



The world comes together at DWC

The 101 students enrolled at Divine Word College this fall come from 19 countries across the world. The intercultural experience they gain during their time here is perhaps the most valuable lesson our students can learn without even entering a classroom. They spend their days living, studying, eating and praying with people from a variety of cultures. They learn to collaborate, cooperate and communicate with people who see the world through a different lens.

For the SVD candidates who are discerning a call to religious life, this is a taste of what their lives may look like as missionaries for the Society of the Divine Word. It helps inform their decision about their vocation while developing intercultural skills at an early stage.

DWC STUDENT CITIZENSHIP	
Cameroon - 3	Myanmar - 7
China - 4	Mexico - 2
Columbia - 1	Nigeria - 4
Democratic Republic of Congo - 1	Pakistan - 1
Ghana - 2	Paraguay - 1
Haiti - 10	Rwanda - 1
Hungary - 1	Togo - 1
Indonesia - 4	Uganda - 3
Kenya - 2	USA - 5
	Vietnam - 48



This year, one cultural group at Divine Word College jumped in numbers! The college gained five new students from Myanmar, formerly known as Burma. That brings the total number of students from Myanmar to seven. They include two SVD candidates, one SSpS discerner who is living in community with the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters and four lay students who are learning English. Myanmar has been in a humanitarian and human rights crisis for several years. According to the United Nations, 1.5 million people have been internally displaced. With more than a third of the country’s overall population reportedly requiring some humanitarian assistance, the DWC community is happy to help even just a few lay students get a start in the United States.