018.

Thank you for your unwavering support!



DE LA SALLE SANTIAGO
ZOBEL SCHOOL
AYALA ALABANG



Pre-Kinder, Kinder and Grade 1
OPEN HOUSE



JANUARY 13, 2018
9:30 - 11:00 AM
LOWER GRADES LEARNING
RESOURCE CENTER

AT DLSZ,
WE MAKE
IT HAPPEN!

Igniting the spark

www.dlszobel.edu.ph
771-DLSZ (3579)/ (0998) 188-1133/
(0915) 188-8002 loc 712/792/796