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SDEAS signs MOA with ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc.

— Rubylee De Castro, SDEAS



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The DLSU-CSB School of Education and Applied Studies (SDEAS), together with the ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc. (AFI) signed a memorandum of agreement entitled "Building Bridges, Creating Opportunities for Internship and Employment" for Deaf Benildeans last October 29, 2003 at the International Conference Center.

Representing the College in this endeavor were DLSU-CSB Executive Vice President Mr. Ronald Holmes and Vice President for Academics Dr. Rose Marie Clemeña. They signed the MOA together with Ms. Ma. Angeles H. Gonzales, E-Media Program Director, and Ms. Renee D. Bayangos, AFI Human Resources Manager. SDEAS Dean Theresa Christine B. De la Torre, and Technical Services Manager of E-TV Mr. Christopher P. Sioco, witnessed the event.

AFI is a non-stock, non-profit corporation that produces, among other socially-oriented projects, educational television and radio shows such as *Sine'skwela*, *Hirayamanawari*, *Bayani*, *Epol Apple*, and many others under their E-Media division that supplements health and science education in elementary school levels. They "aim to educate children and enable them to reach their full potential."

Also present in the MOA signing were other AFI representatives and SDEAS coordinators, faculty and students. Ryan Jay Bernardo and Arlene Escototo, both SDEAS Deaf graduates currently as an AFI talent and an AFI trainee respectively, attended the event. They have been working in AFI as computer graphic artists since July 13 of this year. Both graduates started off as trainees under the on-the-job-training requirements for graduation. Their involvement and inclusion in AFI stands as proof and testimony to the opening of possibilities and opportunities for Deaf Benildeans.

The memorandum of agreement between DLSU-CSB-SDEAS and AFI aims to provide internship opportunities for Deaf Benildeans. Deaf students under the leadership of a selected Faculty Consultant (either from the School of Design and Arts or from SDEAS) are set to accomplish computer graphic designs and animations for specific segments of the *Sine'skwela* shows. Their work will be credited to the practicum hours required in the curriculum of the Multimedia program. This opportunity is expected to further hone and develop the multimedia skills (e.g. video-based

post-production work with computer animation, graphics, etc.) of Deaf students, and pave the way for more employment possibilities of CSB Deaf graduates in the future.

Prior to this event, SDEAS had a MOA signing with the Rotary Club of University District Manila (RCUDM). RCUDM currently assists SDEAS in actively seeking establishments and organizations who are interested in working with Deaf students for practicum purposes or for employment.

SDEAS is also a proud member of Postsecondary Education Network-International (PEN-International) based in the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) of the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in Rochester, New York. PEN-International is a global network of post-secondary schools for the Deaf established to assist partner schools from other countries improve the life circumstances of Deaf people through improved education, networking and sharing of resources. PEN-International is generously funded by the Nippon Foundation of Japan.



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Being the youngest member of the network, SDEAS was exposed to various learning opportunities from RIT-NTID. Through intensive seminars with their experts and various faculty and student exchange programs, SDEAS faculty and CSB administration were given actual exposure to work processes, academic programs, and various student and faculty development programs at NTID. SDEAS gained a lot of insights on learner-centered programs and services for Deaf students and the industry that they are being prepared for. The steady growth of linkage partners that supports SDEAS efforts to expand training and employment opportunities for CSB Deaf students is attributed to the major support provided by the CSB administration and by PEN-International.

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Grepalife access available online

Benildean community members may now access the DLSU-CSB Hospitalization Availment Procedures online at <http://www.grepa.com/dlsu>.

For inquiries, concerns, and suggestions, please feel free to call Grepalife at 845-6215 or 845-6243. You may also call EA Philippines' hotline, 892-9292, for further assistance in using your membership cards.

For DLSU-CSB health card-related inquiries, please contact the PMDO through 526-7441, local 149.

Office of the Registrar: Student Advisory

The Office of the Registrar regrets that due to technical difficulties, the viewing of approved enlisted courses will not be available online. However, students may see their academic advisers personally to check on their Course Approval Forms and/or discuss any concerns.

CSB tops 2nd MCCID Cup Volleyball Games

Representatives from DLSU-CSB attended the 2nd Manila Christian Computer Institute for the Deaf

(MCCID) Cup Invitational Goodwill Volleyball Games last October 25, from 8am to 4pm in the Lutheran Church grounds of Old Sta. Mesa, Manila.

Other participating schools in the event were MCCID, the Bible Institute for the Deaf (BID) and the Correspondence Accreditation Programs (CAP) School for the Deaf. The purpose of the event was to develop friendship among the Deaf students currently in their tertiary level of education.

Full details and photos from the CSB delegation's participation will be featured in the next issue of the *perspective*.

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Inquiries on how an individual, group or company may assist in the efforts of SDEAS to build bridges and create internship and employment opportunities for Deaf students and graduates may be directed to the DLSU-College of Saint Benilde at telephone number 526-7441 to 47 local 131/210, or email either Mr. Eric Daniel Soriano at sorianoe@csb.dlsu.edu.ph or Ms. Regina De Gracia at degraciama@csb.dlsu.edu.ph.

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