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THE PRESIDENT

Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD

Mission is Building

Was Jesus a builder?

Missionary buildings. For twelve years I served as Mission Secretary for the SVD. A primary responsibility was to visit with Divine Word Missionaries around the world and to encourage them to continue their missionary outreach. When I would arrive at a parish, school, or the site of a specialized apostolate, I was always welcomed with friendship and brotherhood. Almost always, the second step, was to have a tour of the buildings. It seems to be in a missionary's DNA to take pride in the buildings they have helped to build.

On this day, when we celebrate the 151st anniversary of the foundation of the Society of the Divine Word in Steyl, we think of Arnold Janssen's efforts to establish a mission house for the new Society, and, later, for the Holy Spirit Sisters. In the subsequent years, St. Arnold was most definitely a BUILDER.

Jesus, the carpenter. I like to ask people about Jesus' profession before he started his public ministry. According to Mark's Gospel he was a carpenter (Mk 6), and Matthew adds, he was the son of a carpenter (Mt 13).



So, I next ask: "How many churches did Jesus build? How many schools did Jesus build? How many hospitals or clinics did Jesus build?" In each case, the answer is NONE. Apparently, he was not that active as a carpenter, at least not as a builder of buildings.

Jesus, the builder of friendships. Jesus was a builder of some very unusual friendships. Consider a list of some of the people to whom he reached out in friendship:

- the Samaritan woman at the well (Jn 4);
- the Roman centurion who asked for the healing of his servant (Lk 7);
- Matthew and Zacchaeus, tax collectors (Mt 9 and Lk 19);
- the Pharisee Nicodemus who came to Jesus as a seeker and who served on the Jerusalem council (Jn 3);
- the Syrophenician woman, a Gentile who persisted in asking Jesus to heal her daughter (Mk 7);
- the woman accused of adultery and brought before at the Jerusalem temple (Jn 8);
- John the Baptist, Jesus' kinsman and a radical preacher (Lk 3);
- Peter, Andrew, James and John, fishermen from Capernaum (Mk 1);
- Martha, Mary and Lazarus, close friends from Bethany (Lk 10).

It seems that the Gospels repeatedly tell of Jesus reaching out to people who were different from him or who stood on the margins of society. He consistently sought out people who were: religiously marginalized, socially rejected, poor, ethnically different, or considered beyond hope.

Jesus most definitely was a builder. He dedicated himself to building up the Kingdom of God. He built it one relationship at a time, one person at a time, one friendship at a time. Today's missionaries continue to build. As we look to the coming of the Kingdom, we do care about buildings; but most especially, like Jesus, we build up unusual friendships.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

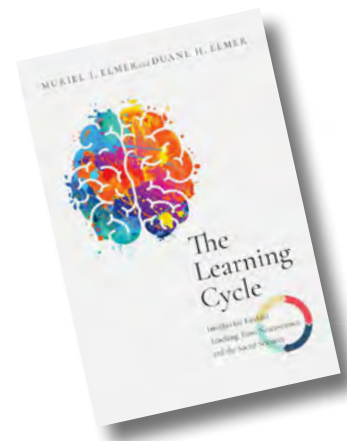
Dr. Joshua Young

The Learning Cycle: Recall with Appreciation

In the second element of the Learning Cycle, Muriel and Duane Elmer argue that it is not enough for students to just remember information nor is it enough that the knowledge is functional. Students must be able to recall information with appreciation, understanding that learning is not simply a cognitive exercise. There has been increasing scholarship on the importance of faculty considering social emotional learning in the classroom. What does that mean? We should care about how students *feel* in our classrooms. That does not mean focusing on how they feel about our content, necessarily. For instance, a student that is having an

emotional reaction to news from home will not be able to retain information in a class even if the lecture was amazing! Emotions impact our learning. What things are we doing in our classroom to promote recall of information with appreciation?

Faculty were provided a copy of The Learning Cycle at the 2026-2027 Faculty Institute and will be discussing it at the Fall Faculty In-Service.



SWOT for Strategic Planning

Departments are asked to complete a SWOT analysis at their upcoming department meetings for purposes of strategic planning. Strategic planning is a process by which an institution looks at its mission, gauge success in meeting that mission, and make adjustments to return or expand that mission. 2027 concludes the latest strategic plan. Academic Affairs focused on three areas during the last strategic plan; 1) Assessment; 2) Written Communication Effectiveness; and 3) Social and Global Responsibility. The 2027-2030 Strategic Plan gives faculty an opportunity to impact the future of DWC and our mission.



ASSESSMENT LOOP

Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth

Rounds 1-4: Faculty Evaluations of Spring 2026 Collection (Assessed Fall 2026)

Instructor	Assignment/Class	Faculty Evaluator				Assessed PLOs
		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	
Dr. Joshua Young	ICS 111 Intercultural Communications	Bro. Brian McLauchlin	Dr. Joe Cherny	Dr. Evelyn Dias	Fr. Sam Cunningham	BA ICS 3

Dates for Assessment Rounds

Round 1: September 2 to September 8
 Round 2: September 8 to September 14
 Round 3: September 15 to September 21
 Round 4: September 22 to September 28

Evaluation Periods

Open from Tuesday 8:00 A.M. to the following Monday 8:00 P.M.

Login for OAP

The login link for OAP is as follows:
<https://www.watermarkinsights.com/client-resources/signon/>
 You might have to click "log in" twice.

Get Support Here

Watermark Support Contacts:
support@watermarkinsights.com
 Customer Service Hotline: **1-800-311-5656**

Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions or concerns Ext. 274. Good luck to you all, and thank you so much for your continued efforts!





VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION/DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Tuan Hoang, SVD

Dean's Forum

A friendly reminder that the Dean's Forum will take place on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 107. The deans look forward to meeting with you to discuss matters related to formation and student life at Divine Word College.

All students are required to attend. Attendance will be taken, so please arrive on time.

After Dark: An Evening of Art & Music

On Thursday, September 10, 2026, Dr. Evelyn Dias, Ms. Erin LaBelle and Ms. Jenna Gibson will host the highly anticipated event, *After Dark: An Evening of Art & Music*, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

They have invested much time and effort in preparing this special evening and warmly invite all students to attend. Everyone is encouraged to join this celebration of art, music, and fellowship within our community. Formal attire is required for this event.

SVD Perpetual Vows

On Saturday, September 19, 2026, three members of the Divine Word Formation House, all alumni of Divine Word College, will profess their Perpetual Vows with the Society of the Divine Word.

The celebration will take place at Our Lady of Africa Parish in Chicago, Illinois. A sign-up sheet will be



posted for students interested in attending the celebration. Transportation opportunities will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to participate, please sign up promptly once the sign-up sheet is posted.

Presentation of Formation Group Charters

This Sunday, September 13, 2026, each formation group will present its charter during Sunday Vespers.

The formation charter outlines each group's goals, commitments, and concrete actions for the year as a means of fostering personal growth and strengthening community life. The Divine Word College community looks forward to hearing how each group plans to contribute to the life and mission of our community during this formation year.



Mission Sunday Food Festival Sign-Up

Preparations are underway for World Mission Sunday, which will be celebrated at Divine Word College on October 18, 2026. This year's theme is:

"One in Christ, United in Mission."

Later this week, a sign-up sheet will be posted seeking volunteers to prepare cultural dishes for the International Food Festival. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your culture, showcase your culinary talents, and allow others to enjoy the rich diversity of our international community.

We encourage everyone to participate and help make this year's Mission Sunday celebration a memorable one.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

9/10/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	Tree Campus Meeting
9/10/2026.....	1:00 PM.....	Dean's Forum
9/10/2026.....	5:00 PM.....	Formation Group Meeting-Srs
9/10/2026.....	7:00 PM.....	After Dark Reception + Concert
9/11/2026.....		ESL Mid Term
9/11/2026.....	10:30 AM.....	External Affairs Meeting
9/12/2026.....	8:30 AM.....	Teams of Our Lady Retreat
9/13/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Vespers
		Formation Group Charters
9/14/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Holy Hour
9/15/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	Departmental Meetings
9/16/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Formation Group Meeting
9/17/2026.....	9:30 AM.....	Board of Administration Meeting
9/17/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	Faculty, Student Life Committee
9/17/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	IELI Meeting
9/17/2026.....	5:00 PM.....	Formation Group Meeting - Sisters
9/18/2026.....	8:00 AM.....	Ordinary Weekday -LC Mass
9/18/2026.....		ESL Term A Withdrawl Deadline
9/19/2026.....		SVD Perpetual Vows in Chicago
9/20/2026.....	10:00 AM.....	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9/20/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Peace Vespers and Social
9/21/2026.....	8:00 AM.....	Holy Spirit Mass - LC
9/21/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Holy Hour
9/22/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	Chairs Council
9/22/2026.....	5:30 PM.....	Formation Staff Meeting



VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS

Len Uhal

Community of Colleges

Spotlighting international students, The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque is hosting a gathering for college students that includes free food and music by the river on Thursday, September 17, 2026. The event takes place at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium and is supported by all of the local colleges and universities, including Divine Word College. Attached to this issue of *The Log* is an invitation for the event with all the details. A sign-up sheet is on the Student Bulletin Board for those students interested in attending. We need to have a final count by Tuesday, September 15. Please register to attend the event by putting your name on the list so that we can arrange transportation for everyone who wants to participate. Thank you!

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 25. Thank you.

Presidential Scholarships

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.
- College transfer applicants must have a cumulative college GPA of 3.50 or above.
- 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 11, 2025, which you can obtain from Ms. Carolyn Waechter, the Financial Aid Coordinator. Carolyn can also answer any of your questions.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

Steve Winger

Campus Safety Reminder

A safe campus is a shared responsibility. As the semester gets underway, now is a good time for everyone to review basic safety practices. Please ensure that residence hall and office doors are secured when appropriate, know where the nearest exit doors are located in case of an emergency, and report safety concerns promptly.

For emergencies involving fire, medical situations, or an immediate threat to life or property, call 911 immediately.



For non-emergency repairs and maintenance concerns, please submit a Maintenance Request Form. With more than one million square feet of facilities to maintain across campus, the Maintenance Department appreciates the assistance of faculty, staff, and students in identifying issues that need attention. If you notice a leaking faucet, burned-out light, damaged flooring, heating or cooling issue, or other maintenance concern, please take a moment to report it.

Maintenance Request Forms are available online, or you may complete a paper form located in the copier room across from the Business Office.

We appreciate your help in identifying maintenance concerns around campus. A quick Maintenance Request Form ensures issues are brought to the attention of the Maintenance Department and can be addressed in a timely manner. Thank you for helping care for our campus community.

Did You Know? DWC's Vehicle Fleet

The Divine Word College fleet is an important part of campus operations. College vehicles support student transportation, admissions travel, maintenance activities, ministry and formation programs, and a variety of other college functions throughout the year.

DWC currently maintains a fleet of 39 active vehicles with an average age of just over nine years. The College budgets more than \$135,000 annually for fleet-related operating expenses and has also budgeted \$100,000 in capital funding for vehicle replacements.

As part of our commitment to responsible stewardship, vehicle purchases are made carefully. When replacement vehicles are needed, the College focuses on selecting vehicles that are safe, reliable, economical to operate, and well-suited to the needs of our campus community. Our goal is to maximize the value of each vehicle over its useful life while providing dependable transportation in support of the College's mission.

Keeping the fleet safe and reliable requires ongoing attention from the Maintenance Department. Through regular inspections, preventative maintenance, repairs, and long-term replacement planning, the Maintenance Department helps ensure that college vehicles remain dependable and safe for those who use them.

Drivers play an important role as well. Before and after using a vehicle, take a moment to note any warning lights, unusual noises, tire concerns, fluid leaks, or other issues. If something doesn't seem right, please notify the Maintenance Department as soon as possible. Early reporting helps address small issues before they become larger and more costly repairs.

As stewards of college resources, we all share responsibility for helping keep DWC vehicles safe, dependable, and ready to serve the mission of the College. Thank you to the Maintenance Department for their continued dedication to maintaining the College fleet and supporting the transportation needs of the DWC community.

external affairs

Teams of Our Lady Retreat at DWC

A local Teams of Our Lady group will hold a retreat at DWC on Saturday, September 12. Participants will join the community for 8 AM Mass followed by a full day of activities. Development Support Specialist, Monica Meissen is a member of the group and will be in attendance on Saturday. Please welcome our guests and help them feel at home on our campus.



Retreat schedule

07:50 am - Arrival
08:00 am - Mass in main chapel
08:45 am - Breakfast in Dining Room
09:45 am - 1st Session in Board Room or Mother of Asia Chapel
10:45 am - Break
11:00 am - 2nd Session in Board Room or Mother of Asia Chapel
12:00 pm - Lunch in Dining Room
12:45 pm - 3rd Session in Board Room or Mother of Asia Chapel
01:45 pm - Break
02:00 pm - 4th Session in Board Room or Mother of Asia Chapel
03:00 pm - Break
03:15 pm - 5th Session in Board Room or Mother of Asia Chapel
04:15 pm - Break
04:30 pm - Adoration in Mother of Asia Chapel
05:30 pm - Dinner in Dining Room
06:30 pm - Wrap-up/Clean-up in Board Room and Mother of Asia Chapel

New Faces at DWC!



Joan Westhoff

Business Office Assistant

Joan enjoys being part of the DWC family and loves getting to know the students.

Joan loves growing flowers, walking, biking, baking, playing cards, and spending time outdoors. She also enjoys learning about different cultures and hearing stories from students from around the world. Did you know Joan rides her bike with her six-pound toy poodle, Lucy, sitting in a basket in front? *She also bakes treats for dogs and hopes to learn how to play the guitar someday.*



Around Divine Word College

Dr. Cathi Cleary Goes “Over the Edge” for United Way

Divine Word College faculty member Dr. Cathi Cleary will take fundraising to new heights on Friday, September 11, when she participates in the United Way of Dubuque’s Over the Edge event.

Cathi will rappel down the Nicolet Building, formerly known as the MidWest Bank building, at 895 Main St. in Dubuque. Her scheduled rappelling time is 4:30 p.m., and members of the DWC community are encouraged to come downtown and cheer her on.

The block will be closed for a festival featuring food, music and other activities. Cathi has already raised \$1,150 toward her \$1,200 goal in support of the United Way—leaving her just \$50 from the finish line!

Click the link below to support her efforts:
https://give.overtheedge.events/2211C8?ref=ab_1F4d4f



MEET THE STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHERS!



Bao Nguyen



Sr. Lan Hoang



Peter Ngo



**Capturing the people,
moments, and spirit**
*of DWC for the
Public Relations Department*

On View in the Gallery

Art Ministry

DWC's new Art Ministry kicked off the semester at The Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Gardens with a photo scavenger hunt for Goodwill Dubuque clients and staff members.

Erin LaBelle and Sr. Precious offered two summer art experiences for the group to introduce them to the new endeavor. Sr. Lan, Sr. Ha Thi, Frt. Keke and Sr. Rabeca joined the effort to creatively serve others and will facilitate weekly expressive arts opportunities at Goodwill Dubuque headquarters and group homes.



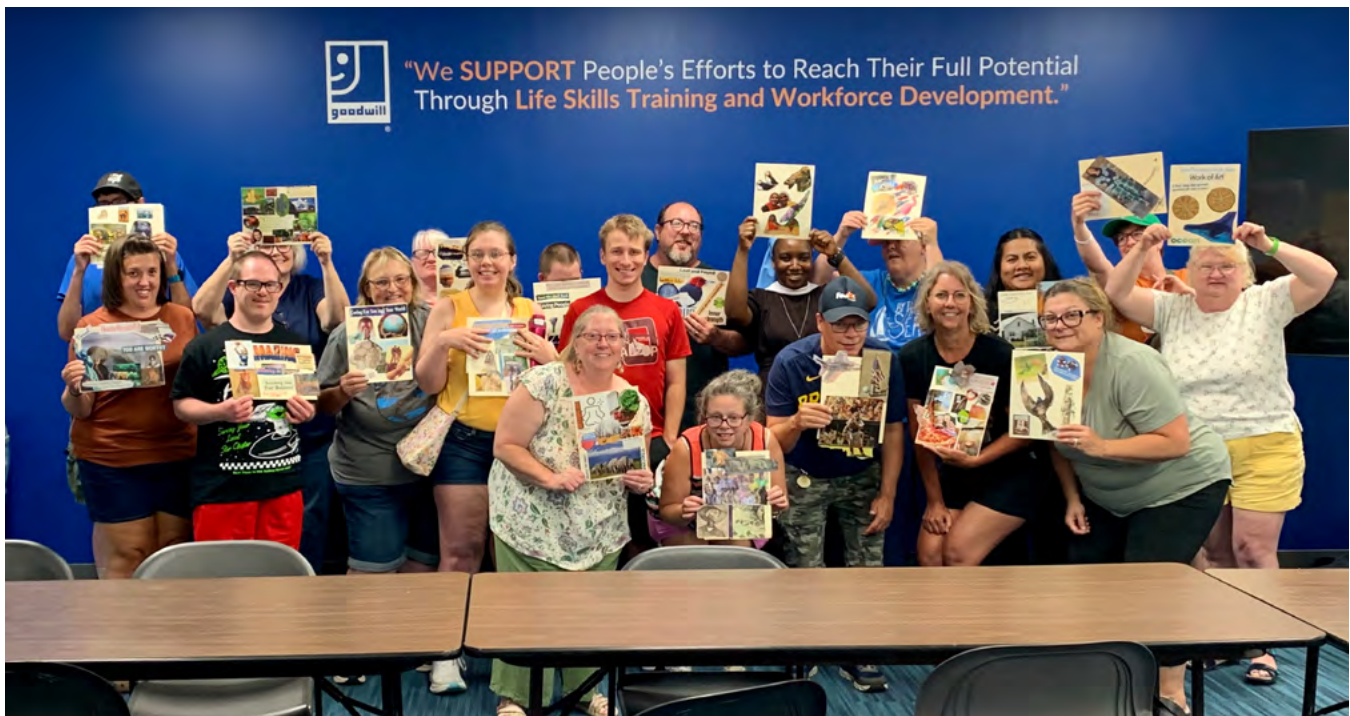
For those unfamiliar with Goodwill Industries of NE Iowa, their mission statement best describes

their work. "At Goodwill Industries of Northeast Iowa, Inc., everything we do every day is focused on one goal: to help people overcome barriers to independence. These can be barriers that individuals face at home, in the community, and/or within their own development, including physical and/or intellectual impairments and challenges."

Other campus art news and announcements:

We hope you'll join us at 7pm this Thursday, September 10 for **After Dark**, an elevating evening of music at art. *See the invitation in the addendum for details.*

Also, faculty members, especially IELI team, please reach out to Erin if you'd like an on campus field trip experience in the Weyland Gallery while **Imagine Peace** is with us through September 25. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn about art, peace and the power of symbolic communication, while also practicing conversation skills.



CAMPUS READS

Tattoos on the Heart

by Gregory Boyle

Fall 2026 Book Selection

Join us for 3 opportunities to explore "Tattoos on the Heart," a collection of essays by a Jesuit priest detailing his ministry with gang members in Los Angeles. This is a book about kinship, compassion, hope and the power of community.

EVENT 1

Introduction & Short Video

📅 **Friday, Oct. 2**

🕒 11:45 AM

📍 The Pour House

EVENT 2

Book Discussion

📅 **Friday, Oct. 30**

🕒 11:45 AM

📍 The Pour House

EVENT 3

Author Talk or Documentary

Pre-recorded video

📅 **Friday, Nov. 20**

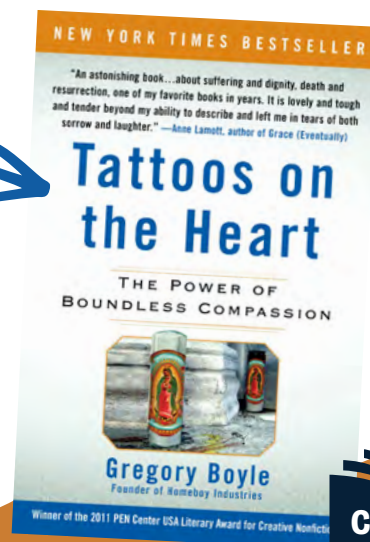
🕒 11:45 AM

📍 The Pour House

All are welcome!

Read a little or a lot!

Pick up your copy of the book in the library or listen to the audiobook!



Campus
Reads

You are formally invited to

After

DARK

✦ An Evening of Music and Art ✦

September
10, 2026

DIVINE WORD COLLEGE
102 Jacoby Dr, Epworth, IA 52045

7:00 PM - Reception

7:30 PM - Piano Concert
by Dr. Evelyn Dias

ART FEATURED TONIGHT:

'AFTER DARK' Collection by Erin LaBelle and
Jenna Gibson

'IMAGINE PEACE' Collection by Xene Abraham

- Free Admission, Food, Drinks
- Formal Dress Code

MUSIC BY DJ PAPI + FOOD TRUCKS + RIVER MUSEUM AFTER HOURS

Community of Colleges Kickoff: Celebrating Our Worldwide Connections

YOU can be great here.

COMMUNITY OF COLLEGES

Events to connect college students to the Greater
Dubuque region



Thursday, September 17

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

National Mississippi River
Museum & Aquarium Boatyard
350 East 3rd St, Dubuque

Participating Schools:



UNIVERSITY of
DUBUQUE



Kick off the school year with fellow college students from across the region and around the world spotlighting our international students. Enjoy a complimentary food truck meal from **Hot Diggity Dogz**, **Adobos Mexican Grill**, or **Hibachi Time** while **DJ Papi spins tunes** in the boatyard plus special access to the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium after hours.

Questions? Contact: **Mandi Dolson**
Greater Dubuque Development
Director of Workforce Solutions
mandid@greaterdubuque.org | 563-557-9049

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 16

To RSVP and for details on transportation to the event, contact your international student office.

Community of Colleges events are **FREE** and open to currently enrolled area college students.

Organized By:



In Partnership With:



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.

Student Name	
Academic Year (Standing; i.e., ESL/Freshman/etc.)	
City/State of Country of Residence	
Age	
Country of Origin	
If you were born outside of the USA, when did you arrive in the USA?	
Immigration Status (Please Circle)	U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident of the USA International Student Other:
When did you begin your studies at Divine Word College (month and year)?	
Are you receiving any other scholarships at Divine Word College? If so, please list them.	
Why did you come to the Divine Word College?	

How has Divine Word College helped you understand your vocation?	
Please list any leadership roles you have had at Divine Word College:	
What do you hope to do after graduating from Divine Word College?	

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

Partners

** Asterisk denotes financial or event sponsorship*

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Bread of Life Presbyterian Church *
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Divine Word College *
Dubuque Area Congregations United *
Dubuque Area Land and Water Legacy *
Dubuque Branch NAACP *
Dubuque Catholic Worker Community
Dubuque Coalition for Nonviolence (CNV) *
Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission
Dubuque for Refugee Children
Dubuque Friends Worship Group
Dubuque Human Rights Commission
Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition *
Dubuque Peace and Justice
Dubuque Rescue Mission
Father Ray Herman Peace and Justice Center at Loras College
Friends of Dubuque County Conservation Board
Friends of Mines of Spain
Inclusive Dubuque
League of Women Voters *
Loras College *
Nathaniel Morgan Memorial Committee*
Presentation Lantern Center *
River Lights Bookstore *
Shalom Spirituality Center *
Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters *
Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary *
Sisters of the Presentation *
Sisters of St. Francis *
Sisters of the Visitation *
St. Isidore Catholic Worker Community *
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
TriState Islamic Center
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque *
University of Dubuque *
Voices Studio

2025-26 Coordinating Committee Members

Eric Anglada, St. Isidore Catholic Worker Farm
Michelle Balek, OSF, Sister of St. Francis
Hannah Eby, Loras College
David Cochran, Loras College
Richard Fischer, Dubuque Peace and Justice
Barb Ilten, Community Volunteer
Brian McLaughlin, SVD, Divine Word College
Mira Mosle, Sister of Charity, BVM
Evelyn Nadeau, retired faculty, Clarke University
Art Roche, Dubuque Peace and Justice
Marcos Rubinstein, Dubuque LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens)
Judy Schmidt, ISEA (Iowa State Education Association, Retired)
RRS Stewart, Dubuque for Refugee Children
Terry Stewart, St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Kathy Sutton, Dubuque Branch NAACP

About Us

Peace lies at the heart of each individual, all families, communities, territories, and nations. Peace is the dream we hope and strive for. It is possible to see a world turn from violent to nonviolent solutions within our lifetimes.



International Day of Peace

YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

Dubuque's Festival Celebrating the United Nations International Day of Peace

SEPT
6-30

2026: Celebrating 250 years of HERstory

Creating a Culture of Peace

Dubuque's Festival Celebrating the UN International Day of Peace

www.facebook.com/dbqdayofpeace

25 August 2026

In 2026, our seventeenth year, Dubuque's Festival Celebrating the United Nations International Day of Peace will reflect on:

Portrayal of Mother Jones

**Monday, September 21,
7:00 - 8:30 pm, St. Joseph
Auditorium, Hoffmann Hall,
661-699 Loras Boulevard**



Our featured performer, Debra Ann Miller, will portray Mother Jones, once called "The Most Dangerous Woman in America". Mary G. Harris Jones, known as Mother Jones, will be portrayed in a riveting live performance by professional actress Debra Ann Miller. Jones was a fiery orator and fearless organizer for the Mine Workers during the first two decades of the 20th century. She helped coordinate major strikes, secure bans on child labor, and co-founded the trade union Industrial Workers of the World. Debra Ann Miller brings her to life in this entertaining and educational performance.

AND This is How we BBQ in DBQ

**Saturday, September 19, 11:30am-2:00pm,
Multicultural Family Center,
1157 Central Avenue.**

Hosted by the Multicultural Family Center and Dubuque Branch NAACP, a barbeque lunch will be served while Brian Hallstoos speaks about Sol Butler, an African-American Olympian at the 1920 Summer games, and Butler's mother and sister, who were also remarkable. Butler was a four-year starter for the football team at Dubuque German College (later the University of Dubuque).

Annual Land and Water Fest

**Sunday, September 20, 1:00pm-5:00pm,
Dubuque Arboretum, Packard Pavilion**

Dubuque Arboretum, Packard Pavilion
Hosted by the Dubuque Area Land and Water Legacy, featuring speaker Bill McKibben, music by Bluegrass Express, Art by Christine Curry showcasing clean water advocates and honoring Iowa Nature Champions. We will also hear personal stories about "how I got connected to nature," hosted by the Dubuque Area Writers Guild. Contributions of \$15 per person or \$25 per couple requested at the gate, but no one will be turned away. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets. Watch www.facebook.com/events/974338938997131 for updates.

All events are free unless noted.

- Sept. 6**, 6:00-7:00pm, **Annual Memorial for Nathaniel Morgan**, Mount Carmel Bluffs, outside.
- Mid-Aug-Sept. 25**, **Imagine Peace Art Exhibit**, Project Create Peace, an Ageless Art initiative, encourages people to use art to cultivate peace within themselves and the world around them.
- Sept. 15**, 6:30-8:00pm, **The World Will Be Saved by Beauty: Nurturing Peace Through the Arts**, Shalom Spirituality Center, 1001 Davis St. Walk-in or RSVP at shalomretreats.org or 582-3592.
- Sept. 17**, 9:30am-2pm, **Community Plastic Mat Weaving**, DACU at Immanuel UCC Church.
- Sept. 19**, 7:00-9:00pm, **Historic District Coffee House**, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque, 1699 Iowa Street, open mic.
- Sept. 20**, 12:00-1:00pm, **Know Your Power**, UUFD, 1699 Iowa Street. A non-partisan civic education presentation by Erica Dubin-Barz, community engagement manager at the ACLU of Iowa.
- Sept. 20**, 2:00-3:00pm, **Black Life on the Upper Mississippi River**, Sisters of the Presentation, 2360 Carter Rd. A screening of local Dale Campbell's documentary and a panel.
- Sept. 20**, 7:30pm, **Ecumenical Peace Vespers**, Divine Word College, 102 Jacoby Dr, Epworth. In-person and at youtube.com/@DWCEpworth
- Sept. 22**, 5:30-6:30pm, **Bowl of Tears ritual**, Riverfront Pavilion, 400 E. 3rd St. Dubuque. Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition ritual regarding grief over environmental degradation.
- Sept. 22**, 6:00-8:00pm, Potluck 5:30 pm, **Church of the Oak: Fall Equinox**, Sinsinawa Mound. Free will offering; no registration required. Please bring a chair, a dish to pass, your own dishware.
- Sept. 23**, 4:00-5:30pm, **Gun Violence Die-In**, Washington Park. Street theater by the Coalition for Nonviolence depicting the 130 gun deaths every day in America.
- Sept. 26**, 2:00 & 7:00pm, **The Downfall of Justice**, Carnegie-Stout Public Library. A play written in 1777 and Presented by the Fly By Night Players.
- Sept. 29**, 11:00am-2:00pm, **Swiss Valley Fall Festival**, by Dubuque County Conservation.
- Sept. 29**, 4:00-6:00pm, **2026 Data Walk: A Look at Housing in the Dubuque Region**, Community Foundation, Roshek Building. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/DataWalk2026>
- Oct. 3**, 8:00am-12:00pm, **Dubuque Area CROP Hunger Walk**, Guided walks at 8, 9, 10 and 11 am organized by DACU, from Dubuque Food Pantry.
- Oct. 4**, 3:00-4:30pm, **Seasons of Creation Closing event**, Shalom Spirituality Center, 1001 Davis St
- Bowl of Tears ritual**, 5:30pm, Bee Branch, 22nd St.