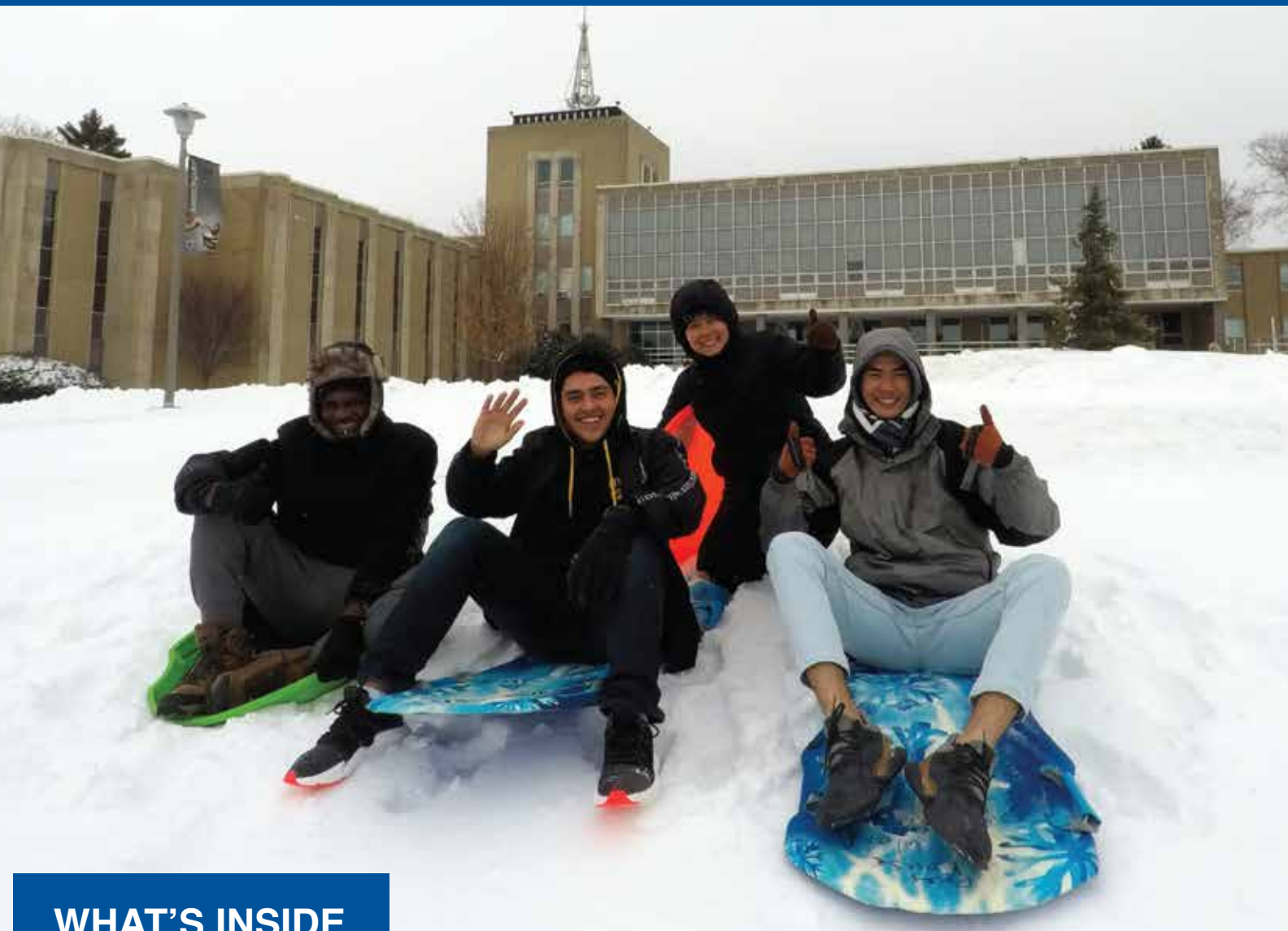


the **DWC** *World*

Educating Tomorrow's Missionaries



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A slippery slope . . .

DWC students Fr. Pedro Saveia, SVD, Omar Gonzalez, Sr. Thanh Nguyen, LHC, Vuong Minh Vu and Fr. Tin Vu, SVD, who appears in the online video, braved the cold and wind on a snowy January day to try their hands at sledding down the infamous hill at the front of the DWC campus. For many students, the harsh Midwest winters are just one more thing they need to adjust to as they settle into a new culture here. It's not uncommon for students who are from warmer climates to wear their winter coats inside the building for most of the day as they do their best to adapt to the colder temperatures.

The big question is, when several inches of powder accumulates, who will be brave enough to head out in it and who will watch from their window with a cup of hot cocoa in hand?



Go to www.dwci.edu/snow to see a video of the sledding fun!

Don't Just Party.

CELEBRATE!

There are plenty of parties at Divine Word College; after all, this is a COLLEGE! Sometimes I wonder, are there more parties or more classes here? A party is a great way to relax, to blow off steam and to have fun. A party can also help celebrate something. A birthday party for a five-year-old can be fun, but it's even more important for that child to be remembered, to be the center of attention, to be celebrated. DWC is a missionary college, so our parties often celebrate our missionary purpose.

Many times in the gospels, Jesus is at a party: the wedding feast at Cana, in Matthew's house after he was called to be a disciple, at the Last Supper, at the seashore after his resurrection and many more. Jesus knew how to celebrate the kingdom of God when he was at a party and we need to learn from him.

Party pictures fill the pages of this newsletter. Look closely; our parties exult in our diversity and our shared dedication to Jesus' mission. We may be having a good time but we are also celebrating God's Kingdom that is just over the horizon. Look even more closely and you may catch a glimpse of Jesus smiling there among us.

Fr. Tom



Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD

Getting Acquainted

DWC counselor provides guidance for students

Most college students experience a period of adjustment while they acclimate to new routines, environments and academic standards.

The same is true for DWC students but for many, they're also adapting to a new culture, discerning a call to vowed religious life or both.

DWC College Counselor Megan Sutton works with students to help them develop healthy strategies for dealing with all of the change.

"I'm here for them, to help them manage these things so they can be successful in their college careers," she said.

Cultural differences can be challenging for international students to navigate. Megan said students from some countries are uncomfortable acting in a manner that Americans consider assertive. She works to reassure them that approaching authority figures, like instructors, is not only acceptable but seen as favorable in the U.S. educational system.

She also helps students cope with homesickness, learn to ask for emotional support and identify their own strengths.

In some ways, Megan said DWC students are more equipped to cope with serious issues, such as depression, than many other college students.

"They have that faith base, so they draw on that and it brings them closer together and helps them in the transition process," she said.

In addition to counseling services, DWC offers students a whole network of support, including spiritual advisors, formators, formation groups and instructors.



Megan Sutton, DWC College Counselor



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DWC EVENTS

A Message from **Fr. Thang**



Fr. Thang Hoang, SVD
Director - Divine Word
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To find out more about
these events,
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Missionary Companions on the Journey

"Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together." -Woodrow T. Wilson
Indeed, friendship is what makes life rich and beautiful. Throughout our life journey, we have each been blessed with so many different kinds of friendships and each one enriches us in various ways. We are to give thanks to God by appreciating our friends and working together for the betterment of the world and for the kingdom of God.

To provide an opportunity for us all to renew our existing friendships and create new ones, the Divine Word Alumni Association would like to invite all students, staff, faculty and SVD religious members to the **All-Alumni Divine Word Reunion** at Divine Word College in Epworth Sept. 4-6, 2020. This gathering only takes place once every five years and it's a chance to celebrate Family Feast with all the SVDs and students!

Please also mark your calendars for these events:

May 24	The Rev. William Shea, SVD Scholarship Gathering at Techny Towers
June 26 & 27	The Annual East Troy Alumni Gathering
July 17 & 18	The Annual Divine Word Companions Gathering in Orange County, Calif.
Nov. 2—14	The SVD Heritage Tour that takes us to many SVD historical locations in Europe

We are really looking forward to having you join us at these events.

May our missionary friendships continue to hold one another up, so that we can be God's sacraments of love for the world.

New scholarship honors **Fr. Bill Shea, SVD**

Generations of SVD seminarians have looked to Fr. Bill Shea, SVD for spiritual guidance and academic instruction.

With a familiar face, warm smile and quick wit, he has won the hearts and admiration of many. To honor his legacy of 60 years as a devoted educator and missionary, Divine Word College has established an endowed scholarship fund in his name. The annual interest from the fund will be used to financially support Divine Word College students in need of assistance for their undergraduate, cross-cultural or language studies.

The goal is to raise \$100,000 in 18 months to fund The Rev. William Shea, SVD Scholarship.



A gathering will be held at Techny Towers in Techny, Ill., on May 24th, 2020 to celebrate this beloved man.

The scholarship is made possible through the generosity and support of long-time benefactors and friends of DWC, like you!

Join Us

The Rev. William Shea, SVD Scholarship Gathering

Sunday, May 24, 2020
Techny Towers
2001 Waukegan Road
Techny, Ill.

To contribute to the
The Rev. William Shea, SVD
Scholarship, go to
www.dwci.edu/sheascholarship

Language legacy

DWC lab to be dedicated to benefactors

FOR **MARGO DUFFY**, TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) WAS ABOUT MUCH MORE THAN PREPOSITIONS AND VERB PLACEMENT.

THE WISCONSIN WOMAN DEDICATED MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF HER LIFE TO **HELPING STUDENTS** CREATE A FOUNDATION FOR NEW BEGINNINGS THROUGH LANGUAGE LEARNING.



This May, DWC will dedicate the ESL language lab to Margo and her husband, Jim Duffy.

While Margo didn't ever teach at Divine Word College, Jim serves on the school's Board of Trustees and has given generously to the college's Intensive English Language Institute to honor Margo's memory since her passing in October 2014. His gifts have helped cover the cost of classroom technology like laptops, printers, headphones and voice recorders, as well as textbooks, ESL field trips, membership fees for EnglishUSA, ESL software and more.

"Teaching ESL gave her so much personal reward that my making donations to the IELI program at DWC is the best way to honor her successes and memory," Jim said.

For the first seven years of her career, Margo taught second grade. Then in 1972, when the couple's oldest daughter was just an infant, she took a part-time job teaching adult basic education. After the Vietnamese exodus in the fall of 1975, the first refugees started coming to Green Bay, Wis. and those night classes evolved into ESL offerings.

Jim also started working with refugees in 1975, serving as an employment/career counselor for the Wisconsin Job Service. He trained refugee camp host country nationals and ex-patriot staff about employment requirements and assimilation to the workplace in the United States. He was later involved in train-the-trainer workshops across the country. Jim continued to work with refugees in a number of capacities through the years, often times crossing career paths with Margo along the way.

In time, the couple's work with refugees and other ESL students became a full-fledged family affair. Their daughters, Shannon and Erin, tagged along to cultural events in their childhood, attended work activities and even gave up their bedrooms when the family took in two minor Vietnamese refugee boys who briefly lived with them. "They both are richer for this exposure," Jim said of his daughters.

Margo helped some of her students prepare for citizenship tests and even taught at industrial sites to provide hands-on workplace language classes. She taught at a number of schools in Wisconsin before retiring in 2008 from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.



During her career, Jim said Margo worked with students of all ages, who came from a variety of cultural backgrounds and who spoke 17 different native languages. Margo established herself as an authority in the ESL field, presenting at conferences across the state, but nothing delighted her more than watching her students flourish.

"Her creativity and artistic soul was evident in all of her teachings," Jim said.

"Teaching was one of the greatest joys of her life and she devoted over 37 years to this passion."

IELI faculty and students are thankful for the contributions, which have helped the program thrive beyond its regular expected growth, according to IELI Director Dr. Seo Hyun Park.

"Part of the fund is used for instructors to pilot new computer-assisted language learning tools, incorporate them into the curriculum, present their findings at regional and national conferences, provide students with appropriate electronic devices to use those tools in and out of class, and maximize learning opportunities," she said. "Thanks to this gift, students are exposed to digital literacy training, which is a key to language learning in the 21st century not only while at DWC but even after they leave and as they continue their lifelong learning."

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Jim Duffy

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS



Congratulations, Terry and Paula!

On Jan. 1, long-time DWC supporters, former Board of Trustees members and past Donaghey Award recipients Terry and Paula Friedman were named the Telegraph Herald's First Citizens.

This annual honor is given by Dubuque's daily newspaper to recognize area leaders who are committed to improving the community. Through the years, the Friedmans have been involved with Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dubuque, Steeple Square, Church of the Resurrection, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Stonehill Franciscan Services and Opening Doors.



Did you notice that the DWC World Newsletter has had a little work done?

We've redesigned it to give the publication a fresh, updated look that still brings you all the latest information you want to know about Divine Word College!

This marks the fourth adaptation of the newsletter, which debuted new designs in 1978, 1999 and 2011.

The 1978 layout featured one color each edition that coordinated with the season. The 1999 version exclusively used shades of blue and black and the 2011 design launched the newsletter into full color.

Coming up this summer, keep an eye out for the first edition of the DWC World Magazine. The longer format will be packed with photos and stories from DWC's campus and SVD missions at home and around the world!

Let us know what you think!
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Ugandan Sisters have style

Two members of the Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu congregation in Uganda joined the DWC undergraduate program in January. Only two other DWC students have hailed from Uganda in the past 30 years.

Srs. Scovia O. Apiyo and Hilda Alonyo spent five years together in formation before professing vows. When the friends learned they'd be traveling to Iowa to further their educations, they wanted a way to represent their culture during special school events.

Sr. Hilda received fabrics as gifts for her vow ceremony so she used them and bought additional materials to have several matching garments made for herself and Sr. Scovia.



2020 March for Life

DWC students Sr. Liem Nguyen, IHM and Sr. Tram Tran, IHM traveled to Washington D.C. in January to attend the 2020 March for Life and advocate for pro-life legislation.

Each year, tens of thousands of people from across the

country gather on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill to fight for the rights of unborn children and oppose abortion.

The March for Life is the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world.



Thank God it's Friday!



*Friday Onoja,
DWC Student Senate
President*

Last year, Friday Onoja wasn't even sure he wanted to run for Student Senate President when friends urged him to give it a try.

Despite his early concerns that it could be too much responsibility in his junior year, Friday ran for president and won the election. Now he's seizing the opportunity to learn valuable skills outside of the classroom.

"You have to know how to relate to people, be organized, coordinate

people and coordinate yourself when you have responsibilities," he said.

"So for me, it's a starting point for leadership." This year, Friday and the other Student Senate members are working to promote unity and support among students.

The group started a program aimed at encouraging nonnative English speakers to practice the new language regularly. Each month, students vote for two classmates who demonstrate an effort to speak English, both in public and in private. Then, Friday announces the winners and doles out cherished prizes, like permission to cut to the front of the lunch line.

Like most Nigerian children, Friday started learning English in nursery school so he speaks it fluently. Still, he recognizes how vulnerable ESL students must often feel when speaking in front of Americans.

At this year's Lunar New Year celebration, Friday decided to lead by example when he stepped outside his comfort zone and sang a song in Vietnamese for a packed crowd. He is a president who isn't afraid to lead by example.

"One important thing I learned is when you get here, you need to try to put your own culture a little bit behind you and embrace other people's cultures," he said.

Sr. Helen Huewe receives 2019 Matthew 25 Award

The Matthew 25 Award was established at DWC in 2001 to honor those in or connected to the area, who **minister in the spirit of the Gospel message** put forth in Matthew 25:35-36:

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.”

On Nov. 20, the Divine Word College community gathered to celebrate a lifetime of service to the poor by honoring Sr. Helen Huewe, OSF as the 2019 recipient of the Matthew 25 Award.

Sadly, less than two months later, this dedicated and faithful servant died at the age of 84.

Sr. Helen spent much of her life working in healthcare. Most recently, her passion project was working with a community in Dubuque who have immigrated from the Marshall Islands in the Pacific Ocean. She was also involved with Crescent Community Health Center’s



Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD presenting the Matthew 25 Award to Sr. Helen Huewe, OSF

Pacific Islander Health Project, which provides assistance to the Marshallese people regarding their extensive health needs.

On the night of the Matthew 25 Award banquet, Sr. Helen’s acceptance speech was not about her accomplishments or her future goals. She took that opportunity, as she often did, to share the story of her new friends from the Marshall Islands. She wanted to enlighten the public about their struggles and encourage everyone to reach out and help in their own way.

“Everybody has to do their little bit.” she said. “You can’t do it all, so you do what you can.”

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES HERITAGE TOUR

Join your host, Divine Word Alumni Director Fr. Thang Hoang, SVD on this amazing tour!

November 2-14, 2020

\$3679 per person from New York

Travel to places of great significance to the SVD including:

- The home of SVD Founder St. Arnold Janssen in Goch, Germany
- Steyl, the birthplace of the SVD
- The home of Divine Word Missionary pioneer St. Joseph Freinademetz, SVD in Oies, Italy

Additional destinations include Amsterdam, Rhine Valley, Bavaria, Venice, Rome and Florence

Tour highlights include:

- Accommodations at first class/select hotels
- Professional English-speaking tour guide
- Transfers to and from airports by private motor coach
- Most meals included

For more information go to: www.dwci.edu/heritagetour or contact Associate Development Director Mark Singsank at 563-876-0097 or singsank@dwci.edu