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Alma Mater – Mother of Souls

Alma Mater is a phrase used in English speaking countries to refer with some affection to one's school, college or university. Many schools also have a special Alma Mater song that praises the institution as a source of knowledge, values and vision.

A direct translation of the Latin words would be Alma = Nourishing and Mater = Mother. In subsequent centuries, alma took on the additional meaning of soul/spirit in Italian, Spanish and Portuguese. Perhaps, then it is not too much to translate Alma Mater as Mother of Souls or Spirit Mother.

Divine Word College aspires to be an Alma Mater for missionaries, a Soul Mother, a Spirit Mother. The College offers classes, practices for personal growth, an environment of intercultural living, encouragement of spiritual reflection, and opportunities for apostolic service. All of these varied experiences are intended to work together to educate and form missionaries.

Core Competencies. This semester some new language is being introduced to help us think of our life together as "mothering missionary souls." Last year, the faculty and administration began a far-reaching conversation about core competencies. In May 2019, the DWC Board of Trustees approved five core competencies that were identified in the conversation. They are:

- Critical Thinking Acuity
- Communication Effectiveness
- Intercultural Competence
- Social & Global Responsibility
- Missionary Discipleship



In the coming months I will have the opportunity to write briefly about each of these core competencies. If we do our job well at Divine Word College, then all of us, students, faculty and staff, will be challenged and encouraged to grow in these five areas.



Almah Mater. By coincidence, the Hebrew word, *almah*, means a maiden, a young girl, a virgin. Perhaps for this reason, in the Roman Catholic Church, Alma Mater has come to be used as a title for the Virgin Mother, Mary. During Advent and the Christmas season at the close of evening prayer, we sing the chant, *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, Nourishing Mother of the Redeemer. Even Jesus needed a mother to feed him and to nurture his soul.

DWC aspires to be the mother of missionary souls, of missionary spirits. Mary can serve as an inspiration and model for such an audacious mothering spirit.

“Friends Across Nations” (FAN) Picnic – This Sunday, August 25th, Divine Word College will host its twenty-third annual FAN Club picnic in the courtyard. Currently, 32 students participate with 16 families from the area.

The program was initiated in 1996 to introduce students with families from the area. The program provides students the opportunity to practice their English skills with native speakers, to establish a personal relationship with the good people of our area, and to enjoy natural and human resources in the Tri-state area. Students also have the opportunity to share their worldviews, their faith, their values and ways of celebrating their culture with area families.

All students are invited to attend the picnic, to join in the games, and to meet the families who are participating. Students who are interested in joining the FAN Club can find further information and sign-up forms in the Pourhouse or from Ms. Donna Puccio. A current listing of the participating families and students is posted on the student bulletin board.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Fr. John Szukalski, SVD

NEW REGISTRAR – MS. KIMBERLY BURNETT-HACKBARTH

The Search Committee for College Registrar (Mr. Paul Stamm and I) has successfully completed its task of reviewing applications and conducting remote and on-campus interviews over the summer. I’m pleased to announce that **Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth** has been hired as the new College Registrar. Welcome, Kimberly, to Divine Word College!

Ms. Burnett-Hackbarth joins Divine Word College and the VP for Academic Affairs office with a wealth of educational and experiential background in higher education. She holds a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Dubuque, and a B.A. in Communications from Clarke University. Since 2011, she has been employed at the University of Dubuque. From 2011-2013, Ms. Burnett-Hackbarth was an administrative assistant and then Coordinator of Distance Education for the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. From 2013-2019, she was the Director of Seminary Admissions at the same institution. Ms. Burnett-Hackbarth is assigned to office #132.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS FOR THE FALL 2019 SEMESTER:

- DR. JASON REED—ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY
- DR. RICHARD GARRETT—ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
- MS. JACQUELINE HUNTER—ADJUNCT LECTURER OF HISTORY

As previously announced, three new faculty members are joining Divine Word College for the Fall 2019 Semester. Welcome to Divine Word College!

DR. JASON REED – Dr. Jason Reed joins Divine Word College as an Assistant Professor of Philosophy in the Department of Theology & Philosophy [DTP]. 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 high school courses in philosophy and comparative religions at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids. He will teach PHI 225-Philosophy of Human Nature, PHI 320-Medieval Philosophy, and PHI 445-Metaphysics in the Fall 2019 Semester. Dr. Jason Reed is assigned to office #202-4.

DR. RICHARD GARRETT – Dr. Richard Garrett joins Divine Word College as an Assistant Professor of English and English Literature in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies [DIS]. Dr. Garrett holds a Ph.D. in English Language and Literature from the University of 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. He will teach ENG 090-Basic Writing, ENG 110-Approaches to Literature, ENG 111-Expository Communication, and ENG 353-Mythology. Dr. Richard Garrett is assigned to office #202-8.

MS. JACQUELINE HUNTER – Ms. Jacqueline Hunter joins Divine Word College as an Adjunct Lecturer of History in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studied [DIS]. She 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. Ms. Hunter will teach HIS 275 – US History: Civil War to Civil Rights in the Fall 2019 Semester.

**VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION
DEAN OF STUDENTS**

Fr. Bang Tran, SVD

Welcome back to all! Wishing you a successful academic year. Let us “learn, play, pray, and grow together” this year!

Formation meetings will begin Wednesday, August 22, at 7:30pm in designated rooms. Work-study and other community activities also begin so please check the student bulletin board for further information.

Saturday, August 24, there will be a **day of recollection** for all students, beginning from 10:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M., led by Fr. Huy Tran, SVD, a missionary from Chad.

Sunday August 25, our **ministry commissioning** will take place at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass in the main chapel. It is obligatory for those students doing ministries to attend.

FAN Club Picnic from 2:30 P.M to 4:30 P.M. Students involved in the FAN Club are expected to attend. All students are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Donna Puccio.

Tuesday, August 27, is scheduled for **Ministry Orientation**. All students doing ministry are required to attend in room 107, at 7:30 P.M. Free beverages and snacks will be served in the Pour House.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS *Mr. Len Uhal*

Welcome Students - While being excited to see all our returning students back at on campus, we warmly welcome our new students to our Divine Word College community. We have 14 new students this semester:

SVD Candidates

Nhat Minh Hoang	Stockton, CA
Marc Anderson Vaval	Haiti
Antz-Carly Cadet	Haiti
Long Nguyen	New Orleans, LA
Quoc Dat Le	Morven, NC
Omar Gonzalez	Olive Branch, MS
Hung Duc Nguyen	Seattle, WA

Divine Word Missionaries

Fr. Giresse-Mecene Mbwamputu Etung, SVD	Ghana
Fr. Joaquin Li Yongxin, SVD	China

Religious Sisters

Sr. Francisca Doofan Aorakaa, SON	Nigeria
Sr. Thao Tran, LHC	Vietnam

Diocesan Priests

Fr. Ha Manh Cao
Fr. Kesner Joseph

Vietnam
Haiti

Lay ESL Student

Maria Antonia Marques

Brazil

All New Students - All new students need to visit the Admissions Office to see both Ms. Carolyn Waechter and Ms. Patti McDermott. Carolyn will assist all new international students with visa information. She needs to make sure all your immigration documents are in order and make copies for our records. Carolyn will also assist all new domestic students with financial aid questions and paperwork. Patti will work with all new students to make sure we have original copies of your educational documents and baptismal and confirmation certificates (for SVD candidates). **ALL NEW STUDENTS, PLEASE VISIT THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST!**

Returning Domestic Students - All returning students who are U.S. citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents in the USA (green card holders), please visit the Admissions Office to meet with Ms. Carolyn Waechter. She will assist you with updating your financial aid information. Please visit the office before the end of August.

Divine Word College Presidential Scholarship - Students at colleges all over the world look for scholarships to help them cover expenses related to their education—even at seminaries! Students at Divine Word College are no different. Here is a scholarship opportunity that is available to all Divine Word College students who meet the criteria.

Divine Word College first awarded the Presidential Scholarship in 1979. This scholarship is an award to applicants who show superior academic achievement. The Presidential Scholarship is an annual award of \$3,000; it is renewable each year provided the recipient continues to meet the established guidelines. Generally, this award is limited to two (2) each year.

Criteria for Selection: Any new students admitted to the College Program (undergraduate program) at Divine Word College are eligible to apply provided they meet the following criteria:

- Applicants 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 completed secondary school or college/university studies abroad must have an acceptable equivalent cumulative GPA.
- After the first semester at Divine Word College in the undergraduate program, students who are on the Dean's list may apply.
- Applicants from the DWC English Language Institute may apply when they transition to the undergraduate program. They must have a 3.50 high school GPA (or equivalent) or a college GPA of 3.50. A letter of recommendation is required from the Director of the DWC Intensive English Language Institute.

If you believe you qualify for the DWC Presidential Scholarship, please complete the application form by September 13, 2019, which you can obtain from Ms. Carolyn Waechter, the Financial Aid Coordinator. Carolyn can also answer any of your questions.

The Word Among US - Returning students will recall that for the last four years an anonymous donor has made it possible for all students in seminaries in the USA to receive a free copy of *The Word Among Us*. For new students, this is a monthly publication that contains the daily liturgical readings with short reflections and a few other articles. Later this week, the Vocation Office will put a copy of these booklets in every student mailbox. There are a few extra copies that we will put in the SVD lounge for use by SVDs. **NEW THIS YEAR—SPANISH COPIES OF THE PERIODICAL.** If you would like one of the limited copies we have in Spanish, please visit the Admissions Office. Please remember to pray for the generous benefactor that makes this possible for people in formation all around the country.

INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

The students in the summer course, ESL 038: English Through Literature Project, authored three fantastic Write Brain children's books during the summer.

The printed books will soon be available in the Divine Word College library. You can read these books online at the following links (and share with any children in your life):

Book Links

[A Real Family; written by: Trung Nguyen & Daniel Lee](#)

[An Adventure in the Ocean; written by: Ana Maria Nino, Tram Nguyen, & Tri Tran](#)

[BREAD OF BLESSING; written by: Hilarious Laja Rebo & Nguyet Cao](#)

The books were read to and shared with children at the Dubuque Carnegie-Stout Library Children's Storytime Room this summer.

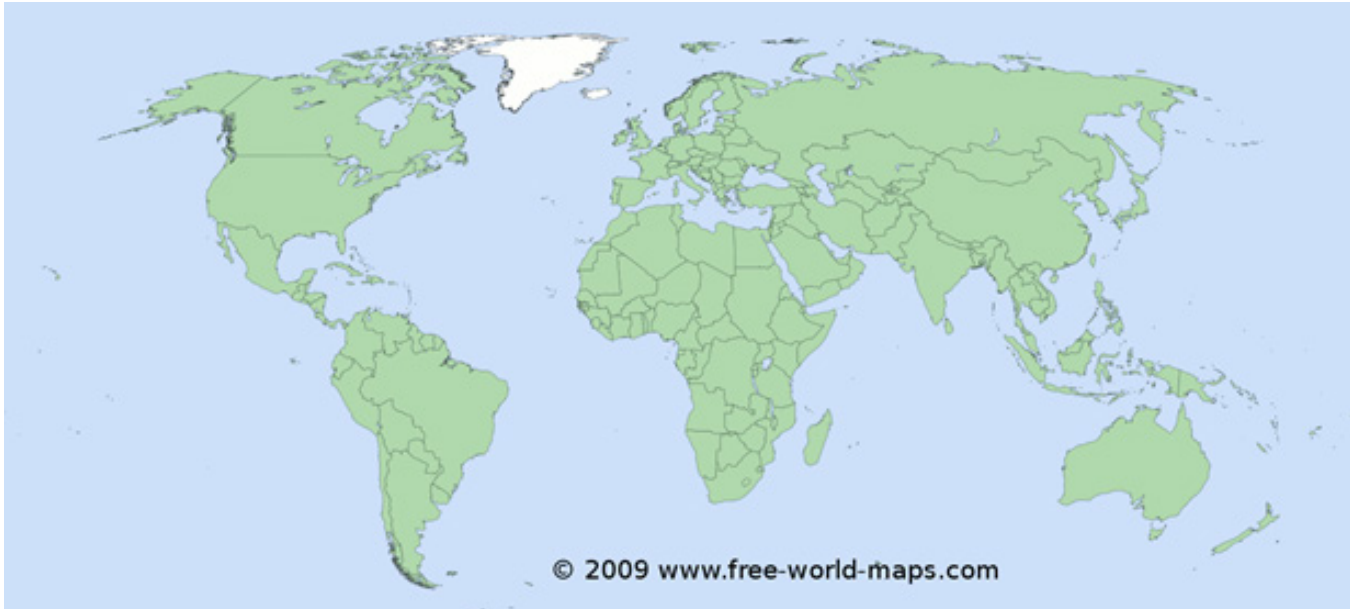
If you see these students, make sure to tell them congratulations on being published authors!



DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Mr. Paul Stamm

Can you accurately locate the countries of all your fellow classmates? Write the number on or near the correct location on the map.



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| 1. Angola | 12. India |
| 2. Argentina | 13. Korea, Republic of |
| 3. Benin | 14. Myanmar |
| 4. Brazil | 15. Nigeria |
| 5. Canada | 16. Papua New Guinea |
| 6. Congo, Democratic Republic | 17. Saudi Arabia |
| 7. Cameroon | 18. El Salvador |
| 8. Colombia | 19. Togo |
| 9. China | 20. Uganda |
| 10. Haiti | 21. USA |
| 11. Indonesia | 22. Viet Nam |

“Where we are from is important, where we are going is much more important!”



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| August 25 | FAN Club Picnic, 2:30 – 4:30 pm |
| September 7 | SVD Family Feast Celebration |
| October 4-5 | Board of Trustees Fall Meeting |
| November 20 | Matthew 25 Celebration |

