

THE LOG

Divine Word College

February 6
2024

A Bulletin for the Divine Word College Community

Vol. 43 No. 18

In This Issue:

2025 Accreditation Visit	2
Lunar New Year Livestream	4
Counselor's Corner	5
Library News	7
Lunar New Year Invite addendum	
Super Bowl Party Info addendum	

Birthday Corner

February

9 Fr. Fanuel Jean

THE PRESIDENT *Fr. Tom Ascherman, SVD*

Year of the Dragon

Dragons will be taking center stage during our lunar New Year celebrations this week. Did you know that there is a dragon in one of the stained glass windows of the main chapel? *What do you think it could mean?*

In most *western cultures* dragons represent evil, frightening power, destruction and chaos. The word dragon comes from Greek drakon meaning serpent. Westerners easily associate a dragon with the serpent in the Garden of Eden. There is also the legend that St. George killed a dragon that was holding a village hostage!

Some time ago, I asked Fr. Thang about the dragon in our window. I wanted to know what it means for him. First he noted that the dragon is a positive symbol for *East Asian peoples* from Vietnam, China, Korea and Japan. Second, he talked about the origin story of Vietnam, the Children of the Dragon and the Fairy. The dragon and the fairy had one hundred sons, half of whom went to the mountain homeland of the Fairy, and half went to the seacoast homeland of the dragon. Third, Fr. Thang mentioned the wings of the dragon. A dragon can go anywhere: it can swim in the sea like a fish, crawl on the land like a serpent, and fly through the sky like a bird.

I immediately thought about the indigenous religions of *Mexico and Central America*.



There, a dragon-like creature is also at the center of ancient religious thought. Quetzalcoatl is a feathered serpent who represents creation and renewal. The feathers and the serpent body symbolize the union of earth and sky.

Where do dragons live? It seems they live mostly in our imaginations; we tell stories to express half-formed ideas and feelings that emerge from our unconscious. Dragons inhabit many different origin stories of human beings. In the *biblical story of the first sin* in the book of Genesis, a serpent takes center stage. It tells Eve that she can be like God if she eats the forbidden fruit. Like in other cultures, a dragon guards and dispenses hidden and dangerous knowledge.

Remarkably, most drawings of dragons in both the East and West include wings, feet and a serpentine body! But no one has seen these fanciful creatures! The two *biblical stories of the creation* of humans do not include a dragon, but the same dynamics are there. The human is fashioned out of the dust of the ground and then God breathes life into the creature. I play with the images in my mind and envision humans as creatures like the serpents who crawl on the earth. Then we are given a divine breath of life, being made in God's image and likeness. Are we children of dragons? Though mortal earthly beings, can we also fly in the realm of divine immortality?

Lent is nearly upon us, and then the great Easter season. I will be mulling over a couple of ideas that I happened across in recent months. In the beginning, the human, the first Adam, breathed in the life of God. In the resurrection, the human Christ, the second Adam, breathed out the Spirit of God on all humanity.

If Jesus were to be associated with any of the twelve animals of the Asian zodiac, *I think Jesus would be a dragon!*

HLC Accreditation Visit 2025

A team from the Higher Learning Commission will be visiting Divine Word College in September 2025 for our regular 10-year Comprehensive Evaluation Visit.

Preparations for the visit include the formulation of an extensive **Assurance Argument** documenting the efforts of the College to fulfill our Mission Statement and adhere to external professional standards for reaffirmation of accreditation. A steering committee has been appointed to guide the preparations. They are:

- Dr. John A Szukalski - College VP & VP for Academic Affairs (Chair)
- Dr. Mathew Kanjirathinkal - HLC Accreditation Liaison Officer
- Dr. Yasmin Rioux - Director for Institutional Effectiveness

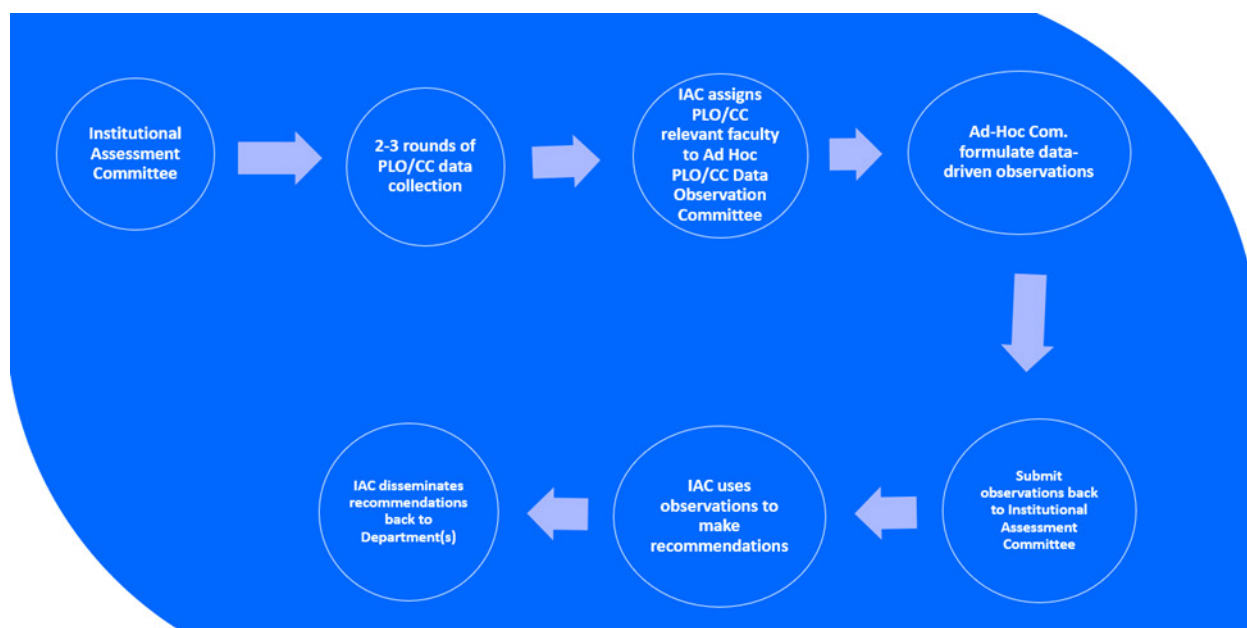
The efforts of many faculty and staff members will be needed to complete a full review of the College and to craft the necessary documentation of their findings. I highly encourage you to be very generous in your collaboration to prepare the upcoming HLC visit.



Assessment Bites

from Dr. Yasmin Rioux

In order to make data-based recommendations more reliable and reflective of more than just one round of data collection, a new recommendation collection procedure has been drafted for consideration. The chart below shows what was addressed during Faculty Senate on January 30.



Following two to three rounds of data collection for any given Program Learning Outcome or Core Competency, the Institutional Assessment Committee will assign an Ad-Hoc Committee that will be comprised of faculty members whose areas of expertise are relevant to the given PLO or CC. These Ad-Hoc Committee members will meet to collaboratively make data-driven and data-based observations for each assessed PLO/CC. These observations will then be returned to the IAC whose members will use the observations to make formal recommendations.

The recommendations are then sent back to DIS/DTP departments for discussion and implementation of data-driven changes.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD

Lunar New Year Celebration

Lunar New Year is coming and preparations are in full swing! Once again, I want to remind you that we will celebrate the Lunar New Year this Saturday, February 10, 2024. This event is organized by the Vietnamese Student Association, in collaboration with AAHA and ACSA. The celebration will begin at 3:00 pm with a Thanksgiving Mass in the main chapel, followed by a banquet, games, and entertainment in the gymnasium. Please attend this celebration dressed in formal or traditional attire.

Liturgy Preparation

In preparation for the Lunar New Year, a Liturgy Preparation is scheduled for this Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 1:00 PM in the main chapel to go over the songs that the community will sing during the celebration. All students are required to attend this liturgy preparation.

Special Dinner

On Friday, February 9, 2024, we will serve Pho for dinner at its usual time of 5:30 PM. Mr. Tommy Pham, a Divine Word College alumnus, a good friend, benefactor, and the owner of Pho Tam in Chicago, IL has graciously sponsored this special dinner (Vietnamese Pho) for the DWC community. We extend our gratitude to Pho Tam for their sponsorship.

Super Bowl LVIII

A reminder that the Student Senate will host and organize a Super Bowl LVIII party this Sunday, February 11, 2024, down at the Pour House. We are down to two finals teams competing for the Super Bowl Championship for this year, the San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs. The game starts at 5:30 PM. Please note, dinner will not be served in the dining room this Sunday. Instead, the Student Senate will provide food, snacks, and drinks for everyone to enjoy.

Also, starting this Wednesday, February 7, 2024, the Student Senate will begin selling Super Bowl Squares. I want to make a correction from last week's LOG that each square cost \$2.00. Buy a square or two with the hope of winning big prizes.

Volleyball Tournament: DWC Students vs DWC Staff and Employees

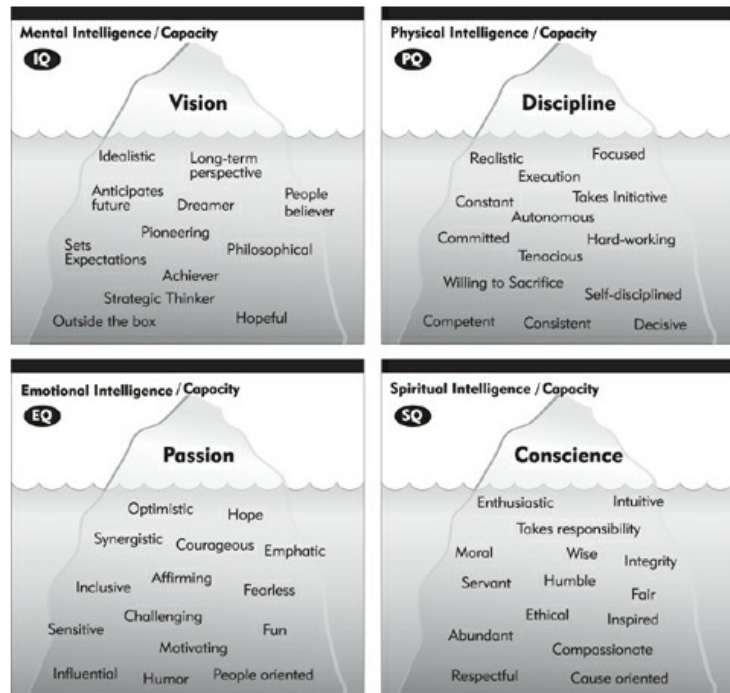
The volleyball tournament will continue over the next few weeks. This Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 5:00PM in the gym, we will have an important volleyball match between the DWC Students and DWC Staff and Employees for bragging rights. All team members are required to be there on time to play. Please come to support your favorite team.



Native Human Capacities in a Great Leader

(Source *The 8th Habit from Effectiveness to Greatness* by Stephen R. Covey)

We have read about famous people who have made a difference in the world with their leadership skills. Of course, we have also read about some people who have poor leadership skills and have made bad choices that have affected others in many ways. According to Stephen R. Covey in his book “The 8th Habit from Effectiveness to Greatness” (Covey, 2004), all leaders, whether they have been the most influential on others, made the most significant accomplishments in what they do, or have just moved things along, have a pattern. Through their persistence, perseverance, and inner struggle, these leaders successfully expanded their four native human capacities. Covey (2004, p.65) stated that these capacities are *vision, discipline, passion, and conscience*.



Vision is the ability to visualize what is possible for individuals, groups, and projects. Vision results when our mind joins need with possibility. A leader must have a vision to foster the growth of their creative faculties and avoid falling into the human tendency toward victimization.

Discipline is paying the price to bring that vision into reality. It involves facing life's harsh, practical, and hard facts and going above and beyond to get things done. When dedication and vision come together, discipline results. Indulgence, or abandoning the most important things in life for the excitement or pleasure of the present, is the antithesis of discipline and the commitment that motivates sacrifice.

Passion is what keeps the discipline to realize the goal alive—it is the fire, the desire, the power of conviction, and the drive. Passion emerges when the talents and the needs collide. A leader without passion that flows from finding and using their inner voice to reach goals will become an insecure leader who fills the hole with meaningless chatter of a thousand voices to accomplish great goals. Compassion is a component of passion in both interpersonal and professional settings.

Conscience is the inner moral sense of what is right and wrong, as well as the drive for meaning and contribution. It serves as the driving force behind vision, discipline, and passion. It is a sharp contrast to an ego-dominated life.

These four words—*vision, discipline, passion, and conscience*—sum up various other qualities associated with



by
Sr. Aprilia
Untarto, SSps

individuals whose traits we associate with people with significance influence, whether or not they are well-known.

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 220 | Ext. 377 for more information.

The best leaders operate in four dimensions: vision, reality, ethics, and courage. These are the four intelligences, the four forms of perceiving, the languages for communicating that are required to achieve meaningful, sustained results. The visionary leader thinks big, thinks new, thinks ahead—and most important, is in touch with the deep structure of human consciousness and creative potential. You must gain control over the patterns that govern your mind: your world view, your beliefs about what you deserve and about what's possible. That's the zone of fundamental change, strength, and energy—and the true meaning of courage.
PETER KOESTENBAUM, MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHER (Covey, 2004)



VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

Mr. Steve Winger

New exterior doors are being installed this week. The Maintenance Department identified four doors to replace immediately. Later this year we will replace an additional nine doors. The doors will provide better security and protection from the elements.



JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION COUNCIL

In honor of Black History Month, I would like to direct you to the website for the National Black Catholic Congress. There is a section on “Noteworthy Black Catholics” that is especially worth reading. To find out more information, please visit: <https://nbccongress.org/noteworthy-black-catholics/>.





Matthew Jacoby Library



opac.dwci.edu

What's in the Periodicals Room?

The Periodicals Room has approximately 200 print periodicals. Periodicals are magazines, newspapers, and journals that are published on a regular (or periodic) basis. You may have also heard of "Serials." Serials are any periodicals, books, yearbooks, or indexes that are issued in a series. All periodicals are serials, but not all serials are periodicals. For instance, a book series is not a periodical since it is not a magazine, newspaper, or journal. To learn more about the differences between magazines, newspapers, and journals, go to the library's [catalog home page](#).

Did you know that you search the library's catalog by item type? By searching only by item type (typing nothing in the search box), you can view a list of all the selected items. Go to [opac.dwci.edu](#) > click Advanced Search" > click the box next to the item type you'd like to view.

[HOME](#) > [ADVANCED SEARCH](#)

Advanced search

Search for:

	Keyword Search		<input type="text"/>	+ -
and		Keyword	<input type="text"/>	+ -
and		Keyword	<input type="text"/>	+ -

[Search](#) [Fewer options](#) [New search](#)

[Item type](#) [Shelving location](#)

Limit to any of the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> Aging Books (Pre-1930)	<input type="checkbox"/> Atlases
<input type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Course Reserves
<input type="checkbox"/> Databases	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Courses
<input type="checkbox"/> Movies	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers
<input type="checkbox"/> Periodicals	<input type="checkbox"/> Portable DVD Players
<input type="checkbox"/> Print Academic Journals	<input type="checkbox"/> Print Magazines
<input type="checkbox"/> Reference Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Theses and Dissertations

Here is a list of the newspapers and academic journals in the Periodicals Room:

Newspapers (9)

- New York Times (Also have online access)
- Chicago Tribune
- Our Sunday visitor
- National Catholic register.
- National Catholic reporter.
- Catholic Standard
- Chronicle of Higher Education
- Telegraph Herald (Also have online access)
- L'Osservatore romano

Academic Journals (21)

- Anthropos (Also have online access)
- Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association
- American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly
- Ethnomusicology (Also have online access)
- Ethics (Also have online access)
- The Japan mission journal
- Journal of anthropological research (Also have online access)
- Journal of Catholic higher education
- Journal of interdisciplinary studies
- Journal of the history of ideas
- Language learning
- New Testament Abstracts
- Old Testament abstracts
- Philosophical Review (Also have online access)
- Religious studies.
- Religion and Social Communication (Also have online access)
- Res philosophica
- The review of metaphysics
- Teaching philosophy
- Theological studies
- The Iowa Review (Also have online access)

Don't forget, the library has online periodicals too!

Online Periodicals <https://opac.dwci.edu>

- **JSTOR:** academic journals
- **EBSCO:** academic journals and newspapers
- **Overdrive/Libby (through Dubuque County Library):** magazines



Divine Word Seminary



Vietnamese Students' Association

Lunar New Year Invitation

Once again, according to the operation of time, the atmosphere of the Lunar New Year has flooded all parts of Vietnam and China. Tet is a time to return, to reunite and gather. Along with the joy of Tet coming, on behalf of the VSA Cabinet, we cordially invite the SVD community, faculties, staff, and students to join us in this festive celebration.

On Saturday, February 10, 2024

Eucharist: 3:00 pm in the Main Chapel.

Banquet with yummy dishes follows after Eucharist.

Since Tết is a new day of Spring and the rebirth of the spirit of light, color, and joy, we would like to ask everyone (if possible to wear your traditional costumes).

We look forward to your presence at the Lunar New Year celebration.

With best regards,

Quoc Le - President of the VSA

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY



The Student Senate will host a Super Bowl square grid betting pool
We will sell \$2 per slot
and it will be at Lunch on Wednesday, Feb 7, 2024

The prize for the winners will be:
\$20 for the first round
\$30 for the second round
\$40 for the third round
and \$60 for the final round.

Location and time:
Pour House, starting at 5:00 pm, Sunday, Feb 11, 2024.
The Student Senate will provide food and drinks.