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THE PRESIDENT *Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD*

Thank You – Merci – Gracias – Cám on

Words of congratulation will be floating through the halls of DWC this week. As the graduating students prepare for commencement exercises, they rightly take center stage. There will be caps and gowns, diplomas, photos, and smiles all around. However, during the commencement exercises, there is one detail that I always find particularly moving.

In the opening procession, the students enter behind the department banners. Then the faculty enter, with their many-colored “hoods” that mark both their field of their scholarship and the universities where they studied. The entrance of the faculty reminds me of the wide experience they bring to Divine Word College. They share it with us as a gift. Unlike with the graduates, their academic finery does not provoke in me an expression of congratulations; what I feel is tremendous gratitude.

Three teachers have had an outsized impact on my life. Two were mentors for my doctoral studies at Catholic University of America. But the most influential was Fr. Gary Riebe SVD who taught Theology at Divine Word College in the 1970’s. I can’t help but think of them with gratitude.

I studied at six colleges/universities and have taught at four institutions of higher education. The experience has given me many opportunities to observe the student bodies and the faculties of the different schools. There is a real difference here at DWC.



DWC students are remarkable for their strong sense of purpose, both because of their religious commitments, and because so many



of them are the first member of their families to study at the college level. The students are also remarkable for their cultural diversity. The flags we fly are testimony to their more than twenty nations of origin!

The DWC faculty, I think, is simply extraordinary. First, their mutual solidarity with and respect for one another is often evident, especially at off-campus and after-hours events. The recent retirement party for Dr. Marilyn Taylor and Dr. Joe Hartel was a good example. The same support could be seen in the big turnout for a recent performance by Ms. Gwen Gates with a local bluegrass music group. Second, I see that the faculty genuinely love the students. DWC faculty members constantly show care and friendship that is far above expectations at other schools. This allows our students to thrive and to achieve way beyond their own expectations.

I say, “**Thank You – Merci – Gracias – Cám ơn.**”

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS *Fr. John Szukalski, SVD*

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2019!

Listed below are the expected graduating students of the 2018-2019 Academic Year with corresponding degree major and minor, pending the successful completion of any remaining coursework and the attainment of cumulative grade point average (C-GPA) requirements. This list was recently approved by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on Saturday 4 May 2019.

Mr. Marc Declama – B.A. in PHI & ICS (Double Major)
 Sr. Cecilia Foleng, SST – B.A. in TRS (Minor in ICS)
 Sr. Florence Muturi, LSOSF – B.A. in TRS (Minor in PHI)
 Sr. Bich Hong Nguyen, LHC – B.A. in TRS (Minor in PHI)
 Mr. Ha Van Nguyen – B.A. in PHI (Minor in ICS)
 Mr. Huy Hoai Nguyen – B.A. in PHI (Minor in TRS)
 Sr. Trang Nguyen, CDM – B.A. in PHI (Minor in TRS)
 Mr. Tuan Van Nguyen – B.A. in PHI (Minor in TRS)
 Mr. Thong Tran – B.A. in PHI (Minor in ICS)
 Mr. Francis Wambua – B.A. in PHI (Minor in TRS)

Mr. Kodjo Emon – A.A. in ICS
 Mr. Thinh Van Quoc Nguyen – A.A. in IDS
 Fr. Wilfridus Valiance – A.A. in ICS
 Frt. Andrew Wang, SVD – A.A. in ICS

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| BA Theology & Religious Studies [TRS] | 3 | AA Theology & Religious Studies [TRS] | 0 |
| BA Philosophy [PHI] | 6 | AA Intercultural Studies [ICS] | 3 |
| BA Intercultural Studies [ICS] | 0 | AA Interdisciplinary Studies [IDS] | 1 |
| BA PHI & ICS (double major) | 1 | | |

Total Number of AY 2018-2019 Graduates: 14

NEW FACULTY FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

I'm delighted to officially announce that some new faculty members will join Divine Word College in the Fall Semester next academic year. Welcome Dr. Jason Reed, Dr. Richard Garrett, and Ms. Jacqueline Hunter!

Dr. Richard Garrett – Assistant Professor of English Language and Literature

Dr. Richard Garrett holds a Ph.D. in English Language and Literature from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. He has taught this past academic year as a US Fulbright Scholar at the University of Jordan in Amman, Jordan, and previously as a US Fulbright Scholar in Moldova State University in Chisinau, Moldova. His international teaching experience also includes positions in China, France, and India. Since 2006, Dr. Garrett has been a Lecturer/Senior Lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Many thanks to the members of the Search Committee who reviewed all applications for the position of Assistant Professor of English, held initial remote screening interviews with prospective candidates, and performed on-campus interviews with the finalists: Dr. Anton Jacobs (chair), Dr. Marilyn Taylor, Dr. Yasmin Rioux, and Bro. Tony Kreinus, SVD.

Dr. Jason Reed – Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Dr. Jason Reed holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Reed 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 high school courses in philosophy and comparative religions at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids.

Ms. Jacqueline Hunter – Adjunct Lecturer in History

Ms. Jacqueline Hunter holds a M.S. in Education from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Ms. Hunter is currently the Executive Director of the Multicultural Family Center in Dubuque. She has previously worked at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, in the Osceola County Florida school district, and is a U.S. Army Veteran of Operation Desert Storm.

FACULTY SENATE ELECTION – NEW PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

At its April 30, 2019 meeting, the Faculty Senate conducted elections for new officials in accord with Faculty Handbook 202.5. The following individuals were duly elected:

Mr. Daniel Williams— Faculty Senate President-Elect
Term of Office: 2019-2021 (two academic years)

Bro. Brian McLauchlin, SVD— Faculty Senate Secretary-Elect
Term of Office: 2019-2020 (one academic year)

Congratulations to Mr. Williams and Bro. McLauchlin! Thank you both for your willingness to serve in these important roles of faculty leadership and of shared governance at DWC. A word of thanks to Dr. Ronald Condon, who served as Faculty Senate President for three

semesters (August 2017 – December 2018), and to Fr. Samuel Cunningham, SVD, who served as Interim Faculty Senate President for one semester (January – May 2019) while Dr. Condon was away on sabbatical. Also, thanks to Mr. Daniel Williams who served as Faculty Senate Secretary over the past academic year (August 2018 – May 2019), and Sr. Therese-Marie Tran, SCC before that (August 2017 – May 2018). It has been a pleasure to work collaboratively with you—Ron, Sam, Dan, and Therese-Marie—in our areas of shared responsibility for DWC’s academic programs and for student learning. Here’s looking forward to the 2019-2020 academic year!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – FOLLOW-UP ON ACADEMICS

At the recent meetings during May 3-4, 2019 weekend, the Board of Trustees reviewed, evaluated, and voted on a few initiatives concerning DWC academic programs and faculty. As you recall, these initiatives were discussed with various faculty and administrative constituencies and published in assorted VPAA memos and in the LOG during this academic year. The Board of Administration reviewed these decisions at its meeting on Friday 10 May, and now I am pleased to officially share these decisions with the DWC community.

Removal of Tenure: Upon the recommendation of the BOT Academic Affairs Committee, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the proposal to remove tenure-specific policies as contained in DWC Handbooks. The existing Rank & Tenure committee as a college-wide standing committee will be dissolved, and a new Faculty Promotions & Awards committee will be constituted in its place. The effective date of these changes is 30 June 2019.

New Core Competencies: Upon the recommendation of the BOT Academic Affairs Committee, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the new Core Competencies (CCs) and associated Core Competency Student Learning Outcomes (CC-SLOs) for implementation in the Undergraduate program beginning in the Fall 2019 Semester. The new Core Competencies are: Critical Thinking Acuity, Communication Effectiveness, Intercultural Competence, Social & Global Responsibility, and Missionary Discipleship. These new Core Competencies will replace the current Institutional Learning Outcomes.

New Certificate in Pre-Theology: Upon the recommendation of the BOT Academic Affairs Committee, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the new Certificate in Pre-Theology for implementation beginning in the Fall 2019 Semester. This new Certificate in Pre-Theology consists of a total 48 credit hours (30 credits in Philosophy, 12 credits in Theology, and 6 credits in Spanish language), and complies with the requirements stipulated by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Program of Priestly Formation.



Dates to Remember

Commencement – 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 17, 2019

All full-time faculty members are required to attend the Commencement exercises. Part-time faculty are encouraged, but not required to attend. (Faculty Handbook 303.8.3)

ESL Summer Term E – Placement Testing / Registration – Friday, May 31, 2019

ESL Summer Term E – First Day of Classes – Monday, June 3, 2019

ESL Field Trip – Friday, June 14, 2019

Pictured Rocks Camp and Retreat Center, Monticello IA

Students will be provided authentic language encounters with native speakers of English by visiting a typical American summer camp site. Instructors will organize in-class activities and/or assignments that can enhance students' learning experience before, during, and after the trip, dealing with vocabulary, speaking and comprehension exercises using materials related to summer sports and team-building activities in the US.

ESL Field Trip – Friday, June 28, 2019

Henry Vilas Zoo & Wisconsin Capitol, Madison WI

Students will be exposed to authentic communicative activities. They will engage with native English speakers in a variety of settings to include: interaction with zoo staff during an education program, ordering food in a restaurant, and interacting with staff on a tour of the Wisconsin Capitol. Instructors will create task-based or project-based assignments that are in keeping with their course objectives.

ESL Field Trip – Friday, July 12, 2019

Dubuque Grand Opera House, Dubuque IA

Students will watch the Broadway musical Mary Poppins after discussing the original/abridged novel and/or movie (2018) in class. Watching a play is great listening practice. Pre-field trip activities include reading literary works/synopses or exploring the Grand Opera House website. Students will compare P.L. Travers' original novel with its movie version and stage performance.

Faculty Institute on Assessment & Student Learning – Monday, August 12, 2019

This annual event addresses important issues for the ongoing professional development of faculty. The Faculty Institute is an all-day workshop that begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Watch your DWC email during the summer for further details on the topic, presenter, and location.

All full-time faculty members are required to attend the annual Faculty Institute. Part-time faculty are encouraged, but not required to attend. (Faculty Handbook 303.8.3)

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Bang Tran, SVD

- At the end of the school year, all students living in the main building and Arkfeld House are asked to clean and pack all your belongings and bring them to the storage room in the basement. When you store your belongings in the storage room in the basement, please be considerate of others.
- The Deans of Students, Fr. Bang Tran and Fr. Long Phi, will do **room inspection** on Thursday night, May 16 at 8:30 PM for those who will leave DWC immediately after commencement on Friday. We will do another room inspection on Friday, May 17 at 3:00 PM. In order to get your room deposit back, your room needs to be clean, clear of trash, no damage and nothing is missing. You will get your \$10 key deposit back when you return your key to the Business Office, and the \$25 for room deposit after your room is inspected.
- All students, please send Fr. Bang Tran your **contact information** and location where you might be reached during the summer. Wishing you all a wonderful and enjoyable summer vacation. Have fun and stay safe!

Please check the Student Board for all the activities of the final week.

Thursday May 16

- 5:30PM Picnic/Cookout (Courtyard)
- 8:30 PM Room Inspection

Friday May 17

- 8:00 AM Eucharistic Celebration (Chapel)
Followed by coffee & donut and presentation (Dining Room)
- 9:30 AM Graduates robe in caps & gowns (Room 107)
- 10:00 AM Graduates group photo (Chapel)
- 10:15 AM Graduates, faculty, marshals, trustees line up for procession (Corridor)
- 10:30 AM Commencement Exercises (Chapel)
Followed by lunch (Dining Room)
- 3:00 PM Room Inspection
- 3:30 PM Get your room and key deposits back (Business Office)
- 6:15 PM Dinner

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FINAL EXAMS!

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS *Mr. Len Uhal*

Thank you

Everyone in the Admissions Office thanks the entire Divine Word College community for your support as we work to find new students to enroll into the College. From faculty and student hosts to those who refer potential students to us, when we work together great things happen!

As you leave Divine Word College for the summer, if you would like to help promote the College and the Divine Word Missionaries, please take some brochures and prayer cards with you. Share them with those you meet over the summer and place them in parishes or wherever you think prospective students will see them. We appreciate your help in advertising for us. Be sure to share your positive experiences about Divine Word College with other people who may be interested in attending Divine Word College.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer vacation!

Summer Birthdays!



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July

- 1 Brenda Williams
- 2 Sr. Thanh Thi Nguyen, LHC
- 4 Sr. Trang Nguyen, CDM
- 7 Do Kim Tuang
- 11 John Scully
- 13 Sr. Cecilia Foleng, SST
- 17 Sr. Tuyen Tran, FMI
- 24 Cathleen Cleary
- 24 Mary Kay Lueck
- 29 Laura Bergfeld
- 29 Gwyneth Gates

June

- 1 Wisvel Joseph
- 1 Sr. Hong Pham, LHC
- 3 Sr. Theresa Marie Tran, SCC
- 4 Fr. Thang Hoang, SVD
- 5 Connie Simon
- 6 Sr. Nguyet Minh Cao, LHC
- 8 Steve Winger
- 11 Sr. Pamela Baluka, LSOSF
- 15 Sr. Thom Thi Mai, FMV
- 15 Pierre Solivert
- 21 Fr. Roberto Henriquez
- 24 Sr. Norelly Rodriguez, RCS
- 26 Sr. An Thi Hoang, LHC
- 30 Bro. Duylinh Tran, SVD

August

- 7 Thiet Van Hoang
- 8 Sr. Thuy Tram Nguyen, MSC
- 13 Joubert Felix
- 18 Quoc Nguyen
- 20 Fr. Sam Cunningham, SVD
- 21 Hoang Do
- 22 Amy Hartman
- 26 Bro. Tony Kreinus, SVD
- 28 Fr. Bang Tran, SVD



- May 13-16 Undergraduate Final Exam Week
- May 15 ESL Term D Last Day of Classes
- May 16 ESL Term D Testing
- May 17 Commencement - - All full-time faculty members are required to attend the Commencement exercises. Part-time faculty are encouraged, but not required to attend. (Faculty Handbook 303,8.3)
- May 31 ESL Placement Testing/Registration for Summer ESL Term E
- June 3 ESL Summer Term E Classes Begin