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Birthday Corner:

FEBRUARY Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD

Missionary Skills – A Community Affair

Celebrations at Divine Word College are really great. After a party, there is one more spectacle to behold. Everyone gets busy: clearing tables, ZDVKLQJ GLVKHV VWRULQJ WDEOHV DQG FKDL away the remaining food. It's pandemonium – but in 30 minutes, it's all done. Visitors stand aside to watch in amazement.

In previous centuries, missionaries were usually pictured as strong, LQGLYLGXDO KHURLF ¿JXUHV 7KH WUXWK LV DV IRU WDONLQJ IRU UHFHLYLQJ DV IRU JLYL individual labor. For today's missionaries, dialogue is our way of life. \$W 'LYLQH :RUG &ROOHJH ZH KHOS VWXGHQW fundamental missionary skills:

- &ULWLFDO 7KLQNLQJ \$F
- &RPPXQLFDWLRQ (uHFW
- Intercultural Competence
- Social & Global Responsibility
- Missionary Discipleship

7KHUH LV D ³VHFUHW VDX ¿YH VNLOOV WKH\ FDQ R practiced in community.

Jesus sent his disciples out two-by-two. St. Paul had many companions DQG FROODERUDWRUV LQ KLV PLVLRQDU\ RX today, is to build friendships with faith-seekers, with people of other cultures, with the poor and marginalized and with people of other religious WUDGLWLRQV 7KH ¿YH VNLOOV KHOS XV LQYL Kingdom of God.

Here in the US, we live in the most prosperous nation in history, though we may be reluctant to share the blessings that God has showered on us. We

might think, I got mine through my hard work, let them get their own. We may forget that previous generations have given us a rich foundation of thinking, technology, abundant resources, and good neighbors to our north and south. Not everyone in the world starts with so many blessings!

At Divine Word College we pray, eat, study, play, and work together. Everyone shares in learning, in making a home, and in helping brothers and sisters from around the world. Good grades matter, but more important is giving and receiving life in the community and with neighbors all around.

) ULH QGV EHQHIDFWRU V DQG WUXVWHHV RI WKH & RUCURKJH DUKH DU friendship, generosity, guidance and prayers, they are helping to make missionary service possible today and WRPRUURZ 7KH\ DUH SDUW RI WKH 3VHFUHW VDXFH' RI D PLVVLRQ

Board of Administration

At the recent **Board of Administration** meeting, the following matters were considered:

- Reviewed the current enrollment statistics and the positive outlook for the near future.
- Reviewed and endorsed further plans for the ongoing assessment of the Formation Programs.
- Received an update from the Information Systems Committee and endorsed further steps toward using Microsoft 365 as our standard software package. (Other specialized software will still be used as necessary.) (QGRUVHG RuHULQJ IXUWKHU WUDLQLQJ UHJDUGLQJ OLFURVRIW
- Reviewed progress toward the 2025-2026 budget.
- Discussed plans for the Donaghey Award and Donor Appreciation Brunch scheduled for April 6.
- Proposed an ad-hoc committee to review the College policy regarding dress code. Ms. Sandy Wilgenbusch will chair the review.
- Reviewed the Master Compliance List.
- Reviewed progress on the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan.

Arnoldus Family Students at DWC

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Currently there are 112 students enrolled. Of those, 35 students are from the Arnoldus Family.

- 21 SVD Candidates
- 9 SVDs in vows (2 perpetual vows/7 temporary vows)
- 5 SSpS (4 sisters/1 lay student)





What are six levels of
Bloom's Taxonomy?

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION/DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Tuan Hoang, SVD

Dean's Forum

there will be a Dean's Forum at 1:00 pm in room 107. Dean's Forum happens twice a semester to update the students about what is happening at Divine Word College, to provide reminders, and to have the students raise up their concerns about the college. If you have any concerns that you want to bring to the student

All students are required to attend the Dean's Forum; please be there on time.

Superbowl Sunday

sponsor a Super Bowl party in the Pour House. We Bowl Championship this year - Kansas City Chiefs

Dinner will not be served in the dining room this

VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

Steve Winger

Microsoft Office 365

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providing employees with access to software that can streamline
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tools can be utilized for various tasks such as document creation,
collaboration, data analysis, presentation development, and email
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empower employees with the tools they need to excel in their roles and
contribute to the overall success of the institution.

In the near future, Divine Word College will be providing additional training and resources to help employees
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and analyzing data with Excel, developing engaging presentations with PowerPoint, collaborating on shared
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'HSDUWPHQW ZLOO EH FRQWDFWLQJ HPSOR\HHV WR OHDUQ ZKLFK
and which ones they would like to know more about.

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RWKHU VRIWZDUH RU SODWIRUPV WKDW PHHW WKHLU VSHFL\F QHH
to raise awareness of the available resources and encourage exploration and learning to enhance individual and
collective productivity.

Disc Golf Course 2024 Statistics

Here are some nice statistics for the disc golf course for the 2024 calendar year for the log. Information is coming directly from the application UDisc.

- Over 400 scores have been recorded on UDisc.
- Over 750,000 steps were taken by recorded scores.
- 30D\HUV IURP GLuHUHQW VWDWHV LQ W recorded, with scores from California being our furthest.
- 7KH EXVLHVW WLPH ZDV EHWZHHQ 0DUFK
- Currently rated 4.09/5.00 with the biggest concern coming from WKH 7HH ER[HV

Requesting Website Updates

Keeping the Divine Word College website (www.dwci.edu) accurate and up-to-date is essential, especially as we
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is also available in the [Faculty Forms](#) section of the website.

Join the Dubuque County Reads

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Log Article

Condensed Library Report

2/3/2025

Annual Library Report FY 2024 (Condensed Version)

The Matthew Jacoby Library is dedicated to supporting the College's mission by providing a comprehensive range of resources and services. Our primary objectives include selecting, acquiring, organizing, maintaining, and making accessible a diverse collection of printed and electronic materials information, locate materials, and obtain individual assistance. Our library users benefit from point-of-use instruction, personal assistance in conducting research, and other reference services. We are committed to creating an environment conducive to the optimum use of library materials, providing an appropriate schedule of hours of service, and ensuring professional assistance is always available. Furthermore, we actively participate in the-College wide computing resources plan, ensuring full utilization of automation technology and maintaining physical facilities and equipment adequate for processing, cataloging, and storing materials. Through cooperative relationships with other libraries and agencies, we continually enhance the effectiveness of our services. By systematically evaluating our resources and processes, we can identify areas for improvement and ensure that we are meeting the evolving needs of our patrons. Goal setting provides a clear direction and measurable objectives, allowing us to track progress and make informed decisions. This continuous cycle of assessment and planning helps us adapt to changes in technology, academic requirements, and user expectations. Ultimately enhancing the overall library experience for our community. The most comprehensive assessment we undertake is the annual library report. The following is a condensed version of this report.

Over the past two summers, our library has undergone a series of transformative renovations aimed at optimizing spaces and enhancing accessibility for all patrons. With the help of maintenance staff and student workers, 20 bookshelves were removed on the mezzanine,

which widened the walkways to meet ADA standards. This not only made the library more accessible but also created new lounge space on the mezzanine, providing a comfortable area for patrons to relax and study.

In addition to these changes, a new entryway wall and display were built to modernize library's layout and facilitate discovery. To further accommodate patrons, we added a new table-height desk and a bar-height desk so that patrons can either sit and stand while using the library's three computers. New signage was also installed throughout the library to help patrons navigate more easily.

To improve our online presence and clarify information, we made several updates to the library's OPAC website. New pages were added, and the website's design was enhanced with updated HTML and CSS. We also refined explanations and definitions of

Promoting information literacy is another key goal. We created new resource guides, online tutorials, and websites, hosted multiple presentations, led class sessions in the library, updated orientation materials, and added 80 graded readers from Cambridge for IELI students.

We also collaborated with local organizations to increase access and opportunities for the DWC community, including Dubuque County Reads, the Dubuque Area History Expo, the Dubuque County Library District, and the Dubuque Area Library Information Consortium.

Here are some brief statistics to give an overview of efforts:

- x The average cost per print book is \$38 without donations and \$21.82 with donations.
- x The average cost per eBook is \$5.
- x The average cost per journal article is \$5.
- x Total physical book circulation is 2100, with eBook circulation at around 800.
- x Combined print and eBook circulation is 2900
- x Total article downloads are approximately 5930.
- x We added 1248 books in FY 24, including 749 donations
- x We weeded 7895 books (mold, water damage, and poor condition being the primary reasons).

Trends show that print book checkouts have decreased for the fourth year in a row, with an 18% decrease between FY 23 and FY 24. However, eBook and journal use have increased, reflecting national trends. New items circulate most frequently, and physical books in the DDC 200s (Religion) have the highest circulation rate.

Looking ahead to FY 25, our goals include shifting to Patron Driven Acquisition (PDA), purchasing recently published titles, ensuring the collection reflects the diversity of our student body, supporting IELI students, weeding and replacing aging titles, supporting academic programs, spotlighting eBooks on Project Muse and JSTOR, updating the online catalog and website, acquiring new study carrels, updating call numbers to align with DDC23 standards, raising awareness about our MOU with Dubuque County Library, and reviewing usage data for each electronic resource.

*If you would like a full copy of the report, find it on [the library's SharePoint site](#)

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