GREEN BOXES?

What are those green boxes on the wall in the dining room?

Over the summer a monitor was hung on the dining room wall. It is a good place for announcements, for menus, and for reminders of coming events.

The mural of Joseph Freinademetz, Arnold Janssen, an SSpS Sister, and an SVD Brother has been relocated to the second floor corridor outside the library. It was fashioned around the theme of old photographs of missionary service in foreign countries. The mural is fading now, just as that older understanding of mission is also fading away.

So, what about the boxes?

A new work of art is being created near Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Beatriz Maliszewski (who paints under her maiden name “Beatriz Ramos Rivera”) is creating a triptych for the space. The word derives from the Greek word, tripychɔs, meaning having three folds. In art history, triptychs have often been used for altarpieces. Generally, they tell a story, reading from left to right.

The shape of the work that Beatriz has in mind emphasizes two fundamental Christian mysteries: the Holy Trinity and the Cross.

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The new work will be installed in the dining room in just a few weeks. Beatriz has already completed the sketch and “underpainting”. That reveals the overall composition and the color schemes. Much of the inspiration for the work comes from our main chapel. If you want to find out more, go to Instagram and look for beatrizrrart.

I am excited and looking forward to seeing the finished work.

Bird’s Eye View

Frt. Nam Duy Nguyen SVD was flying his drone over the College last weekend. I asked him to take a photo of the courtyard. He did – the photo is stunning!

Be sure to spend some time in the gardens in the next couple of weeks. The evenings are warm and wonderful. Fall is coming soon and the trees will put on a colorful show, then winter comes behind. Take a moment now to enjoy the flowers.

God is so good and beautiful!
Sabbatical Applications due Wednesday, November 1, 2023

By way of reminder to all eligible faculty members, sabbatical leave applications for the 2024-2025 Academic Year are due to the VP for Academic Affairs no later than Wednesday, November 1, 2023. The policies and procedures governing faculty sabbatical leave are published in the DWC Policy Handbook. The application form may be found on the DWC website under Faculty & Staff Forms Application for Leave. A clear and meaningful sabbatical project proposal must accompany the application. Grant of sabbatical leave is contingent upon departmental staffing needs and is subject to approval by the VP for Academic Affairs and the College President.

- **Sabbatical Leave.** The purpose of the sabbatical leave is to provide faculty members a period of release from regular duties to pursue professional development activities such as writing of a monograph or articles, developing a new course, learning about developments in one’s area of teaching or research, conducting research, or other scholarly and creative activities. (DWC Policy Handbook 07.07.01)

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**Faculty Professional Development—The Chronicle of Higher Education**

The Chronicle of Higher Education is a great professional resource for all faculty and administrators to keep up-to-date with current issues and trends in U.S. higher education. Topics covered include those that are of keen interest to Divine Word College: accreditation, compliance, shared governance, assessment of student learning, program effectiveness, curriculum development, instructional methods, faculty evaluations, professional engagement, promotions, and so on. Familiarity with current U.S. higher education issues and trends allows for a more informed and contextualized approach in DWC’s academic endeavors and discussions. I encourage all instructional faculty and academic administrators to cultivate a healthy habit of regularly reading The Chronicle of Higher Education as part of one’s ongoing professional development commitment. This resource is readily available in the DWC Periodical Reading room on the second floor.

A thoughtful article by Beckie Supiano appears in the September 1, 2023 issue titled “The Missed Opportunity of Office Hours.” Here’s a quote, give it a read:

*Office hours, baked into just about every course, are probably the most universally available form of academic support. And they can be among the most powerful. They give students struggling with a concept a chance to receive help before getting left behind. And they allow professors and students to get to know each other, which can unlock all kinds of opportunities for students. (30)*

DWC requires that full-time faculty hold scheduled office hours from four to six hours weekly as part of their teaching responsibilities. As a full-time faculty member, am I available in my office during posted hours to assist students in need? How might I better encourage students and support their academic growth through office visits?
September is National Suicide Prevention Month

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

If you or someone you know needs help, free and confidential support is available 24 hours/day and 7 days/week. Resources are available at the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline website (www.988lifeline.org) or you may contact a mental health professional directly by calling, texting, or chatting using the three-digit 988 code active everywhere in the United States.

Assessment Bites from Dr. Yasmin Rioux

Definition of Curriculum Alignment: Curriculum and learning objectives are aligned or matched to ensure that students are provided appropriate learning opportunities in order to achieve the identified learning objectives or outcomes. For more interesting definitions, please check out: https://www.csun.edu/mike-curb-arts-media-communication/assessment-terms-and-definitions

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION
DEAN OF STUDENTS
Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD

Happy Labor Day

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Student Senate for their remarkable leadership in orchestrating a delightful Labor Day celebration filled with engaging activities. A big congratulations goes out to all the dedicated 5K runners and walkers who successfully completed the race. It’s worth noting that Sr. Paschaline Dzelimnyuy, SST, not only persevered but also completed the race safely after an unexpected twist. Kudos to everyone for their participation and enthusiasm!
Liturgy Preparation
As we approach the SVD Family Feast Day, all students are expected to attend the Liturgy Preparation on Thursday, September 7, at 1:00 PM in the main chapel. Your attendance is required, and your presence will contribute to the meaningful observance of this special day.

SVD Family Feast Day
Mark your calendars for Friday, September 8, as we commemorate the 148th anniversary of the founding of the Society of the Divine Word Missionaries (SVD). Our annual SVD Family Feast will follow on Saturday, September 9. This year, we come together as a community to honor Br. Larry Kieffer, SVD, who dedicated over 40 decades to serving in Papua New Guinea, and is now celebrating his 60th anniversary of religious vows.

The schedule for this memorable event is as follows:

8:30 A.M: Morning Prayer (Main Chapel)
9:30 A.M: Games and activities on the soccer field
4:00 P.M: Solemn Eucharist (Formal attire is required)
5:30 P.M: Banquet (Formal attire is required)

Presentation Of Formation Group Charter
On Sunday, September 10, each formation group and community will have the opportunity to present its formation charter to the community during Vespers. Kindly request the contact person for each formation group to come prepared. All members should dress appropriately for this special occasion. A copy of your group charter and a picture should be submitted to Fr. Long Phi no later than Monday, September 11.

Community Service & Federal Work-Study
A reminder to all students, community service plays a crucial role in our college formation and student life, assessing our aptitude for religious life and missionary service. Each student is required to do at least six hours per week to community service, which may include tasks such as dish washing. Please take a moment to complete the provided form, documenting your community service hours and tasks performed. Submit this form to your formation directors. You can access the community service log sheet on Populi through this link: https://www.dwci.edu/application/files/1616/0089/0925/Community_Service_-_Log_Sheet_-_Revised.pdf
Overcome the Difficulties of Learning a New Language

For many of you, learning English is your main focus now, especially for those who are still at the beginner level. Many factors can hinder you from learning. It is not only the fact that learning a new language is not easy for the brain, especially for adults. In addition, cultural differences affect your well-being. All require time, patience, humility, and perseverance.

Your stress level is increasing because you are experiencing a series of negative experiences such as the weather being so hot, the food is not the same as your food, people not understanding what you are talking about, and you feel so lonely because you are separated from your familiar environment: your friends and families. Everything is new to you. This increases your stress level and induces various psychological and physical reactions. Therefore, you will experience much anxiety regarding the homework, quizzes, presentations, and exams. You will have a bad headache after listening to your teacher for a few hours. At night, you cry a lot and cannot sleep. The more you study, the more you feel that you know nothing. You start to wonder if you are capable or good enough to study at DWC. You become hopeless and afraid of the future.

Ministry Commissioning

About 50 students will start their Ministry Practicum this week in various places in the west of Iowa. Last Sunday, they received the blessings in a sending-forth prayer by Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD. There are ten student sites for the ministries around Epworth, Cascade, Dubuque, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, and Moline. Some of these places are homes for the elderly, patients undergoing rehabilitation, and children and young adults with severe and profound mental and physical disabilities. Another site is a place that provides hospitality, education opportunities, and advocacy for new immigrants. There is a site where the students are involved with the Community Meal program. The College also works with three parishes where the students can participate in the CCD/RCIA class, teach the Vietnamese language, and join the Sunday Mass celebration.

Ministry Practicum is an important aspect of the College to train future missionaries to follow the example of Jesus, who came “not to be served, but to serve.” This is also the opportunity for students not only to apply what they have learned in the classes to practical things but also to grow spiritually and to find God in everyday life. Therefore, the students are encouraged to reflect on their experiences by group sharing and written reflection on one of the meaningful events in their ministries.

For students, the Ministry Practicum begins today, September 5, 2023. Early supper will be ready at 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. The Theological Reflection submission is open from September 19 until November 25, 2023. Please contact Sr. Aprilia Untarto, SSpS, for questions and clarifications.
Psychological and physical reactions will block your ability to learn and study better. Some of the recommendations that might help you to overcome your stress are:

1. **Relaxing.** Take time to relax and do what you like, such as listening to music, dancing, or walking.
2. **Journaling.** Write your frustrations in your mother tongue. At this point, you can’t express your feelings in English.
3. **Yoga.** This activity will help you to reach peace of mind and soul. It is a good way to release your stress.
4. **Sports.** Join your peers for volleyball, badminton, basketball, and even soccer every day in the gym.
5. **Arts & Crafts.** Mandala is one of the simplest and easiest ways to relax you. You can take some copies of mandalas, either in the Counselor’s office or the art room.
6. **Mindfulness practices** include Mindful Breathing, Walking Meditation, and Body Scan. Please visit the Counseling Center to get more information about these practices.
7. **Spiritual Direction.** Some Spiritual Directors are bi-lingual or even tri-lingual. Make use of this opportunity to share your feelings and frustration.
8. **Prayer.** This is a must for all of us, not only those experiencing difficulties in life.
9. **Meeting new friends.** Expand your friendships and invite yourself to talk to others. You will be surprised by how people can understand your English. This will develop your self-confidence.
10. **Visit your Counselor.** Even though your Counselor might not speak your language, you still can come and share your frustrations. Or you can sit on the Counselor’s office’s couch to relax before your class starts.

The Counseling Center is open five days a week, with appointments on weekends and holidays. Please reach out to us at auntarto@dwci.edu | Room 202 | Ext. 377 for more information.
Divine Word College Presidential Scholarship

Divine Word College first awarded the Presidential Scholarship in 1979. This scholarship is a recognition of and an honor for students who show promise of superior academic achievement.

The Presidential Scholarship includes an annual award of up to $3,000 renewable each year the recipient continues to meet the established guidelines. The award may result in a further discount of tuition. A maximum of two students may receive this scholarship in a single year.

Criteria for Selection: Students in the Undergraduate Program at Divine Word College are eligible to apply for the Presidential Scholarship provided they meet the following criteria:

- Applicants entering from high school must have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above.
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- Applicants who have completed secondary school or college/university studies abroad must have an acceptable equivalent cumulative GPA.
- Students in the undergraduate program may apply at any time during their studies at Divine Word College provided they have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

If you believe you qualify for the DWC Presidential Scholarship, please complete the application form by September 15, 2023, which you can obtain from Carolyn Waechter, Len Uhal, or Patti McDermott in the Admissions Office.

Knights of Columbus Scholarships available for SVD Candidates

From time to time, different Knights of Columbus Councils offer $500 scholarships to SVD candidates studying at Divine Word College. These scholarships are available to both domestic and international SVD candidates. If you want to be considered this academic year for one of these scholarships when they become available, please contact Len Uhal, Carolyn Waechter or Patti McDermott in the Admissions Office for a copy of the application. All SVD candidates who complete applications now at the beginning of this academic year will be considered for KC scholarships when they become available later in the year. You can also find a copy of the application at the end of today’s The Log. WE RECOMMEND ALL SVD CANDIDATES COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION! Please do so by Friday, September 22. Thank you.
**Cost of doors covered by grant**

Divine Word College is working to replace most of the metal exterior doors. Most of the doors have rust and metal fatigue due to their age. The doors do not seal properly, letting in the elements and unwanted critters. To help with the cost of replacing exterior doors, the college applied for and will receive, a $10,000 grant from the Molony Foundation. The Molony Foundation is located in nearby Bernard, Iowa and is dedicated to supporting local organizations and individuals who reflect the values of the founders. The Molony Foundation, was founded in 2015 by Kay, Donnie, and Jimmy Molony with the mission of supporting local non profits, supplying educational scholarships and helping those less fortunate. The college is grateful to the Molony Foundation for their generous support. Many thanks to Mark Singsank and Randy Accola for their excellent work on this grant application.

**KnowBe4 Training continues**

KnowBe4 training will continue this fall. All employees are required to complete the KnowBe4 online classes. You will receive an email from KnowBe4 and use the same password as before. This is training helps employees identify and stop phishing and spam attacks. The training cycles are September, January, April. Thank you for keeping our cyberspace safe!

**JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION COUNCIL**

**Dubuque’s Festival celebrating the United Nations International Day of Peace:**

At the front entrance, you will find some pamphlets and flyers that describe the many activities around the International Day of Peace, which takes place on September 21. The major event will be a keynote address by Dr. Peter Coleman. He will address the theme: “the way out: how to overcome toxic polarization.” His talk will take place at the Alumni Campus Center at Loras College on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 7:00-8:30. I hope many of you can attend this important and informative event.
Upcoming Events

**Campus Read Fall 2023**

This semester Divine Word College is beginning a Campus Read program, wherein a college selects a book to read as a school community. Everyone on campus including staff, faculty, students, and SVDs are invited to join!

For Fall 2023 the Campus Read Committee chose John Steinbeck’s classic story Of Mice and Men. The library will provide three different ways to read the book: print, eBook, and audio-book.* Books will be provided free of charge. There will be 3 group discussions over the lunch hour and a movie night in the Pour House on a Friday evening in November. The Campus Read starts in mid-September and goes through the mid-November.

Please let the committee know if you would like to participate and how you would like to read the book. **Take the survey today! Campus Read Participation Survey.**

*The print/ebook is only 107 pages total and the audiobook is 4 hours long.

**Epworth Library Visit**

**DWC Students:** Through a new joint partnership, DWC students are automatically signed up for a library card at the Dubuque County Library.* What does that mean? More access to information and resources!

- More eBooks and audiobooks from Overdrive/Libby app
- **Magazines on Overdrive/Libby app**
- More movies to stream on the Kanopy app
- **Language learning through the Mango app**
- Board Games, puzzles, Chromebook laptops, and more to checkout at the Epworth Branch!
- **Learn more here:** DWC + DCLD for Students

Mark your calendars: To learn more about this new partnership, come to the Epworth Library Branch on September 30th at 12:30 PM!

**Event Information:**
- **Date:** Saturday, September 30th
- **Location:** Epworth Library, 110 Bierman Road
- **Time:** 12:10 – Meet in the Cafeteria
  - 12:15 -- Walk as a group to Epworth Library (about .6 mile walk). If you don’t want to walk or need to take a vehicle, meet at the Epworth library at 12:30.
  - 12:30-1:30 --Tour the Epworth Library Branch and bring back some books, games, and more!

* You may opt out having a Dubuque County Library Card at any time. Please contact the Library Director by email.
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Preference is given to Presidential Scholarship applicants who show:

- Evident commitment to self-improvement through education.
- Evident ability to promote the values of a Christian intercultural community.
- Evident concern for the needs of the poor and marginalized.
- Evident leadership ability within Church-related activities and organizations.
- Evident ability to benefit from financial assistance.

Continuation Awards:

Once a student becomes a Presidential Scholarship recipient, continuation awards of $3,000 per year through graduation from Divine Word College are contingent upon the recipient maintaining satisfactory academic progress and remaining a student in good standing. A student falling below the minimum Divine Word College GPA will be given a grace period of one semester to bring their cumulative GPA back to the minimum, without forfeiture of the scholarship. A student placed on formation probation for disciplinary reasons may forfeit the Presidential Scholarship; depending on the decision of the Dean of Students and President.
Divine Word College Presidential Scholarship Application

PART I: Identification Information

Applicant’s Legal Name: ________________________________________________________

Email Address: _______________________________________________________________

PART II: Personal Statement

Attach a brief personal statement outlining your qualifications to be considered for a Presidential Scholarship at Divine Word College. You may want to respond to some of the following points.

• Commitment to self-improvement through education.
• Ability to promote the values of a Christian, intercultural community.
• Leadership ability within Church-related activities and organizations
• Ability to benefit from financial assistance.

Part III: Submittal and Certification

Submit this completed application form to the Financial Aid Coordinator, Divine Word College.

I certify that the information provided on this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge; and I hereby authorize the Office of the Registrar and the Financial Aid Office to release information concerning my grades and other assistance I may be receiving to those persons authorized to consider my application and renewal for a Presidential Scholarship.

________________________________________   ____________________________
Signature of Applicant                Date

For office use only:

High School GPA: _______________________
Previous College GPA: ___________________
IELI GPA: _____________________________
DWC Undergrad GPA: ___________________
Knights of Columbus Scholarship Application

From time to time, different Knights of Columbus Councils around the country offer financial scholarships to SVD Candidates at Divine Word College. All SVD Candidates are eligible to apply for the scholarships and the funds go directly to the student from the KC Council and do not alter Divine Word College scholarships already in place.

To apply for a KC Scholarship, please provide the following information and you will be informed if you have been chosen to receive a KC Scholarship when the funds are available.

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(If you need additional space, please use additional sheets of paper to explain your answers).
JOIN THE
CAMPUS READ

Read or Listen to “Of Mice and Men” with fellow staff, students, faculty and SVDs

Let us know if you would like a copy of the book!
Please take the survey below by 9/8

Campus Read Participation Survey
Fall 2023

Everyone on campus is invited to participate!

Sponsored by the Campus READ Committee and the Matthew Jacoby Library