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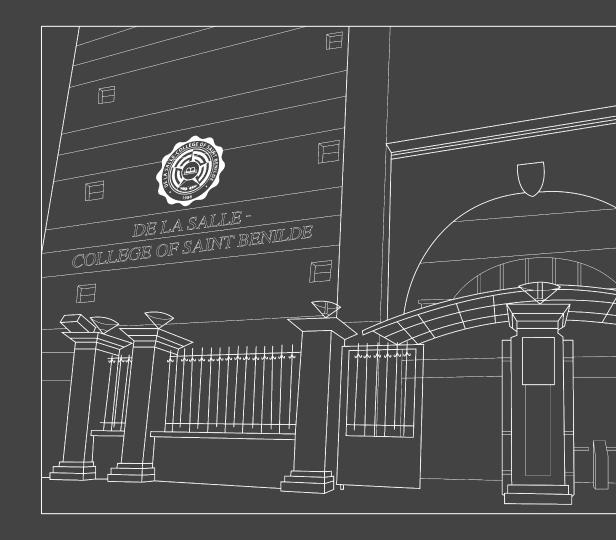
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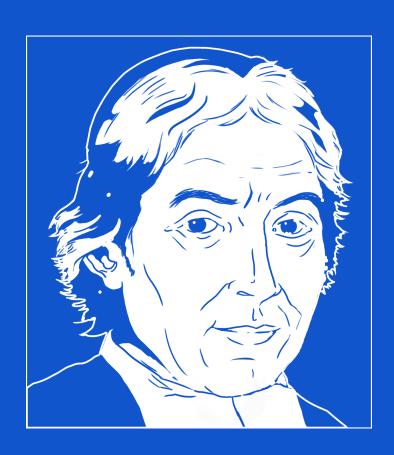
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#### **About Benilde**

De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde is a learning environment that nurtures students to develop their interests and passions, and trains them to become professionally competent in established industries and emerging fields of specialization.

- 32 year-old institution
- About 9,000 students
- Two locations: Manila (est. 1988) and Antipolo (est. 2018)
- Member of De La Salle Philippines





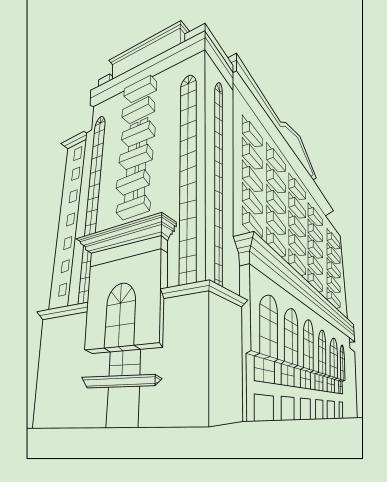
## Spirit of Faith, Zeal for Service and Communion in Mission

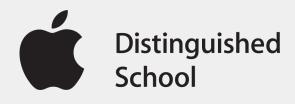
Benilde is part of the Lasallian network of educational institutions composed of 65 universities and colleges, and 92 schools in more than 80 countries worldwide.

From its humble beginnings as a night school for working students, the College continues to blaze trails for innovative educational programs with a thrust on learner-centered educational philosophy.

#### Blazing Trails Since 1988

- Granted CHED Autonomous Status in 2019
- Benilde School of Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management is the only hotel school in the Philippines to hold a PAASCU Level IV status, and is also a CHED Center of Excellence
- Benilde School of Management and Information
   Technology is a CHED Center of Excellence for its
   Business Administration programs as well





Benilde has also been recognized as an **Apple Distinguished School** for the second time in the Academic Years of 2019-2021.

#### Benilde Manila

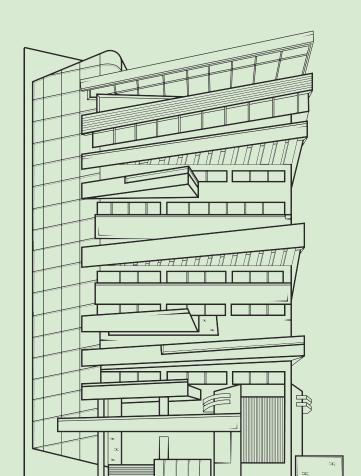
27 Undergraduate Programs3 Masters Programs



7 Programs

#### Benilde Deaf School

Grades 7 & 8 Est. 2018



#### Benilde Manila Houses Seven Schools

- School of Deaf Education and Applied Studies
- School of Design and Arts
- School of Diplomacy and Governance
- School of Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management
- School of Management and Information Technology
- School of Professional and Continuing Education
- School of Multidisciplinary Studies

#### Vision-Mission Statement

De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde is committed to building a just and humane society by being at the forefront of innovative education that is accessible to the poor and diversely-gifted learners.



#### Thrust 1: Innovation

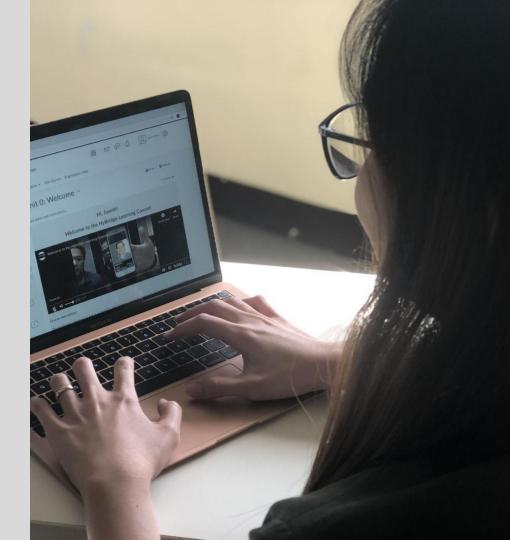
Industry-responsive curriculum with majority of our teachers being industry practitioners.

#### Thrust 2: Inclusion

At least 15% of our student population are scholars.

Challenges faced by educational institutions in the Philippines as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Connectivity
- Availability and kind of hardware (gadgets)
- Preparedness of students, teachers and parents
- Retooling of teachers, not just skills but mindset (including proper understanding of the possibilities of online modality)



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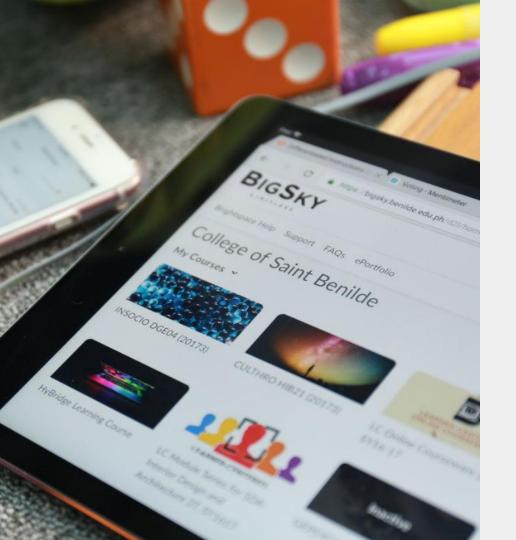
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What are the opportunities for the education sector as we enter the "new normal"?

- Reassess/review identity, curriculum, practices, systems
- Implement the needed change



# How has Benilde responded and adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic

- 9 weeks into our 2nd Term (2019 2020)
- 5 weeks left (four weeks of class work and one week of exams)
- Went full online but with "relaxed" requirements: mandated revision of requirements into one final submission based on learning outcomes
- Gave faculty a lot of leeway in conducting their online classes. More asynchronous.
- Most faculty were "newbies" on conducting online
- LMS: Benilde BigSky

# What is BOLT? How is Benilde preparing students and educators for this?

- BOLT is interim
- BOLT is meant to transition Benilde to 1st Term (2020 - 2021)
- Voluntary; conducted survey on readiness
- 8 weeks out of the normally 15 16 weeks (began in July instead of May)
- 243 courses out of the normally 700+ courses offered
- 2019 3rd Term enrollment: 7,000+
- 2020 3rd Term enrollment: 4,200+ (initial projection of 2,700)





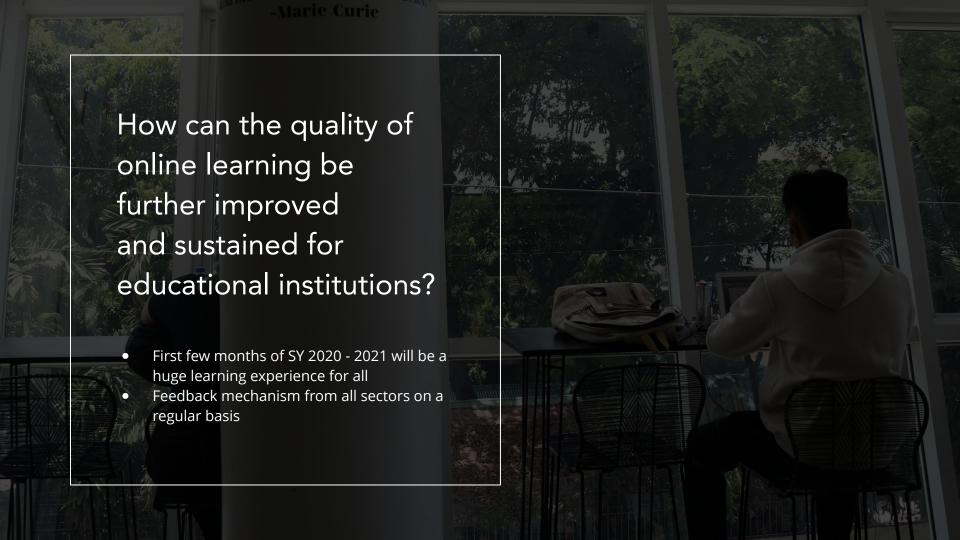
# What does Benilde's Borderless Education mean and look like?

- Benilde BigSky (LMS) launched in 2016 together with the branding "Benilde Borderless Education"
- Advocated and encouraged the use of digital technologies to support pedagogies
- Worked well during class suspensions
- Pandemic: BigSky became the norm
- A good LMS should be able to upload content, embed videos, conduct assignments, have discussion forums, conduct quizzes and tests, have a grading management system, integrated to the Student Information System, Library System, etc.

#### How will BOLT cater to students' different learning needs especially for Benilde's Deaf students?

- Online modality presents endless possibilities for a personalized approach to pedagogy
- School of Deaf and Applied Studies (SDEAS) has its own "digital learning teachers" even before pandemic
- Provides interpreting insets in their classes
- Other programs share materials with SDEAS







## Thank you!

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