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THE PRESIDENT

An INTERCULTURAL Party

There was music, dancing, preaching, joking and plenty of languages and accents to mix together at the feast. There was even a fashion show of African dress. Most important, there were smiles all around at our celebration in memory of St. Josephine Bakhita.



The life of Bakhita (Arabic for “fortunate”) was a story of horrible misfortune that became a way of blessing and holiness. When still a little girl, she was stolen from her family in Sudan and sold into slavery. She suffered such brutality she forgot her family, her language and even her own name! In cruel irony, she was given a slave-name, “Bakhita-Lucky.” As a young woman, she was taken to Italy where she was freed from slavery, baptized and joined the Canossian Sisters. She spent the rest of her life as a cook and doorkeeper at the convent in a small city of northern Italy. Her gentle smile and voice welcomed and blessed the parents and children who came to the convent school. She became, as St. John Paul II said at her canonization in 2000, a “universal sister” to the people of Italy and the whole world. When speaking of her enslavement, St. Josephine often insisted she would thank her kidnappers. For had she not been kidnapped, she might never have come to know Jesus Christ and entered His Church.

At Divine Word College we celebrate St. Josephine Bakhita every year in the month of February, a fitting way to honor Black History month. The African-Caribbean Student Association (ACSA) hosted the party, but everyone played a part.

This year, something remarkable is happening with our three major “cultural celebrations,” Guadalupe, Lunar New Year, and Bakhita. More and more, we are thinking of Divine Word College not so much as a place of MULTICULTURAL encounter, but rather as an invitation to INTERCULTURAL sharing. The difference is important for missionaries.



Many of the parishes where SVDs are working



are MULTICULTURAL in their membership, with people gathering from many nations and peoples. The same is true for DWC; the 125 students this semester come from 23 nations of origin! The African-Caribbean Student Association itself represents students from Haiti, the USA, Cameroon, Ghana, Tanzania, Angola, Ethiopia, Benin, Nigeria, Togo and Uganda.

In the parishes, however, it is a rather difficult challenge to help people of different backgrounds truly encounter each other and build a life together. It often happens that the different groups share the parish buildings, but take few opportunities to share a common life. It takes missionary patience and dedication to build up an INTERCULTURAL community. At DWC, we encourage everyone to take pride in their own cultural heritage, and to share it generously with others. Just as important is the respectful

willingness and ability “try-on” the dress, the food, the sounds, the ideas and values of other peoples. A celebration like Bakhita gives us all a chance to experiment!

You can sample some of the celebration on the DWC [Facebook page](#)

[Video highlights of the liturgical celebration](#) are on YouTube

Check out a [large group of photos](#) on Flickr



Board of Administration Meeting Summary

The Board of Administration met on Tuesday, February 19th, and discussed/approved the following topics:

- Reviewed progress of the objectives and action steps of the Strategic Plan.
- Reviewed the HLC Recommendations of 2016 and the follow-up and implementation that has taken place thus far.
- Revised the application process and form for the endowed honor scholarships – Fr. Flinn, Bishop Guillory, Fr. Nowicki, Fr. Kamp, Mr. Hughes, Fr. Morman. Application requires only one form to be completed for any of the honor scholarships. All SVD candidates are eligible to apply.
- Revised the application process and form for the Presidential Scholarship. All students are eligible to apply.
- Approved a new scholarship to become effective August 2019 – the “Good Neighbor Scholarship.” This is for high school graduates in the greater Epworth area to earn an Associates of Arts Degree at DWC. The scholarship covers 100% of the cost of tuition, books and college fees. It does not provide housing.



March 1	Board of Administration Meeting
March 5	Departmental Meetings – DTP and DIS
March 6	Ash Wednesday
March 7	ESL Term C Classes End
March 8	Mid-Semester and ESL Term C End-of-Term Testing
March 9 - 17	Spring Break
April 7	Legacy Society Appreciation Mass and Brunch
April 18-21	Holy Week Triduum
May 3-4	Board of Trustees Meeting
May 4	Local Alumni Event

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Faculty Professional Development

Ms. Michelle Vargo, Instructor of ESL in the Intensive English Language Institute, has been granted professional development funding to attend an ESL Conference on April 12-14 2019 at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, MI. The plenary session presentation is entitled: “Playing with Literature: Imagination, Faith, & Language Skills.”

Dates to Remember

Academic Advisor Workshop

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2019 in room 101

New and current undergraduate student advisors who are expected to attend this information update will be notified by email. This workshop will be directed by Ms. Jolene Zimmerman, Registrar.

Spring Break – Saturday, March 9, – Sunday, March 17, 2019

Chamber Concert – “Meditations in March”

7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 in the Divine Word College Chapel

“Meditations in March” is a chamber concert presentation featuring pianist Dr. Evelyn Dias, violist Dr. Amanda Wilton, and tenor Mr. Mason Montuoro. This ensemble will perform works of César Franck, Vaughan Williams, Arvo Pärt, and Tigran Mansurian. This event is open to the public. Free will donations are gladly accepted.

Candidate Interviews for the Assistant Professor of English position

Dr. Katherine M. Zlabek – Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Dr. Richard L. Garrett – Friday, April 5 2019

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

A heartfelt thank you on behalf of the DWC community to all the members of the ACSA students and all those who contributed significantly to making such a successful and wonderful feast of St. Josephine Bakhita. It was indeed a celebration of unity and interculturality that reflects the beauty of our community here at DWC. Let us pray that the life and example of St. Josephine Bakhita may inspire us to live our lives faithfully as she said “be good, love the lord, pray for those who do not know him. What a grace it is to know God!”

Thursday, February 28, our monthly **Mass for vocation** is organized by the formation group of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Come to pray for Sr. Theresa Marie Tran, her formation members, and an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

The **Liturgy Education** will replace the Liturgy Prep. The topic is the liturgy of the hour presented by Br. Mike Decker, SVD. All students are required to attend and gather at 1:00 PM, in room 107.

The **Volleyball Championship Game** will be scheduled for Friday, March 1, at 5:30 PM in the gym. Please come out to support your favorite teams. Free beverages and chips will be served.

Saturday, March 2, is scheduled for **ESL Ministry** to the congregation of the Sisters of the Presentation. Those students involved in this ministry would please gather at the front entrance at 9:20 AM.

Sunday, March 3, the formation group of Galatians will prepare a **cultural dinner** at 5:30 PM in the dining room. Come to enjoy the delicious community meal.

Wednesday, March 6, is **Ash Wednesday** and the beginning of the Church’s season of Lent. It is a period of prayerful reflection, penance, and fasting that prepares us for Christ’s resurrection on Easter Sunday. To mark this day, we will have a service of the imposition of Ashes during mass.

Student Resource Center - *Dr. Yasmin Rioux*

In order to maintain our commitment to continuously foster and support our students’ writing proficiency, the Student Resource Center now features faculty writing tutors. Four of our colleagues – Br. Brian McLaughlin, Lisa Towers, Dr. Anton Jacobs, and Dr. Marilyn Taylor – have agreed to provide their writing expertise for a few hours each week! To make student scheduling fast and efficient, the SRC has implemented a new scheduling software, Setmore. Students will use Setmore only to schedule meetings with our faculty writing tutors, not their peer tutors. The new faculty writing tutors will be available during the following times, but must be requested via Setmore in order to come to the SRC.

Brother Brian

Tuesdays: 4-6 pm
Thursdays: 10-11 am

Dr. Anton Jacobs

Monday-Thursday: 4-5 pm

Lisa Towers

Mondays: 8-11 am
Mondays: 1-2 pm
Tuesdays/Thursdays: 1-2 pm

Dr. Marilyn Taylor

Monday-Thursday: 3-4 pm

Aside of students being able to simply copy and paste the scheduling link into their browser, all of the Student Resource Center computers have the Setmore Writing Tutor link **bookmarked** as "Writing Tutors - Setmore".

Below are the Setmore scheduling instructions as they were sent out to students and instructional staff.

- 1) Please click on the following link (Note: this link is bookmarked as "Writing Tutors – Setmore" on ALL of the Student Resource Center PCs) <https://divinewordcollegestudentresourcecenter.setmore.com/>. This will take you to the Setmore scheduling homepage (depicted below).



Divine Word College - Student Resource Center				
SERVICE	PROVIDER	DATE	YOUR INFO	CONFIRM
Choose Service				
All Services				
Tutoring		60 mins		\$0
Writing Tutoring - Volunteer		60 mins		\$0

Contact Info
563-876-3353

Business Hours (CST)

Mon	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tue	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wed	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thu	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Fri	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sat	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Sun	Closed

- 2) Then, click on the "Writing Tutoring – Volunteer" link. Do NOT click on the "Tutoring" link!

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3) The next page will show you the writing tutor volunteers. Please click on the tutor you would like to work with.

Note: the number of writing tutor volunteers might increase or decrease as the semesters progress! The screen might not always look like the image below!

Divine Word College - Student Resource Center

✓ WRITIN > PROVIDER > DATE > YOUR INFO > CONFIRM

Choose Provider

- TEST
- Brian McLauchlin
- Lisa Towers
- Anton Jacobs
- Marilyn Taylor

Contact Info
563-876-3353

Business Hours (CST)

Mon	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tue	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wed	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thu	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
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Sat	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Sun	Closed

4) Once you click on the tutor that you would like to work with, you will be able to see their available times and days.

Divine Word College - Student Resource Center

✓ WRITIN > ✓ TEST > 20 FEB... > YOUR INFO > CONFIRM

Your Timezone: (GMT -6:00) Central Time

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
		12:30 PM	4:00 PM
		12:45 PM	4:15 PM
		1:00 PM	4:30 PM
		1:15 PM	4:45 PM
		1:30 PM	5:00 PM
		1:45 PM	
		2:00 PM	
		2:15 PM	
		2:30 PM	
		2:45 PM	
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- 5) Once you click on a time and day that works for you, you will be prompted to provide your name and email address. You may, but do not need to, type in your phone number and optional comments. Then, click continue.

Divine Word College - Student Resource Center

✓ WRITIN > ✓ TEST > ✓ 20 FEB... > YOUR INFO > CONFIRM

Enter Your Information

Name *

Email *

Mobile +1

Comments

500

Continue

Contact Info
563-876-3353

Business Hours (CST)

Mon	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
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Wed	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
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Fri	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sat	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Sun	Closed

- 6) Before finalizing and confirming your appointment with your writing tutor, you can check and go over your booking one more time. Please make sure that you have clicked “Writing Tutor – Volunteer” under the “Services” button. Check if the provider is the tutor you wanted. Also, make sure that the time, date, and your information are correct.

Divine Word College - Student Resource Center

✓ WRITIN > ✓ TEST > ✓ 20 FEB... > YOUR > CONFIRM

Confirm Your Information

SERVICES: Writing Tutoring - Volunteer - 60 minutes

PROVIDER: TEST

DATE & TIME: Wed, 20 Feb 2019 at 04:45 PM (CST)

YOUR INFO: yasmin rioux
yrioux@dwci.edu

Book My Appointment

Contact Info
563-876-3353

Business Hours (CST)

Mon	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tue	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wed	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thu	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Fri	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sat	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Sun	Closed

When booking with Divine Word College - Student Resource Center you may receive appointment specific communication from Setmore. This may include booking and cancellation confirmations, payment receipts and appointment reminders via email or SMS.

7) If you are satisfied, click “Book My Appointment”. You’re all set! Your tutor will be notified! Please meet them at the Student Resource Center.

Divine Word College - Student Resource Center

✓ WRITIN > ✓ TEST > ✓ 20 FEB... > ✓ YOUR > CONFIRM

Confirm Your Information

SERVICES: Writing Tutoring - Volunteer - 60 minutes

PROVIDER: TEST

DATE & TIME: Wed, 20 Feb 2019 at 04:45 PM (CST)

YOUR INFO: yasmin rioux
yrioux@dwci.edu

Book My Appointment

Contact Info
563-876-3353

Business Hours (CST)

Mon	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
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8) Your last screen should look like the one depicted below. Make sure you see “Appointment Confirmed”! Also, you may book another writing tutoring session on this screen! This is optional.

Divine Word College - Student Resource Center

Appointment Confirmed

SERVICES: Writing Tutoring - Volunteer - 60 minutes

PROVIDER: TEST

DATE & TIME: Wed, 20 Feb 2019 at 04:45 PM (CST)

YOUR INFO: yasmin rioux
yrioux@dwci.edu

BOOKING ID: UTmgAS

Book Another Appointment

Contact Info
563-876-3353

Business Hours (CST)

Mon	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tue	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wed	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
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Sat	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Sun	Closed

9) You and your tutor will receive confirmation emails!

Thank You

Hi yasmin rioux,

Your appointment has been booked with Divine Word College - Student Resource Center .

When: Wed Feb 20, 2019 04:45 PM
Service: Writing Tutoring - Volunteer
Provider: TEST
Booking ID: UTmgAS

Thanks,
Divine Word College - Student Resource Center

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Student Resource Center

563-876-3353

[Reviews](#)

You've received this essential service message due to your recently booked appointment.

 Setmore Free Online Scheduling - Sign Up Now

If you have any questions regarding Setmore, our volunteer tutors, or anything pertaining to this message or program, please contact me at yrioux@dwci.edu!