

DLSMHSI Campus Developments

On January 15, 2024, DLSMHSI President, Antonio B. Ramos, MD, FPCS, FPATACSI, MBA, unveiled a new set of strategic plans for the Institution. This announcement took place at the De La Salle Animo Center, where Dr. Ramos welcomed all employees.

Pagkakaisa at Pagtutulungan Move as One

Drawing an analogy, Dr. Ramos likened the DLSMHSI community to a Dragon Boat Racing Team, emphasizing the importance of working together and creating a harmonious rhythm to propel the Institution forward. Under the theme “Move as One”, the President encourages the entire community to unite to foster growth and emerge victorious in this collective race.



The former amphitheater

The 4 P's

In alignment with the newly released and revised DLSMHSI Mission-Vision, the President envisions the entire DLSMHSI community as the Preferred Hospital, Preferred School, Preferred Research Center, and the Preferred Employer. This vision propels the whole community towards excellence in healthcare, education, research, and employment practices. By fostering a culture of innovation, collaboration, and continuous improvement, DLSMHSI strives to not only meet but exceed the expectations of its stakeholders.



The former University Medical Center

The Continous Growth of DLSMHSI

Over the years, DLSMHSI underwent remarkable growth and transformation, evolving into a beacon of excellence in healthcare, education, and research. From its humble beginnings on the 8.7-hectare main property of DLSMHSI, the Institution has consistently expanded its facilities to include an additional 9.5 hectares as the Annex Property and acquired another 4.8 hectares of new property. This physical expansion reflects the Institution's commitment to meeting the ever-growing demands of its diverse community and advancing its mission.



The former OPD Clinic



Before Plants Field, Now the location of the Oval

DLSMHSI Institutional Infrastructure 2024: A Blueprint for Excellence and Growth

DLSMHSI has achieved significant milestones in enhancing its institutional infrastructure, including the complete expansion of the Learning Resource Center (LRC) and the development of LRC Main. Moreover, 88.60% of the additional College of Medicine classrooms have been successfully established. This will allow the Institution to accommodate more medical students for enrollment in the college. The Institution has also achieved the completion of essential facilities, with 100% progress in the Annex Gate and Fence, Health Events Center, and Isolation Facility. Notably, the new Neurodevelopmental Center has reached 87.94% completion, while the Museum of the Human Body stands at 67.47%. Furthermore, progress continues in advancing Dentistry Laboratories, with a completion rate of 15.10%. The majority of the institutional plans have been successfully completed, contributing to the continuous improvement of DLSMHSI's infrastructure and ensuring a conducive environment for education, research, work and healthcare.



Former Quadrangle Area



The Wang Building



The Old Library at College of Medicine

Looking Ahead

DLSMHSI has undergone significant transformative growth, with recent infrastructure upgrades enhancing our learning environment. One of the future plans of the Institution is the establishment of the new DLSMHSI Academic Complex.

The Academic Complex includes the General Education Building with 56 classrooms and laboratories. It also includes the Commons, where new offices, classrooms, and an auditorium can be found. More significantly, the new Senior High School Building, which will be transferred from the Lourdes Campus, will be incorporated into this Academic Complex. The new Senior High School Building can accommodate more Grade 11 and Grade 12 students with its 30 classrooms.

Furthermore, the integration of the Senior High School Building into the Academic Complex represents a great commitment to providing a comprehensive and seamless educational experience for all students. With state-of-the-art facilities and modern amenities, this expansion ensures that learners at every level receive the support and resources they need to excel academically and pursue their aspirations. As we look forward to the completion of this ambitious project, we anticipate that the Academic Complex will serve as a hub of innovation, collaboration, and academic excellence, fostering the growth and development of future generations of leaders and professionals.



The New Annex Main Gate Entrance



The On-going Construction of the Museum of the Human Body



The Isolation Facility



The Health Events Center

As we celebrate the rich history and accomplishments of DLSMHSI, let us also look forward to the exciting developments on the horizon. The Institution continues to evolve, guided by a commitment to shaping the future of healthcare through education, research, and service. To our fellow alumni, take pride in the role you played in the growth of our alma mater. Your contributions and achievements are woven into the fabric of DLSMHSI's success story. Thank you for being a part of this extraordinary journey.

-MAVLegaspi



The New Academic Complex



College of Medicine Batch 1983 reunion on December 6, 2023 at De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute- Villarosa Convention Hall

Reunion 2023, This is How We Do It!

The College of Medicine Class of 1983 40th Year (Ruby) Anniversary

Contributor: Jasmine Mercene Eugenio, MD

Embarking on a journey through time, the College of Medicine Class of 1983 reunited in Dasmariñas, Cavite, in December 2023 to celebrate four decades of cherished camaraderie. Coming from different places around the world, these alumni brought back memories and closeness. They've been pioneers in keeping their traditions alive, making this reunion more than just a milestone—it's a symbol of their strong bond. Come along as we delve into their tales of uniting across distances and time zones to commemorate their ruby jubilee together.



December 2023, Dasmariñas, Cavite - They started trickling in on a Saturday night, December 1, 2023. They came from far and wide, from the US East Coast and Eastern Canada, from Davao in the South to Northern regions of the Philippines, this time to celebrate 40 years of togetherness, a milestone worth remembering!

The CM Class of 83 is not new to reunions. As the pioneer class, they started the traditions of reunions, amongst other things, attesting to how they have always been the trailblazers. They developed the art of reunions, having done so every year for the last 13 years, and before that sporadically. They began first as groups, in the US and Canada, and of course *dito sa atin*, oftentimes attended by both groups, if they decide to cross the pond.

In the last 13 years, the groups have visited many provinces in the Philippines: Ilocos, Batanes, Bicol, Dumaguete, and in the US, Los Angeles, New York,

San Francisco and Seattle. They decided to merge in 2013 and evolved into what it is now. In 2020, just before the pandemic, the class visited Taiwan, and since then, groups have visited Vietnam, Korea, Paris, Switzerland, Germany and many more. The group is scheduled to travel to Turkey in May 2024.

The reunions have a standard schedule: they last a minimum of three days, they meet at someone's house if available, if not a hotel, do a bus tour for a day and lots of *chikahan*. Same stories, different versions, with the warning, "*aba, pag di ka sumama, pag-uusapan ka.*"

The attendance is the deal breaker. There are the usual attendees who are always there because they have FOMO (fear of missing out). What makes the reunion epic is if someone finally decides to attend after being absent for so long and is welcomed by everyone with "*uy, long time, no see!!!*"

This year "WE ARE 40!", a very well intended group has been zoom planning for a year. The reunion started with a trip of course, from December 4-5, 2023, to Bataan in two buses with a very daring schedule.



On day 1, the group visited Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar in Bataan, checked in at the Lighthouse Marina, followed by a luau on the beach with games and dancing. The end of the day was highlighted with a 10-minute fireworks display.

The next day, Day 2, the group split in two yachts to take the Subic Bay Cruise. There was a sumptuous lunch and more dancing and singing. *Ang saya!* Before going home, we had dinner in Pampanga, and stopped by the parcel factories so that the balikbayans can buy one or two to take home.

Day 3 was the day to go home, back to Dasmariñas, where it all began. There were a lot of memories as we passed by what used to be the rice fields we used to dominate, that is, until the others came along. *"Naku, ibang-iba na!"*, exclaimed those who haven't visited in many years. The celebration started with a light breakfast, followed by a thanksgiving mass, presentation of gifts to Dr Antonio Ramos, President and Dr Jaime Pacifico, CM-Dean, and finally, an educational lecture by Dr. Benny Estoesta entitled "Human Sexuality 101: Hormone Replacement in an Aging Population", very apropros. The group proceeded to take selfies and group pictures in front of a mural of never before seen pictures of Class 83 from 1979-1983. We then visited the Campos mausoleum to pay tribute to Dr. Paulo Campos and Dr. Lourdes Campos, whose vision is the reason we are here today.

Thereafter, it was the dedication of the wall (Class '83 commemorative gift) and Dr Imelda Lorenzo's gift to the school, the new gate to the campus. The medical school day ended with tree planting.



**Highlights of College of Medicine
40th Year Celebration
on December 6, 2023**



It was a full day of reminiscing and giving back. Before ending the day, Drs. Charles and Delia Yu hosted a wonderful dinner at their beautiful home in Orchard.

On our last and final day, we celebrated our anniversary ball at the South Palms Country Club. Class 83 showed up in their fine attires, 40 years wiser and looking good! The buffet was amazing and the program was on point. A poignant moment was the lighting of candles for those who have passed on. There was not a dry eye in the room as Coldplay sang "Everglow" to salute those we will surely miss. We gathered in a big group and watched a video commemorating the last 40 years and blew a kiss to the future. We were the oldest we have ever been and the youngest we will ever be, together! Thereafter, the coffee table book was distributed which memorialized our before and after pictures, reunions, and more. It was not just a coffee table book, it was a Memory Book!

The US group started the dancing with a "TikTok" spoof, *galing, kaya pa!* And then *sayawan na!!!* We danced the night away, until we said our goodbyes, even though we knew we would do this again, if not sooner than later. "*Sa uulitin!!!*" Till then... it was not about accomplishments and titles, it was about the journey together. We know, without any uncertainty that we will grow old together...

Congratulations to CM Class '83!

Nursing and Midwifery Alumni Reunite for 30-Year Homecoming Celebration

Contributor: JC Reyes, MD

In a heartwarming reunion, alumni from the Nursing and Midwifery program celebrated three decades of shared memories, experiences, and accomplishments.



College of Nursing and Midwifery Batch 1993 reunion on December 19, 2023 at De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute- Animo Center

December 19, 2023, Manila, Philippines - The De La Salle Animo Center was abuzz with excitement and nostalgia as alumni from the Nursing and Midwifery program gathered to commemorate three decades of friendship, learning, and service. The highly anticipated event, held on December 19, 2023, brought together graduates from across the years to reconnect and reminisce about their time at De La Salle University. The day began with a series of guided tours, offering alumni the opportunity to retrace their footsteps and rediscover the places that had shaped their academic journey. Part 1 of the event kicked off with a tour of the DLSU D Campus, where alumni were greeted by familiar sights and memories of their formative years. Laughter and camaraderie filled the air as old friends exchanged stories and shared anecdotes from their time on campus. The journey continued with Part 2, as alumni embarked on a tour of the De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute (DLSMHSI) and the College of Nursing.

Led by faculty members and administrators, the tour provided alumni with a firsthand look at the state-of-the-art facilities and innovative programs that have cemented DLSMHSI's reputation as a premier Institution in healthcare education. A highlight of the day was the courtesy meeting with DLSMHSI President, Dr. Tony Ramos. Alumni had the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations with Dr. Ramos, discussing the evolving landscape of healthcare and the pivotal role of education in shaping the future of the profession. Dr. Ramos' insights and vision resonated deeply with the alumni, inspiring them to continue their commitment to excellence and service. As the sun began to set, alumni gathered for Part 3 of the event - the program proper. Distinguished guests, including DLSMHSI administrators and former Deans, took the stage to deliver messages of appreciation and encouragement to the alumni community. Their words served as a reminder of the enduring legacy of the Nursing and Midwifery program and the profound impact it has had on generations of healthcare professionals. As the evening drew to a close, alumni departed with a renewed

sense of connection and purpose, eager to continue their journey of lifelong learning and service. The Nursing and Midwifery 30 Years Alumni Homecoming was not just a celebration of the past, but a testament to the enduring spirit of community and excellence that defines the De La Salle experience. As alumni bid farewell to the Animo Center, they carried with them cherished memories and a commitment to upholding the values instilled by their alma mater - a commitment to compassion, integrity, and the pursuit of excellence in all endeavors.



DLSMHSI Partners with Jobs180.com to Enhance Career Opportunities for Graduates

Contributor: JC Reyes, MD



MOU signing held at the Chancellor's Conference Room last January 9, 2024

Dasmariñas, January 9, 2024 - In a significant move towards empowering its graduates with enhanced career opportunities, De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute (DLSMHSI) inked a Memorandum of Undertaking with Jobs180.com.

The MOU signing ceremony was attended by key figures from both institutions. Mr. Kim Chua, Managing Director of Jobs180.com expressed his enthusiasm about the collaboration, stating "This partnership aims to bridge the gap between academic excellence and professional success, providing students with a seamless transition into the workforce."

Dr. Julius Ceazar Reyes, Director of the Center for Alumni Relations and Engagements at DLSMHSI, shared his excitement about the potential impact on alumni. "Through this collaboration, we aim to create a supportive ecosystem that fosters lifelong connections between our graduates and the professional world. Jobs180.com platform will not only connect them locally but also open doors to global career pathways."

The MOU signing marks the beginning of a collaborative journey between DLSMHSI and Jobs180.com, aiming to provide students with a seamless transition from academia to the professional world. This strategic alliance reflects both institutions' commitment to shaping the future workforce and fostering excellence in education and career development.



From L-R: Clarence Witty Mendoza (Director for Internationalization and External Affairs); Ferdinand Berba (Chancellor), Kim Chua (Managing Director of Jobs 180.com); Antonio Ramos (President); Julius Ceazar Reyes (Director of Center for Alumni Relations and Engagements)

DLSMHSI Alumni Board Exam Results

Celebrating a Milestone Achievement: Congratulations to the 146 new Lasallian Speech-Language Pathologists and our Topnotchers!

November 2023

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our new Lasallian Registered Speech-Language Pathologists, marking a significant achievement for both our students and the entire Institution. DLSMHSI achieved an outstanding 98.65% passing rate for both first-time takers and overall standing. What's even more remarkable is that we are celebrating not just one but two topnotchers in this licensure examination! This outstanding accomplishment reflects the dedication and excellence that define the education at DLSMHSI. We are so proud of you! Animo La Salle!

Triumph Unveiled: Congratulations to the 198 new Lasallian Nurses!

November 2023

The DLSMHSI College of Nursing has showcased exceptional dedication and knowledge in the recent board examination. With an impressive 80% national passing rate, DLSMHSI achieved a first-time taker passing rate of 99% and an overall passing rate of 98.51%. Congratulations to the new Lasallian Nurses! Your accomplishments bring great pride to the DLSMHSI community! Animo La Salle!

Embracing Success: Welcoming the 108 New Lasallian Physical Therapists!

December 2023

Congratulations to the 108 new Lasallian Physical Therapists who have successfully passed the Physical Therapist Licensure Exam! DLSMHSI has attained a passing rate of 66.23% for first-time takers and a 63.91% overall passing rate. Here's to your success and the promising future that lies ahead! Animo La Salle!



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Highlighting Excellence: Applauding the 65 New Lasallian Occupational Therapists, including our Topnotchers

December 2023

Kudos to the brilliant minds of Ms. Viray and Ms. Catabay from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences- Department of Occupational Therapy, as they topped the recent OT Licensure Examination held in December 2023. The achievement of these outstanding individuals, along with the success of the 65 New Lasallian Occupational Therapists, brings pride to the whole DLSMHSI Community. With a notable passing rate of 58.49% for the first-time takers and an overall passing rate of 56.52%, our future Occupational Therapists have exceeded expectations. Animo La Salle!



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Congratulations to the 82 New Lasallian Radiologic Technologists

December 2023

The DLSMHSI College of Medical Imaging and Therapy is elated to announce the success of our graduates in the Radiologic Technologist Licensure Examination held in December 2023. Out of 103 examinees, 82 new Lasallian Radiologic Technologists passed the board exam with a passing rate of 79.61%. The DLSMHSI achieved a record of 90.91% for the first takers and the National passing rate is 55.57%. Congratulations to the board passers! Animo La Salle!



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Celebrating the Newly Registered Lasallian Chemists and Chemical Technicians

December 2023

Congratulations to the two new Lasallian Chemists and to the 20 new Lasallian Chemical Technicians who successfully passed the board exams last December 2023. An overall passing rate of 40% for Lasallian Chemists and 95.24% for Lasallian Chemical Technicians were achieved. Cheers to your success and continued contributions to DLSMHSI community! Animo La Salle!



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Congratulations to the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Exam Passers, with Three Topnotchers

January 2024

We celebrate the success of the 1st Batch of Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Exam Passers, who achieved an overall passing rate of 73.91%. Among these pioneers are our three topnotchers, whose exceptional performances have set new standards in nuclear medicine excellence. A heartfelt salute to your extraordinary achievements! Animo La Salle!



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ILLUMINATING JOURNEYS, INSPIRING PATHS

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Raymond Joseph Valdez, MD, FPPA

PRESIDENT, College of Medicine Alumni

Contributor: JC Reyes, MD

Dasmariñas, Cavite, March 2024 - We are proud to highlight the remarkable achievements and contributions of our esteemed alum and currently the President of the College of Medicine Alumni, Raymond Joseph S. Valdez, MD, FPPA. Dr. Valdez has not only excelled in his professional endeavors but has also made significant impacts within our alumni community and alma mater.

Professional Achievement

Dr. Valdez completed his residency at V. Luna Medical Center Armed Forces of the Philippines Health Service Command in 2016, laying the foundation for his illustrious career. His dedication and expertise were further recognized as he became a Diplomate of the Specialty Board of Philippine Psychiatry in 2019 and a Fellow of the Philippine Psychiatric Association in 2022.

His commitment to shaping the next generation of medical professionals is evident through his roles as Assistant Training Officer at the Department of Mental Health and Behavioral Science at VLMC AFPHSC and Training Officer at the Department of Psychiatry at De La Salle University Medical Center (DLSUMC). Dr. Valdez also serves as an Associate Active Professional Medical Staff at DLSUMC and holds the position of Academic Chairman at the Section of Psychiatry at the University of Perpetual Help Rizal-Jonelta Foundation School of Medicine. Currently, he is the Director for Luzon of the Philippine Psychiatric Association, Treasurer of the Philippine College of Psychopharmacology and Councilor of the Cavite Medical Society. Moreover, Dr. Valdez generously shares his expertise as a part-time faculty member at the Department of Psychiatry at DLSMHSI-College of Medicine and San Beda University College of Medicine,



further enriching the educational experience of aspiring medical professionals.

Contributions to the Alumni Community

Dr. Valdez's dedication extends beyond his professional duties to his involvement in the alumni community. Recently appointed as the Alumni President of the College of Medicine, he is eager to initiate activities that foster connections among our alumni and contribute to the growth and success of our community.

Impact on the Alma Mater

Dr. Valdez's impact on our alma mater is immeasurable. Upon completing his psychiatric residency, he chose to return to DLSMHSI-CM to impart his knowledge and mentor future generations of medical professionals. Since 2016, he has been a dedicated faculty member, witnessing the growth and success of his students.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dr. Valdez plays an integral role in the governance of the College of Medicine and DLSMHSI, serving on the Admissions Committee, Discipline Committee, and the DLSMHSI Gender and Development Focal Committee.

Dr. Valdez's unwavering commitment to excellence in education, professional practice, and alumni engagement exemplifies the values of our alma mater and serves as an inspiration to all.

Dear Contributors,

I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your invaluable contributions to this newsletter. Your dedication, expertise, and passion have truly made a difference in bringing this publication to life.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and commitment. We look forward to continuing this journey together and creating even more meaningful connections through our shared experiences.

With deepest appreciation,

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