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### Birthday Corner

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- 28 Sr. Thoa Thi Nguyen, LHC
- 29 Megan Sutton
- 29 Michelle Vargo
- 30 Mark Garton
- 30 Sr. Kim Tuyen Nguyen, LHC

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- 1 Ha Van Nguyen
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- 2 Nay Kaw Sho

### THE PRESIDENT

#### Matthew 25 Award - I was thirsty, I was sick

On Wednesday, March, 20, Divine Word College honored Art Roche, retired Dubuque hospital executive, peace and social justice advocate, and long-time member of the DWC Board of Trustees. He received the Matthew 25 Award, which was presented at a prayer service and banquet. Art graduated from Divine Word College in 1970 with a degree in English literature. In the intervening 50 years he has lived out a "missionary" concern for people mentioned in the 25th chapter of Matthew's Gospel.

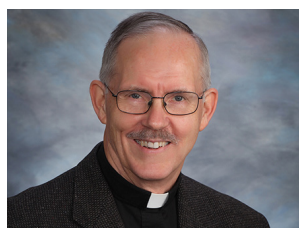


"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you cared for me, I was in prison and you visited me."

During his remarks, Art spoke about two "Matthew 25" projects that are especially close to his heart.



*I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.* The Sister Water Project was launched by the Sisters of St. Francis in 2006 to bring safe water to villages in Tanzania and Honduras. The initial goal was to raise \$42,000, but thanks to the aid of many, many donors, the project has since raised more than \$1,000,000. These funds allowed the Sister Water Project to complete/restore over 200 well projects in Tanzania and 20 water systems in Honduras. Art remembered being in Honduras to contribute his own labor. He commented with evident gratitude that the project was not the work of a big corporation or mega-donor. Instead, it is the small things done by so many supporters that brought clean water sources to a half million people in the past ten years.



*I was sick and you cared for me.* A second major commitment for Art is the Dubuque Pacific Islander Health Project. He told us the story of the 600-800 Marshall Islanders who now call Dubuque home.

Between 1946 and 1958, the United States conducted massive atomic weapons testing in the Marshall Islands. Radioactive fallout in the Marshalls and in nearby Pohnpei Island rendered the coral reef islands and surrounding water incapable of providing safe food. As a result, some of the islanders are in the US under a compact which allows them to work and pay taxes. However, they are excluded from Medicare and Medicaid.



Art explained further, "Since the (weapons) testing, all food has been shipped in – food with long shelf-life like rice and Spam. These have become staple foods for the islanders. The nutritional fallout is that the starch in rice becomes sugar, which becomes diabetes. About 8-9% of Americans have diabetes. About 50% or more of adult Marshall Islanders and Pohnpeians have diabetes!

"So we have a very poor, very sick population of Marshall Islanders in Dubuque. The majority of the adults speak little English and are unemployed. Preventive medicine is not something that comes naturally to these people, since the money they have must go to more basic needs – food and shelter. We have learned that they learn best in groups, and once we started having diabetic classes rather than one-to-one sessions, more of my island friends have gotten their diabetes blood test numbers down into the safe zone. Together, we are turning this around!

"In short, the Dubuque Pacific Islander Health Project is working to connect our Marshall Island and Pohnpei neighbors with the resources they need to be healthy, and we're advocating in Iowa and nationally to restore Medicaid coverage. My role as a volunteer is to chair the Project's advisory committee, and work on legislative solutions and fundraising."

Jesus parable concludes: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

A concert poster for "Meditations in March". The poster features two women, Dr. Evelyn Dias and Dr. Amanda Wilton, sitting in front of a grand piano. Dr. Evelyn Dias is wearing a red top and Dr. Amanda Wilton is wearing a blue patterned top and holding a violin. The text on the poster includes "Concert Tonight! 7:30 pm", "Meditations in March", "Featuring", and a list of performers: Dr. Evelyn Dias (Piano), Dr. Amanda Wilton (Viola), and Mr. Mason Montuoro (Tenor).

**Concert Tonight! 7:30 pm**

*Meditations in March*

*Featuring*

Dr. Evelyn Dias	Piano
Dr. Amanda Wilton	Viola
Mr. Mason Montuoro	Tenor

## VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### Academic Dean's List for ESL Spring Term C 2019

The Academic Dean's List publicly recognizes full-time students who earn a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher in a given term. Any student who has received a grade of Incomplete (I), Failure (F), or who is on academic probation is automatically disqualified. The Academic Dean's List is published at the beginning of each term for distinguished scholarship during the previous term.

Divine Word College commends the following students, listed in alphabetical order, for their outstanding academic achievement during ESL Spring Term C 2019. Congratulations!

Fr. John A. Szukalski, SVD, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

#### Intensive English Language Institute (IELI)

Mr. Roberto Alvarenga-Henriquez  
Mr. John Augustin  
Mr. Berson Bien-Aime  
Frt. Thinh Cao, SVD  
Sr. Nguyet Cao, LHC  
Sr. Elsa Castellano, SSpS  
Fr. Duc Do  
Mr. Peterson Forestal  
Mr. Wilson Joseph  
Mr. Hung Le  
Sr. Tinh Le, LHC  
Sr. Thom Mai, FMV  
Fr. Marcin Milczanowski, SVD

Sr. Diem Ngo, IHM  
Mr. Anh-Tuong Nguyen  
Fr. Ninh Nguyen  
Sr. Thanh Nguyen, LHC  
Sr. Thoa Nguyen, LHC  
Frt. Vinh Nguyen, ICM  
Sr. Tuyet Pham, OP  
Frt. Raimundo Ribeiro, SVD  
Sr. Thuy Thi Tran, LHC  
Fr. Dinh Vo  
Mr. Tung Vu  
Sr. Rose Woulaou, PS

#### NEW FACULTY HIRE

Dr. Jason Reed has been hired by Divine Word College as a Full-Time Temporary Assistant Professor of Philosophy for the 2019-2020 academic year. As previously mentioned, Dr. Reed holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from St. Louis University. He has most recently taught undergraduate philosophy courses at Loras College in Dubuque, Mount Mary University in Cedar Rapids, and Clarke University in Dubuque, along with courses in philosophy and comparative religions at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids.

Dr. Reed will begin teaching in the Department of Theology & Philosophy in August 2019. Thanks to Fr. Pablito Tagura, Fr. Thomas Aschman, and others who were involved in the interviewing process with me. Welcome Dr. Reed!

## Dates to Remember

### Chamber Concert – “Meditations in March” – Tuesday 26 March 2019

- At 7:30 p.m. 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.

### ESL Field Trip – Monday 1 April 2019

- Figge Art Museum & Putnam Science Center, Davenport IA
- Students will be provided with meaningful experiences, extra learning opportunities, and authentic language encounters with native English speakers. Instructors will organize in-class activities and/or assignments that can enhance students’ learning experience before, during, and after the field trip, dealing with vocabulary, speaking and comprehension exercises using materials related to environmental issues, animal habitats, American museum culture, fine arts, and art history. For all ESL Term D 2019 students.

### Candidate Interviews for Assistant Professor of English

- Dr. Katherine M. Zlabek – APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
- Dr. Richard L. Garrett – Friday 5 April 2019
- Mr. Adam S. Kozaczka – Monday 8 April 2019

### Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago

- Students interested in learning about graduate studies at the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago (<https://www.luc.edu/ips>) are invited to an information session at 12:30 p.m. on Friday 12 April 2019 in room 143 with enrollment advisor Ms. Mariclare Kanaley.

## VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

On Thursday, March 28, the formation group of Colossians will be in charge of **Mass for Vocations** in praying for increase of religious vocation. Let’s join in praying for Fr. Stephen Kha Nguyen and all the members of the Colossians.

- In the afternoon at 1:00 P.M, Dean’s Forum will be held in room 107. Please come, prepared with your suggestions, ideas and feedbacks to build our community a better place.

**SVD Lenten Recollection** will begin on Friday evening, March 29 until Saturday afternoon. Fr. Ed Peklo, SVD will lead the recollection. Please keep in your prayers all the members of the SVD and SSpS.

There will be an **obligatory workshop for all Student Drivers** and for those who are interested in maintenance of a vehicle (how to check for oil, tire pressure, changing a tire...) on Saturday March 30th at 1:00 PM in the garage. This workshop will be conducted by Br. Vinh Trinh, SVD and Br. Hoc Mai, SVD. SVDs are welcome.

**Cultural Dinner** - On Sunday evening, March 31, the formation group of Colossians will prepare a cultural dinner. As usual, it will be served at 5:30 P.M in the dining room. On this special occasion,



the members of the Serra Club will also be visiting to join us in Vespers and to share our culture dinner. Please welcome them and make them feel at home.

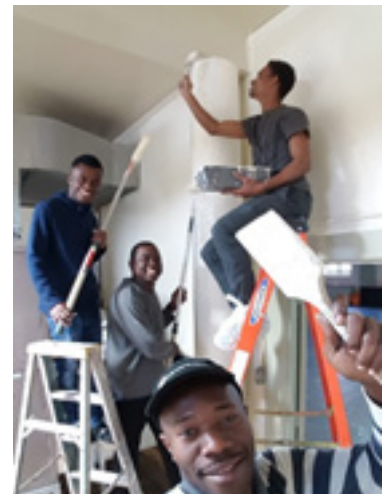
### Spring Break Projects and Reflections from the Students –

**Fort Wayne, IN** – (Truong An Nguyen, Hien Nguyen, Nam Nguyen) One week might seem to be a short time but a time well spent indeed. The spirit of cultural diversity figures strongly in the life of St. Patrick's parish where the Hispanics, the Vietnamese, and the Anglo-Americans form a faith-filled community with Masses celebrated in three languages on a regular basis.



One week stay in St. Patrick's has put us in touch with so many lives. We experienced the strong faith of Hispanic immigrants at one of their prayer services and workshops. We met long-time parishioners of St. Patrick's whose lives have been accompanying the parish throughout its stages of development and growth. We sat down with Vietnamese families who shared with us about their struggles of raising children in the new culture while remaining in touch with their Vietnamese heritage. We immersed ourselves in the missionary experience being lived out by many SVDS serving the parishes throughout the USA.

**Memphis, TN** - As a group of four students, Joubert Felix, Berson Bien Aime, John Augustin, Wisvel Joseph, we went to Memphis, Tennessee where we spent a wonderful and joyful Spring Break at Sacred Heart Parish. It is a large SVD parish where we attended the Spanish Mass with the parishioners. Usually, there are three Masses in three different languages on Sunday namely, English, Vietnamese, and Spanish. We really enjoyed being there and volunteering ourselves to work in a Catholic Charity nearby.



Our work consisted of painting and changing some ceiling. Fr. Simon was very nice to us. We visited some important areas in Memphis like museums, the Memphis Pyramid, the Cathedral where we had the chance to meet retired Bishop James Terry Steib, SVD. Besides eating some delicious food, we also enjoyed planting different kinds of flowers next to the parish. Those experiences inspired us in our vocational discernment. As SVD candidates, in order to nourish our vocations, we found it is very meaningful to go to daily mass. This experience helped us to be more open in order to have a better understanding of different missions in which the SVD missionaries are involved. In addition, this Spring Break Project helped us to better train ourselves for different missionary work outside of the Divine Word College. It was a tremendous experience for us. In summary, we all appreciate it and are willing to be involved in more similar experiences.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

**Loras Reconciliation Service** - Loras College will hold their spring reconciliation service in the main chapel on Saturday, March 30, from 6-9 pm. Fr. Jim Bergin will be assisting with the sacrament. Please be courteous when passing by the chapel at this time.



### Dubuque Area Swimmin' Hurricanes (DASH) to Use Pool

Invitation and welcome are core to missionary life. Divine Word College will put those ideals into practice in a real way beginning April 1 when a local youth competitive swim team begins practice in our pool.

**Each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evening from 6 – 9:15 PM**, youth ages 6 – 18 will increase their swimming skills and prepare for competition. Several coaches, and some parents, will be on-site at all times youth are present.

The swimmers will likely use the gym for warm-up exercises until the weather is warm enough for them to be outside.

In addition, the DASH program is offering swimming lessons at DWC on Saturday and Sundays during April and May. **Lessons will take place from 12 – 3 PM each weekend.** All sessions of swimming lessons are full so they will have great attendance.

You may wonder why the DASH swimmers need our pool. It's because the pool that they normally use, at Dubuque Hempstead High School, has a serious leak and can no longer hold water. A new pool is under construction but will not be ready for use until sometime in 2020.

*Please keep in mind that the swimmers will use the locker rooms so be mindful of your belongings. Items should be kept in lockers so they don't get misplaced or wet.*

Making our facilities available to the community is part of the mission of Divine Word College. Welcoming the DASH program is a perfect example of fulfilling that mission.

Thank you for making our guests feel welcome on our campus!

## Scholarship Opportunity

**Dr. Summit Shah Scholarship** - Dr. Summit Shah has founded the Dr. Summit Shah Scholarship in reaction to the rising tuition costs. Dr. Shah graduated as valedictorian from Bishop Watterson High School before attending Ohio State University, where he earned a Bachelor's with Honors. He stayed at OSU and earned his MD from the College of Medicine at Ohio State. He has been a tireless advocate of access to higher education and has founded the Dr. Summit Shah Scholarship to ensure that deserving students from all parts of the economic spectrum can reach their academic goals. One student will be chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholarship to be applied to their higher learning education. We would like to offer a \$1000 scholarship offer for your students at to be applied to their higher learning education.

**Who Is Eligible?** Eligibility parameters are as follows:

- High school students graduating this calendar year and have been accepted into a college, university, trade school, or design school are eligible to apply
- Students currently enrolled in a college, university, trade school, or design school
- All majors and areas of studies are encouraged to apply

**Essay Question:** Life is hard and it takes motivation to be persistence to reach your goals. To be considered for this scholarship, please submit a short essay (500 words or less) that shares what some of the things are that keep you motivated to keep reaching for your goals. Dr. Summit Shah would love to hear about some of your specific goals as well.

We would be honored if you would let your students know about our scholarship and give them this link to apply: <http://www.summitshahscholarship.com/>

**Application Deadline:** June 1, 2019

## HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

**Blood Drive** – There will be a Blood Drive at DWC (in the gym) on Tuesday, April 9, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, April 2. The sign up list will be on the student bulletin board.

Guidelines:

- Must be age 18 or older
- Must weigh at least 110 lbs
- Must feel well on the day of donation
- Bring photo ID
- Do not take any aspirin medication for 48 before donation
- Must be 56 days since last time being a blood doner

Students who are from a country that has Malaria such as Vietnam/Haiti, and any other country needs to be in the USA for 3 years before they can donate blood, with no trips back to their country.

If you have any questions, please see Bro. Mike.

Thanks in advance for those who will donate. This is a good opportunity to give during the Season of Lent. When you donate blood, you help 4-6 people who need blood for their operations. The "Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center" always needs blood donations.



March 26	“Meditations in March” Chamber Concert Presentation
April 7	Donor Appreciation Mass and Brunch
April 18-21	Holy Week Triduum
May 3-4	Board of Trustees Meeting
May 4	Local Alumni Event
May 10	Classes End
May 13-16	Final Exam Week
May 17	Commencement