

## CAMPUS CONNECTIONS



### *Adjusting to Midwest winters*

Each year as the temperatures drop and the ground turns white with snow, students from tropical climates often have their first encounter with the fluffy white stuff! It's not uncommon to catch a group of new students tossing the flakes up in the air, making a snowman or trying out the infamous sledding hill at the front of campus. It's just another aspect of their education that they'll likely always remember from their time in Epworth.



### *A festival of culture and Mother Mary*

On November 19, Divine Word College held its annual holy Mass honoring Mary, the Queen of the Americas. The event was planned by the college's Association of Hispanic Americans. After Mass, attendees enjoyed a banquet with multicultural cuisine, like Mexican tamales and a traditional American turkey dinner. Celebrations like this allow students to reconnect with their own cultures, participate in the customs of their peers and share diverse traditions with the members of the DWC community.



### *Christmas carolers hit the town*

A group of DWC faculty, staff and students teamed up this December to spread Christmas cheer during the annual Epworth Country Christmas event. The carolers took their holiday tunes to Silker's (pictured here), the fire station, and the Pizza Factory. Many international students aren't familiar with traditional American carols, so this event is an opportunity for them to learn the songs while experiencing a taste of the holidays here in the US.



### *Ping Pong Tournament*

There are lots of ways for students at Divine Word College to get involved and stay active. Each year, one student is appointed as the sports coordinator. That person organizes a variety of recreational sports and activities to keep everyone engaged and fit. When it's too cold for outdoor sports like soccer, students move indoors for sports like volleyball, basketball and badminton. This year, the ping pong tournament drew quite the crowd as the competition heated up!