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THE PRESIDENT

Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD

Mission is “Ubuntu”

Mission at a basic, practical level is always a dance of invitation and welcome. Invitation is the essential first step, but it must be followed with an equally important second step, **welcome**.

On occasion, I have been invited to an encounter that turned out to be very awkward. Perhaps you too have responded to an invitation, only to discover that you were not really expected to show up! The welcome was missing. What to do? I quickly look for an escape route! Such experiences have taught me that a missionary needs to be an expert at both invitation **and** welcome.

Fr. Jean D’Amour Dusengumuremyi, an alumnus of Divine Word College from Rwanda, spent two years at Divine Word College from 2020-2022. Recently, I read a short reflection he composed in his native language (Kinyarwanda) while he was a student here. In poetic terms, he described the second step in mission that I call “welcome.” He uses an African term, “Ubuntu.”



Fr. Jean



Ubuntu is the ability to recognize, see, and understand that other people have a value equal to your own; that they deserve to be respected and loved just as you wish to be respected and loved. And whatever you wish others would do for you, you do for them first: you love them first.

Strive to open yourself to generosity. Let truth be like milk to you, nourished by compassion. Know everyone and care for them. Always carry kindness with you throughout life, and make a soft place for everyone when they fall.



Perhaps we can be encouraged to greet visitors at the entrance to the College, especially people we do not know. We can also welcome other students as we sit at table together in the dining room. Asking about another person's family, or home, or experiences can become a true dialogue of WELCOME-UBUNTU. Mission begins with invitation. Mission continues with welcome. Mission becomes Ubuntu when we recognize the other as one of us.



**See Addendum
for the full list!**

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VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Joshua Young

The Learning Cycle: Recall with Practice

The fourth level of the Learning Cycle is, Muriel and Duane Elmer argue, recalling with practice. At this level of learning, our behavior starts to change because we took the time to speculate on the possible uses of knowledge and now get to apply it, to test ourselves. They call this transformative learning because it is the material change that makes learning not just theoretical, but practical.

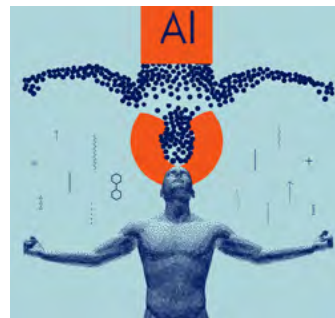
For instance, learning about prophetic dialogue becomes transformative when we go beyond simply being able to give a definition or repeat back the words we think an instructor wants to hear and actually act in ways that show we understand what prophetic dialogue is. Many instructors want to make this kind of impact in their classrooms and with students, but struggle. Many fall back on lectures, especially as they try to help ESL students understand vocabulary. This marks an area for reflection on our instruction. How can we move students beyond recall for speculation and into recalling for practice?

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.



The Liberal Arts and AI

Community members are invited to view [The Human Advantage: Why Liberal Arts Education Matters More in the Age of AI](#), a free webinar from the American Association of Colleges and Universities. A number of people have expressed growing concerns about AI, acknowledging its positive potentials and noting the real possible dangers. What is central is what we



how we approach AI technologies, according to webinar speakers. They encourage colleges and universities to return focus to the liberal arts and develop the kind of thinking that liberates AI users.

ICA Conference this Week

Divine Word College will host [the Iowa Communication Association Conference](#) on Friday, September 25 to Saturday, September 26, 2026. The Iowa Communication Association is the professional organization of communication educators, practitioners, and students to gather, collaborate, and work together to address concerns about communication practice and training. Participants in the conference will be on campus from 8am on September 25 until 5pm. They will be using Room 107, The Academic Resource Center (Room 10) and the Board Room.

On September 26, participants will be on campus from 8am until noon, using Rooms 101, 102, and 103. A short departure gathering of the association members will occur at the end of the conference and be held in 107 or in the courtyard. Participants will be coming from around the United States, including Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, and Iowa. The association has contracted with area hotels in Dubuque for housing, but this means a majority of conference

participants may be driving and need to park on campus.

Please try to make room for our visitors by parking a little farther from entrances, including moving your vehicle to Megan Hall or another suitable location.

Participants will also be having lunch on campus on Friday, September 25. They will have their lunch, business meeting, and workshop from 12pm to 3pm in the dining room. Faculty, Staff, and Students are asked to make scheduling adjustments or have lunch in a different location to extend our community hospitality to the Iowa Communication Association members. For those unable to eat before noon, Association members will eat from 12pm-1pm with their meeting starting at 1pm and understand DWC community members may still be eating up until 12:30pm.

You are welcome to eat in the dining room while everyone finishes their meal. The Association leaders know that lunch clean up will happen at the end of food service. They ask that students try to limit interruption during the lunch clean-up/business meeting portion but also understand the need for the community to continue activities as much as normal.



ASSESSMENT LOOP

Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth

Rounds 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 McLaughlin	Dr. Joe Cherny	Dr. Evelyn Dias	Fr. Sam Cunningham	BA ICS 3

Dates for Assessment Rounds

Round 4: September 22 to September 28

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.

Evaluation Periods

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

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

World Mission Sunday Celebration

As we continue preparing for the World Mission Sunday Celebration, we need your help in many ways to make this event a success. Last weekend, I emailed to you the World Mission Sunday assignments. The responsibilities have been divided according to formation groups. Those who have been assigned specific tasks on the list do not need to work with their formation group for this event.



We are still in need of more chefs to prepare cultural dishes for the International Food Festival, which will take place after the World Mission Sunday Mass. The deadline to sign up is September 28, 2026. Please consider participating and sign up as soon as possible.

Mass for Vocations

On Tuesday, September 29, 2026, we will celebrate our monthly Mass for Vocations in the Main Chapel. The Community of St. Teresa of Avila, the sisters on campus in perpetual vows, will be responsible for the liturgy. During the Mass, Sr. Nguyet Nguyen, OCist, will share her vocation story and personal journey of faith.

Please come and show your support for the sisters and their formation group, pray for an increase in vocations, and be inspired by Sr. Nguyet's witness and vocation journey.



Tranquility Weekend

This weekend will be a Tranquility Weekend. With the many academic responsibilities and activities that have taken place since the beginning of the fall semester, we encourage everyone to use this time for rest, relaxation, and catching up on studies.

Formation groups and student associations are encouraged not to schedule any meetings, events, or activities during the weekend.

Installation of the Cross for Life

Each year, Students for Life at Divine Word College raises awareness about the dignity of human life and the need to protect it from conception to natural death.

On Saturday, September 26, 2026, we will participate in the installation of the Cross for Life in front of Divine Word College. We will join Tony and Jeanita Grebner, along with students from local Catholic high schools, in this important witness for life.



Fr. Stephen Nguyen, SVD, has posted a sign-up sheet on the student bulletin board for those who would like to participate. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. We encourage everyone to join us and show your support.

Bible Sharing with SVD Candidates

All SVD candidates are required to join the SVD community for Bible Sharing on Friday, September 25, 2026. This gathering is an opportunity for SVD candidates and members of the SVD community to come together in prayer, deepen their faith, and build relationships as one family.

The evening will begin with Evening Prayer in the Main Chapel, followed by Bible sharing and social. The Rector will post the Bible-sharing groups later this week. Please check the bulletin board for additional information.

**Watch Hockey
with Friends!**



FREE FIGHTING SAINTS HOCKEY TICKETS!

Cheer on the Dubuque Fighting Saints at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 3! A total of 15 free tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

See Sandy Wilgenbusch to claim your tickets. Don't wait—they're sure to go quickly!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

9/23/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Formation Group Meeting
9/24/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	IAC Meeting
9/24/2026.....	5:00 PM.....	Formation Group Meeting - Sisters
9/25/2026.....	8:00 AM.....	Ordinary Weekday - LC Mass
9/25/2026.....	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM...	IAC Conference
9/26/2026.....	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM..	IAC Conference
9/27/2026.....	10:00 AM.....	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9/27/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Vespers
9/28/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Holy Hour
9/29/2026.....	8:00 AM.....	Mass for Vocations - LC
9/29/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	Faculty Senate
10/1/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	IELI Meeting
10/1/2026.....	5:00 PM.....	Formation Group Meeting - Sisters
10/2 - 3/2026.....		Board of Trustees Meeting
10/3/2026.....	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM..	Roadside Cleanup
10/3/2026.....	11:15 AM.....	Mass with Board of Trustees Donaghey Award Presentation
10/4/2026.....	10:00 AM.....	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10/4/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Vespers
10/5/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	Liturgy Committee
10/5/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Holy Hour
10/6/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	Presidential Forum



VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

Steve Winger

Vector Solutions Mandatory Training

Employees and students will receive two mandatory online training assignments from Vector Solutions later this week. The specific courses will be identified in the assignment email.

These courses are an important part of Divine Word College's commitment to maintaining a safe, respectful, compliant, and mission-centered campus. Completing the training helps each of us understand our responsibilities, make informed decisions, respond appropriately to concerns, and contribute to the well-being of our entire community.

Please watch your DWC email for a message from Vector Solutions and complete both assigned courses by the deadline provided. Automated reminder emails may be sent until the training is completed.

Thank you for your cooperation and for doing your part to support a safe and responsible campus community.



Fueling the DWC Community

There is an old saying that “an army marches on its stomach.” That may be even more true for a college, where students need plenty of energy for classes, studying, activities, and everything else packed into the day. Fortunately, the DWC community is well cared for by an exceptionally dedicated dining services team.

The new hot serving line is now in use. It will help keep food at safe serving temperatures and improve meal service. We recognize that the tray guide is a little high, and we plan to lower it to make the line more comfortable and accessible.



Our kitchen team works hard to prepare enough food for everyone without producing more than is needed. They also continually look for ways to add variety, introduce different flavors, and offer meals that appeal to our diverse campus community. When appropriate, some dishes are reserved and served again as “encore” meals.

Responsible stewardship is an important part of our dining program. Our kitchen team carefully manages food preparation, and very little food appears to go unused. To document that success and guide continued improvement, the kitchen will track discarded food during the 2026–2027 academic year and prepare a report on the results. Minimizing food waste protects College resources, respects the labor and natural resources involved in producing food, and supports our responsibility to care for creation.

We are grateful to Janna and the Elmor kitchen staff for their commitment to quality, safety, and service. We also appreciate our student workers who wash dishes and assist in the kitchen each day. Their dependable work is essential to daily operations and helps the College manage staffing costs responsibly.

 Matthew Jacoby Library

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Matthew Jacoby Library Update

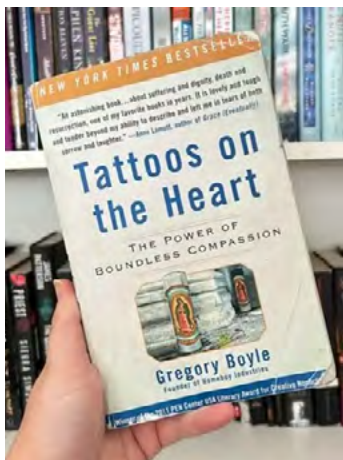
The Matthew Jacoby Library continues to support the academic, spiritual, and personal growth of the Divine Word College community through access to books, eBooks, journals, databases, streaming media, and interlibrary loan services.

Whether you are researching an assignment, preparing a presentation, or exploring a personal interest, the library is here to help connect you with the resources you need. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to take advantage of the library's collections, technology, and services throughout the semester.

If you have questions about library resources or services, please stop by the library or contact the Library Director (ewinter@dwci.edu).

Campus Reads Program: Tattoos on the Heart

The Campus Reads Committee is pleased to sponsor this year's Campus Reads Program featuring *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Fr. Gregory Boyle, SJ. The program invites members of the Divine Word College community to reflect on themes of compassion, belonging, service, and the dignity of every person through a shared reading experience.



All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to participate in the following events:

Event 1: Introduction and Short Video

October 2, 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM

Location: Pour House

Join us for an introduction to the book and its central themes, along with a short video and guided discussion.

Event 2: Book Discussion

October 30, 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM

Location: Pour House

Participants will gather to discuss their reactions to the book and explore how its themes connect to our campus mission and community.

Event 3: Documentary Film

November 20, 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM

Location: Pour House

Copies of *Tattoos on the Heart* are available through the library. Participants are welcome to attend any or all events, regardless of how much of the book they have completed.



Fr. Gregory Boyle, SJ

Around Divine Word College



National Migration Week 2026

September 27 is the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The theme is “Even just one of these children,” with Pope Leo highlighting the “millions of children and adolescents are forced to leave their homeland because of war, poverty, violence, environmental disasters and other tragedies.”

You can read his full message [here](#). The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has resources for National Migration Week [here](#), along with a [webinar](#) on September 23 (2PM ET). Here is their [Prayer for Migrants and Refugees](#).



Yet, amid so much darkness, the light of solidarity is not lacking. Individuals, families, civil institutions and ecclesial communities choose not to pass by on the other side (cf. Lk 10:29-37). We think of the families who open the doors of their homes in order to restore to these children the warmth of a family hearth; the educators who serve in reception centers; the volunteers and aid workers who each day devote themselves to healing the invisible wounds of these little ones along migration routes and in our cities. They bear witness through their commitment that love can overcome indifference.



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**

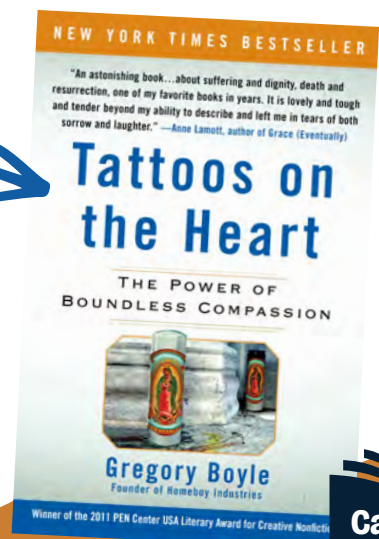
🕒 11:45 AM

📍 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**

DWC Committee Appointments 2026-09-15

Academic Appeals Committee

Ms. Emily Park (IELI)	2026-2027
Dr. Richard Garrett (DIS)	2026-2027
Mr. Mike Mason (DTP)	2026-2027

Members are nominated by the respective Department Chairs.

Admissions Committee

Mr. Len Uhal, VP Admissions, Chair	(EO)
Dr. Josh Young, VP Academic Affairs	(EO)
Fr. Tuan Hoang SVD, VP Formation and Student Life	(EO)
Dr. Seo Hyun Park, Director IELI	(EO)
Fr. Sam Cunningham SVD, SVD Member	2026-2027

Chair nominates the appointed SVD Member

Board of Administration

Fr. Tom Ascherman SVD, President, Chair	(EO)
Dr. Josh Young, VP Academic Affairs	(EO)
Fr. Tuan Hoang SVD, VP Formation and Student Life	(EO)
Mr. Len Uhal, VP Admissions	(EO)
Mr. Steve Winger, VP Operations	(EO)
Ms. Sandy Wilgenbusch, External Affairs Coordinator	2026-2027
Ms. Chris Jackson, Exec Secretary to President	2026-2027

President nominates and confirms appointed members

Chairs Council

Dr. Josh Young, VPAA, Chair	(EO)
Dr. Seo Hyun Park, Director IELI	(EO)
Dr. Jason Reed, Department of Theology & Philosophy	(EO)
Dr. Cathleen Cleary, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies	(EO)
Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth, Registrar	(EO)

Emergency Response Committee

Mr. Steve Winger, VP Operations, Chair	(EO)
Fr. Thomas Ascherman SVD, President	(EO)
Fr. Simon Thoi Hoang SVD, Rector	(EO)
Fr. Tuan Hoang SVD, Dean of Students	(EO)
Mr. Randy Accola, Maintenance Dir.	(EO)

2026-2027 DWC Committee Appointments

AP-Appointed EO-ExOfficio EFS-Elected by Faculty Senate

External Affairs Council

Ms. Sandy Wilgenbusch, Dir. Public Relations, Chair/Coordinator	(EO)
Fr. Tom Ascheman SVD, President	(EO)
Fr. Linh Pham SVD, Dir. Development	(EO)
Fr. Thang Hoang SVD, Alumni Director, Assoc. Devel. Dir.	(EO)
Ms. Emily Shedek	(EO)
Mr. Len Uhal, VP Admissions	2026-2027
Ms. Chris Jacksons, Exec. Sec. to President	2026-2027

Chair nominates and confirmed by President.

Faculty Promotions and Awards Committee

Dr. Cathleen Cleary, Chair	2026-2027
Mr. Daniel Gheorge, IELI	2026-2027
Fr. Stephen Kha SVD, DTP	2026-2027
Dr. Richard Garrett, DIS	2026-2027
TBD , at-large	TBD

Chair nominated by VPAA, Members nominated by Faculty Senate

Financial Affairs Committee

Dr. Kenny Retzl, Controller, Chair	(EO)
Mr. Steven Winger, VP Operations	(EO)
Mr. Len Uhal, VP Admissions	(EO)
Ms. Chris Jackson, Exec Secretary	2026-2027
Dr. Joshua Young, Academics (Budget advisor)	2026-2027
Fr. Simon Thoi Hoang SVD (Budget advisor)	2026-2027
Fr. Tuan Hoang SVD (Budget advisor)	2026-2027

Appointed Members are nominated by the Chair.

Formation Appeals Committee

Fr. Betenora Bako Liba, SVD, Chair	2026-2027
Sr. Aprilia Untarto SSPS,	2026-2027
Mr. Michael Mason	2026-2027

Members are nominated by the VPFSLC.

Graduation Committee

Sandy Wilgenbusch, Dir. Public Relations, Chair	(EO)
Joshua Young, VP Academic Affairs	(EO)
Sonny de Class SVD, Chaplain	(EO)
Evelyn Dias, Liturgical Music Coord.	(EO)
Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth, Registrar	(EO)
<i>Student Rep. - nominated in January by graduating class</i>	2026-2027

2026-2027 DWC Committee Appointments

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Formation and Student Life Committee

Fr. Tuan Hoang SVD, VP for Formation, Chair	(EO)
Fr. Betanora Bako Liba SVD, Assoc. Dean	(EO)
Sr. Aprilia Untarto SSpS, Assoc. Dean	(EO)
Fr. Simon Thoi Hoang SVD, Spiritual Life Coordinator	(EO)
Fr. Sonny deClass SVD, Chaplain, Formation Director	(EO)
Ms. Sara Goedken, Health Services Coordinator	(EO)
Fr. Benyamin Boro Nama SVD, Coordinator	2026-2027
Fr. Stephen Kha Nguyen SVD, Coordinator	2026-2027
Sr. Carol Welp, SSpS, Coordinator and Recording Secretary	2026-2027
Br. Brian McLauchlin SVD, Coordinator	2026-2027
Mr. Mike Mason	2026-2027
Mr. Chinh Cong Pham, Student Senate	2026-2027
Mr. Alejandro Gonzalez-Cruz, Student Senate	2026-2027
Sr. Ahoea Aguessou OLVSM, Representative of Megan Hall	2026-2027

Appointed members are nominated by the Formation Team.

Information Technology Committee

Mr. Brad Florence, Information Systems Director, Chair	(EO)
Mr. Steve Winger, Vice President Operations	(EO)
Ms. Michelle Vargo, Faculty	2026-2027
Dr. Joe Cherney, Faculty	2026-2027
Ms. Elizabeth Winter, Librarian	2026-2027

Institutional Assessment Committee

Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth, Director of Inst. Effectiveness	(EO)
Dr. Joshua Young, VPAA	2026-2027
Dr. Richard Garrett, DIS	2026-2027
Dr. Mark Garton, IELI	2026-2027
Dr. Michael Carlin, DTP	2026-2027
Sr. Aprilia Untarto SSpS, Formation	2026-2027
Fr. Tuan Hoang SVD, VP FSL	2026-2027
Fr. Benyamin Boro Nama SVD, Formation	2026-2027

Appointed Members are nominated by VPAA and VPFSL

Institutional Review Board (Research)

Dr. Joshua Young, Chair	2026-2027
Dr. Cathleen Cleary	2026-2027
Ms. Sharon Sinton	2026-2027

Nominated by the VPAA

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Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Council (JPIC)

Br. Brian McLaughlin SVD, Chair	2026-2027
Dr. Cathleen Cleary (Tree Campus)	2026-2027
Fr. Lloyd Cunningham SVD (Immigration)	2026-2027
Fr. Stephen Kha Nguyen SVD (Life)	2026-2027
Ms. Erin LaBelle	2026-2027
Sr. Carol Welp SSPS	2026-2027
Dr. Joshua Young	2026-2027
Mr. Emmanuel Mayani	2026-2027
Mr. Alejandro Gonzalez-Crus	2026-2027

Members are nominated by the Chair

Library Council

Ms. Elizabeth Winter, Library Director, Archivist	(EO)
Dr. Joseph Cherny	2026-2027
Ms. Heather Taylor	2026-2027
Dr. Ann Lundberg	2026-2027

Liturgy Committee

Fr. Sonny DeClass SVD, Chaplain, Chair	(EO)
Fr. Betanora Bako Liba SVD, Assistant Chaplain	(EO)
Fr. Simon Thoi Hoang SVD, Rector	(EO)
Sr. Aprilia Untarto, Formation Dir.	(EO)
Dr. Evelyn Dias, Liturgical Music Coordinator	(EO)
Sr. Hiep Thi Nguyen AMML, Student Representative	2026-2027
Sr. Nguyet Thi Nguyen OCist, Student Representative	2026-2027

Appointed members nominated by the VP Formation

Newsletter Editorial Committee

Ms. Emily Shedek, Public Relations Specialist, Chair	(EO)
Fr. Thang Hoang SVD, Associate Development Director	(EO)
Fr. Linh Pham SVD, Development Director	(EO)
Dr. Richard Garrett, Faculty Representative	2026-2027
Sr. Cecilia Fukah Egho SUSC, Student Representative	2026-2027

Appointed members nominated by Chair

Scholarship Advisory Committee

Fr. Tom Ascheman SVD, Chair	(EO)
Mr. Len Uhal, VP Admissions	(EO)
Fr. Tuan Hoang SVD, VP Formation	(EO)

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Title IX

Mr. Steve Winger, Coordinator	2026-2027
Fr. Tuan Hoang SVD, Investigator	2026-2027
Ms. Kimberly Burnet-Hackbarth, Investigator	2026-2027
Ms. Michelle McDonald , Outside Mediator	2026-2027
Sr. Aprilia Untarto SSPS, Hearing Board	2026-2027
Fr. Sonny de Class SVD, Hearing Board	2026-2027

Members are appointed by the Coordinator

Tree Campus Committee

Dr. Cathleen Cleary, Chair (Faculty)	2026-2027
Fr. Tom Ascherman SVD	2026-2027
Mr. Randy Accola	2026-2027
Br. Brian McLaughlin SVD	2026-2027
Mr. Steve Winger (Facility Management)	2026-2027
Ms. Elizabeth Winter	2026-2027
Ms. Sandy Wilgenbusch	2026-2027
TBD (Student Representative)	2026-2027
Mr. Kevin Kluesner (Kluesner Forestry) community rep.	2026-2027
Dr. Dave Koch (Univ. of Dub) advisor	2026-2027

Nominated by Chair

Website Review

Ms. Sandy Wilgenbusch, Chair	2026-2027
Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth, Registrar	2026-2027
Ms. Chris Jackson, President's Office	2026-2027
Fr. Tuan Hoang, SVD, VPAA Formation and Student Life	2026-2027

Nominated by Chair

Spiritual Directors

Fr. Simon Hoang SVD, Coordinator	2026-2027
Fr. James Bergin SVD	2026-2027
Fr. Dennis Callan SVD (off-campus)	2026-2027
Sr. Maria Nguyen OSB (off-campus/zoom)	2026-2027
Sr. Joellen Price PBVM (off-campus)	2026-2027
Sr. Carol Welp SSPS	2026-2027
Fr. Tom Umbras SVD (off-campus)	2026-2027
Fr. David Ambrosy, (Dubuque Archdiocese)	2026-2027
Sr. Cecilia Thoa Nguyen LHC	2026-2027
Fr. Thang Hoang, SVD	2026-2027

Nominated by Coordinator for Spiritual Direction

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Faculty Senate Officers

Dr. Ann Lundberg (DIS) President	2026-2027
Dr. Joe Cherney (DTP) Secretary	2026-2028

Elected by Faculty Senate

Student Senate Officers

Mr. Chinh Cong Pham, President	2026-2027
Mr. Alejandro Gonzalez-Cruz, Vice President	2026-2027
Sr. Charity NyashaRabson HLMC, Secretary	2026-2027
Sr. Nguyet Thi Nguyen OCist SVI, Treasurer	2026-2027

Elected by Student Body

Student Success Quality Initiative SSQI (ad hoc)

Dr. Mathew Kanjirathinkal, Chair
Dr. Cathleen Cleary
Br. Brian McLauchlin SVD
Mr. Larry Udry
Fr. Betanora Bako Liba SVD
Sr. Cecilia Thoa Nguyen LHC

Nominated by VPAA

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Delta Epsilon Sigma

Fitzgerald Undergraduate Writing Competition Contest

The Epsilon Theta Chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma welcomes entries for the DES Fitzgerald Undergraduate Writing Competition Contest. The contest is open to any undergraduate student at Divine Word College. Students may submit one submission per category. Entries are evaluated locally with each local winner being forwarded to the national contest.

Entries are due via email to Dr. Joshua E. Young by November 1, 2026.

Contest Categories and Requirements

1. Poetry

- o Writing in this category should show original poetry, either in verse or prose form.
- o A long poem should be submitted singly.
- o Shorter lyrics may be submitted in groups of two or three.

2. Short Fiction

- o Writing in this category should be original fiction, such as short stories or stand-alone sections of longer pieces.
- o Fiction should total 1500-5000 words, either in a single work or, in cases of very short pieces, in groups of two or three.

3. Creative Non-Fiction/Personal Essay

- o Writing in this category should communicate some dimension of the worldview or feelings of the writer.
- o Writing should be true—as affirmed by the writer—but may be creative in structure or form and may make use of character development, dialogue, or other techniques of creative writing.
- o Creative nonfiction pieces or personal essays should total 1500-5000 words, either in a single work or, in cases of very brief pieces, in groups of two or three.

4. Critical/Analytical Essay

- o Writing in this category should investigate a text, or a social or scholarly issue, through a critical lens.
- o Examples of this type of writing may include textual interpretation or expository or argumentative essays in which original research is not the primary aim.
- o Essays in this category should total 1500-5000 words.
- o Provide appropriate in-text citations for all direct or indirect (paraphrased) quotations.
- o Integrate brief quotations properly with correct punctuation.

5. Scholarly Research – *There are Two Categories*

- a. **Non-Empirical Humanities** - Writing in this category should present primary or secondary research that provides and elucidates some original insight on a social, ethical, cultural, or humanistic question.
 - b. **Empirical Sciences and the Social Sciences** – Writing in this category demands precision (the precise use of words and phrases), clarity and economy because the writer is communicating highly technical information to others who might, or might not, be as knowledgeable.
- o Judging criteria include the presentation, quality, and depth of the piece and the manifestation of correctly performed research.
 - o Documentation should follow one of the established scholarly style-sheets (MLA or APA).
 - o An abstract (named "Abstract") must be placed at the head of the text, below the paper's title.
 - o The length of the paper should total 1500-5000 (maximum) words.
 - o Provide appropriate **in-text citations** (correlated to a "Works Cited" page at the rear of the paper) for all direct and indirect (paraphrased) quotations.
 - o Integrate brief quotations properly with correct punctuation; avoid long, block quotations.
 - o **Other references (such as comments or informational notes) must appear as endnotes, not footnotes.**