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# Forecast favors outdoor graduations

Rain isn't in the forecast for this weekend's outdoor graduations at the University of the Incarnate Word - a step toward normalcy since last spring and fall's commencements were virtual.

The sun is expected to be shining in a mostly clear sky with highs in the upper 80s Friday evening when the first of four weekend ceremonies at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium kicks off at 7.

Saturday's forecast calls for a partly cloudy day with highs in the mid-80s for ceremonies at 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m., with rain clouds expected to roll in that night.

However, UIW Registrar Marisol Scheer reminded faculty participating in an e-mail Friday, April 30, to complete their Cardinal Daily Health

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# 'Committed Cardinals' show up to celebrate

By Christina Emmett  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word's incoming students came to campus Saturday, May 1, to celebrate "Committed Cardinals Day."

The celebration was originally planned for a three-hour picnic on the lawn but the threat of rain forced the Office of Admissions to move the event to SEC Ballroom.

The fanfare is an annual spring event for students who have committed to attending UIW, said Maddie Slaughter, a UIW graduate and former student-athlete who serves as campus visit coordinator for admissions.

Students enjoyed playing games such as ping-pong, winning prizes, eating hamburgers and hot dogs, and having their picture taken at the sign-in table. They wore name tags

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Christina Emmett/LOGOS STAFF

Masked participants in 'Committed Cardinals Day' play ping-pong Saturday, May 1, in SEC Ballroom. UIW admissions counselors met the students and introduced them to others in their majors.

# Founders Hall awaits future occupants

By Raul Plata  
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Founders Hall - formerly the AT&T Building the University of the Incarnate Word purchased in December 2019 - will see some unnamed administrative units moving in this summer, an official said.

The first new program to occupy the building will be the Liza and Jack Lewis III Institute of the Americas, said Dr. Rafael Hoyle, who will serve as the institute's first director beginning June 1. He's currently associate vice president of planning and campus management.

Founders Hall, 4119 Broadway, is a 10-acre property includes



The first new program to occupy Founders Hall, 4119 Broadway, will be the Liza and Jack Lewis III Institute of the Americas.

an eight-story building with approximately 350,000 square feet of office space, a 500-car parking garage, and a surrounding lot. Its acquisition expands the footprint of the Broadway Campus by 20 percent. Except for some renovation work,

the most action at the building has been its use as a clinic to administer COVID-19 vaccines.

As far as renovation work for some move-ins, "progress on Founders Hall has been steady and deliberate," Hoyle said. "Selected UIW administrative units

will migrate into the main building this summer and the logistical planning and preparations are under way."

The institute Hoyle will run got kick-started with an anonymous \$5 million gift announced December 2019 along with the formal purchase.

"The Institute is named after the Lewis Family, including the late Jack Lewis Jr., and his late wife, Peggy W. Lewis, in honor of their years of hard work and dedication to the university."

The Lewises' son, Jack Lewis III, chairs UIW's Board of Trustees.

Planners have said the institute, which will come under the

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## 1,443 set to graduate in stadium

The University of the Incarnate Word has 1,443 candidates participating in this spring's weekend commencement ceremonies – the first to be held in-person during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The estimated, 90-minute ceremonies will be staged in four parts at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium.

Registrar Marisol Scheer said 192 will graduate at 7 p.m. Friday, May 7, from John and Rita Feik School of Pharmacy, Rosenberg School of Optometry, and School of Physical Therapy.

She said 183 make up the inaugural class graduating at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 8, from the School of Osteopathic Medicine.

At noon Saturday, May 8, a total of 440 are expected to graduate from the School of Education, School of Professional Studies, and Vision Sciences (Optometry).

The final ceremony at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 8, is the largest with 628 earning diplomas from the

College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, HEB School of Business and Administration, Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing and Health Professions, School of Math, Science and Engineering, and School of Media and Design.

Dr. Sandra Guzman-Foster, the new Moody Professor for 2021-22 selected by the faculty, will carry the traditional University Mace when she leads in the processions at noon and 3 p.m.

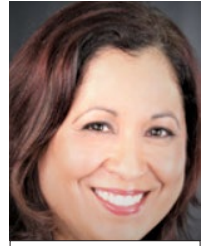
Guzman-Foster is the Sister Theophane Power Endowed Chair and an associate professor in the Graduate Studies Department in the Dreeben School of Education. As the Moody designee, she will speak at commencement this fall and deliver public lectures at UIW and Our Lady of the Lake University in the spring.

Guzman-Foster currently serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Trauma Studies in Education and the Curriculum and Teaching Dialogue Journal. Additionally, she serves as an

executive board member of the Sol (Source of Light) Center at University Presbyterian Church in San Antonio and is a member of the research and evaluation team for Compassionate San Antonio, a grassroots movement that promotes, supports and celebrates San Antonio's commitment to be a world-class compassionate city.

She conducts research on topics related to the social, historical, philosophical, and political contexts of education such as critical thinking and critical pedagogy, the school-to-prison pipeline, social identities, and diversity, equity, and inclusion in education.

A citation issued with the announcement of Guzman-Foster as Moody Professor read: "She challenges her students to think critically and achieve more than they may think is possible and creates an environment where her students are both motivated to learn and are provided with the opportunity to learn. Dr. Guzman Foster



Dr. Sandra Guzman-Foster

emphasizes academic excellence and encourages her students to commit themselves to practices of lifelong learning and exhibits her own dedication to the same principle. Her goal is to prepare her students to live and work in a globally diverse world and to help them develop a critical lens, so they are able to analyze the world around them by applying what they have learned in class."

## Forecast favors cont.

Check before arriving on campus, wear masks and keep socially distant – all part of the safety protocol practiced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In fact, everyone – guests, graduates, volunteers, staff and faculty – will be asked to complete the Cardinal

Daily Health Check before arriving on campus, Scheer said.

Gates will open 30 minutes before each ceremony for family and friends to take their seat in the stadium, Scheer wrote. She estimated each ceremony will be completed within 90 minutes.

"Please help us ensure this time limit is observed by arriving punctually, visiting outside of the stadium so the team can sanitize and refresh the venue for the next ceremony, and ensuring that any trash is properly disposed of," Scheer wrote.

Scheer also suggested ways for the faculty to be comfortable

during the ceremonies.

"Given that the ceremony will be outside on the track and field, it is advisable to dress sensibly underneath your regalia, wear comfortable shoes – please no thin heels as they will pierce the track and field, wear sunscreen, and bring water to stay hydrated."

## Committed Cardinals cont.

with their majors on them to help them find like-minded students.

"By doing this the students can meet and interact with other students they will be attending school with," Slaughter said.

Admissions counselors also got to know the incoming students if they didn't already and helped introduce them to others.

Some didn't need an introduction. Lauren Stubbendick, 17, and Amy Lynn Lowery, 18, have been friends for two years at Clark High School.

Both will be majoring in nursing.

Cesar Castillo, who plans to major in kinesiology, said he was excited about attending in the fall. The first child to go to college in his family, Castillo, who is coming from Eagle Pass High School, said he picked UIW because he felt like he was home when he visited.

Seventeen-year-old Daniela Mejia, coming from Cypress High School, said she wanted to share this day with her family, which included her parents, siblings and her uncle. She said she plans to major in fashion

and design and is the first child in her family to go to college.

Colleen Callum, 18, who is coming from Devine High School, said she plans on becoming a music therapist. She brought her mother, Kathleen, to share the day with her. When they toured the campus earlier, they liked its size and were impressed with the programs UIW offered, Callum said.

Kylie Quinn, 18, plans to be a biologist. Coming from Winston Churchill High School, she said she likes UIW because of its smaller classrooms and closeness to home.

Marissa Garza, 17, a senior at San

Benito High School, plans to major in physical therapy. She said she loves helping people, wants to work with kids, and follow in her mother's footsteps in the profession. Her mother, Luisa Sanchez, an occupational therapist, was with her Saturday.

Sanchez said she's excited for her daughter because she knows UIW has a lot to offer in the medical field.

"(I'm) sad to see her go, but now she is going to be able to live her life and pursue her dreams and that is what is important," her mother said.

## Founders Hall cont.

and analysis on critical issues. It will bring people together to exchange views and ideas, build expertise, expand business opportunities and develop policy options.

"The mission of the (institute is to promote better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United

States, Mexico, Canada, Central and South America through cooperative study, research, service and dialogue," according to an earlier news release.

It will also advance the university's goal of establishing international relations already represented by UIW's campuses in



Dr. Rafael Hoyle

Mexico City and Irapuato, Mexico.

UIW academic programs also will benefit from the institute as it is "an initiative that ties together all eight of UIW's strategic priorities. Its programs will carry out the mission of the

university to produce concerned and enlightened citizens in the global community and will touch every school and college within the system."

"As for further development of the university, including the relocation of some academic units, possibilities are being examined. "A number of opportunities for further development have been carefully studied but no decisions have been made," Hoyle said.

## UIWtv adjusts production in pandemic

By Marisa Allen

LOGOS STAFF WRITER

UIWtv has been operating 11 years at the University of the Incarnate Word, but the last year has probably been the most trying for its crew during the pandemic.

The changes brought on by COVID-19 have impacted broadcasting production in positive and negative ways.

"From the negative side, we have to [take] precautions with COVID-19," Operations Director Antonio Bocanegra II said. "We ask if we interview someone in person to always have their mask on and use equipment to be always sanitized before and after it is used."

On the positive side, Bocanegra said, "there is still always a story to produce still, regardless of what is happening in the world from the positive side. UIWtv is here to tell the story of our UIW and San Antonio community."

Technology has been helpful to help tell those stories during this pandemic, from Zoom calls to virtual organizational meetings. UIWtv has been continuing its efforts to keep everyone safe by holding virtual interviews.

"Zoom has been a great feature that we are currently using to facilitate interviews and meetings with different organizations to schedule prospective partnerships," Bocanegra said.

UIWtv also has volunteers working remotely to produce stories they would like to contribute to the newscast. UIWtv is continuing to keep its anchors, interviewees, and directors safe by



Marisa Allen/LOGOS STAFF

UIWtv anchors Nate Rodriguez, left, Zoe Del Rosario Perez and Amy Burgin prepare to air a new broadcast in the Internet station's new studio on the second floor of the Administration Building.

enforcing the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and campus guidelines.

"We have been blessed that our plan to have a safe work environment has worked and continues to work despite COVID-19 cases happening around the country," said Bocanegra, who contracted COVID himself last spring while remotely taking classes his freshman year.

UIWtv has adopted a new slogan: "The Word on Campus." Most of its newscast content originates with students taking the Television Practicum course. The first step is pitching story ideas of things happening on campus and the San Antonio community.

Next, the students begin to produce selected stories, conducting interviews and shooting B-roll -- secondary footage in film and television that supports the main footage or A-roll.

After capturing the footage needed to tell the story, students will begin editing the footage and sorting it into a package or VO/SOT/VO. The VO is the voiceover of the footage. The SOT is the sound on tape or the audio that is already in the video.

Once all the stories are turned in, UIWtv officers, especially the news director, will determine where the stories will be in the rundown, the document that will show the contents of the newscast.

The rundown helps the timing and organization of the newscast.

After finalizing the stories, their placement in the newscast, and visual graphics, the crew gets ready for newscast day on a Thursday. The newscast is produced live and streams online at 12:30 p.m. When the live newscast is over, it is posted on UIWtv's YouTube channel. It also is aired on the TVSA Educational Channel.

"Due to COVID-19, we have limited staff on (newscast) day to keep the CDC guidelines of a safe work environment," Bocanegra said. "We only have our director, technical director, audio engineer, floor manager, teleprompter operator, and anchors."

## Plants help with isolation

By Morgan Forshage

LOGOS STAFF WRITER

During this international COVID-19 pandemic, life has taken a 360 turn and the population has had to adjust to being cooped up inside for over a year.

That year gave me time to expand my plant collection from five plants to almost 50 -- and it has been the best experience of my life.

Plants have been one of my big sources of happiness and life during these trying times. The plant world is vast and so mysterious but can be so much fun. I was able to discover what my favorite types of plants were and how to properly care for all my plants. Some prefer different levels of humidity and others prefer a dryer climate.

Plant owning and caretaking is trial-and-error. Plants can be very verbal on what they need and that allows

you to adjust. So, if you're still stuck inside wondering what in the world there is to do, go to your local plant nursery and buy a plant, it will change your life 100 percent.

Green plants can remove almost 90 percent of air toxins within 24 hours, according to NASA research. Plants do have other uses aside from aesthetics and are a wonderful addition to any living space such as a bedroom, living room or bathroom. So, do your health a little favor and get yourself a plant. If you can't convince yourself to splurge on a plant for the looks, consider the health benefits as well.

During these trying times, people



Morgan Forshage

need an outlet and a hobby. A pastime such as plant owning benefits your local community as well as yourself. People were stuck in their homes with limited options on what to do with their massive amounts of free time. Owning plants takes up some of the free time, but gives people comfort in knowing they're keeping something alive even though it's relatively easy. Plants can be finicky and are a fun challenge to overcome at some points. But that shouldn't stop someone from wanting to own one, because life comes with challenges and obstacles and that is what makes the end result so rewarding.

Plant owning and raising is definitely a rewarding hobby in itself, whether it's gaining more plants through propagation or watching as new foliage



Morgan Forshage/LOGOS STAFF

emerges from the matured plant. So, with these trying times being near a somewhat close end, if you're still looking for things to do, consider owning a plant or two. Research what kind of plant you want whether it's for aesthetic purposes or for simplicity. The world of houseplant owning -- and care -- is endless and quite vast.

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## 'VIVA UIW' brings out Cardinal crowd

By D'Angelina Clay  
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Many Cardinals attended "VIVA UIW" Friday, April 23, to celebrate San Antonio's traditional festival, "Fiesta," at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Even during the midst of a global pandemic, UIW continues to celebrate this tradition in a socially distanced and friendly way.

Originally planned as an outdoor event, the affair took place in Rosenberg Skyroom due to the sudden severe weather.

Participants took part in many games, such as the bouncy house course and Loteria. Prizes included a flower crown, sombrero, and candy by filling out a game card. They munched on chicken on a stick with Mexican corn. And paletas for dessert.

The crowd also got to experience the beats and sounds of The SanAntunes, a local band that has been around



Two students wearing masks pose for a picture Friday, Aug. 23, at VIVA UIW in SEC Ballroom. Weather moved the event inside.

since 2010. The band performed a variety of songs, from Hispanic music to classic pop favorites.

"My favorite part of the event was the music," Grace McManimie, 19, a freshman studying biochemistry,

said. "This event probably wouldn't have been the same without it." Another freshman, Miranda McCord Lopez, 18, said VIVA UIW was a blast. "It's super-fun," Lopez said. "It's definitely cool to see everyone come together and play games, eat, and listen to music even though it's still socially distanced."

UIW junior Calista Burns, Miss Fiesta Texas of 2020-21, also attended the event in an official capacity. An interdisciplinary studies major, Burns said she is excited to represent the school even during the pandemic.

"We've done a lot of virtual events," Burns said. "A few in-person events, but not so many. We haven't been doing a lot of in-person events up until recently. We've been attending events, socially distancing and wearing masks, so it's very fun to see people out in the world again."

## Dean: Library survey points to space needs

By Sophia Martinez  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library is considering creating more space through renovation to meet the needs of the University of the Incarnate Word community, an administrator said. The need for space is one of the main findings of this spring's LIBQUAL survey, said Tracey Mendoza, dean of libraries.

The survey, which offered cash incentives to students to take it, is usually conducted every three years but the pandemic not only had an impact on its schedule but on its responses. When the survey was given in

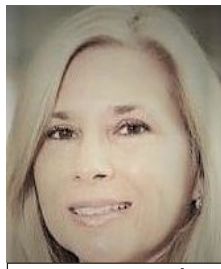
2017, the library received an estimated 1,200 responses. This time, it garnered 800 responses.

Mendoza said the survey - also administered to faculty this time - is a way to measure the effectiveness of library services and determine the library's future direction. The survey allows for open comments and suggestions to help accommodate students, she said. The survey operates on "gap analysis," which means participants give input about how important a service is to them, what they desire and what they perceive it to be, she said.

An analysis of the results showed

library services generally did better than previous years, she said. When faculty and students have an array of needs, it is important that the physical library helps meet those needs - thus, the idea for renovation.

Mendoza said the library plans to innovate information control to provide electronic resources that are available online. She said she wants to ensure users are aware the library is not just physical, pointing out customers can access information and services virtually. "What's important to us is are we seeing differences in how people are being supported and perceived as a



Dean Tracey Mendoza

first-time college student vs. a graduate-level student," Mendoza said.

## Admissions meets incoming scholarship winners

By Christina Emmett  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Office of Admissions representatives got to meet some future students they had only been in contact with virtually during the pandemic at a "Drive-Through Scholarship Celebration" Saturday, April 10.

Participating students received certificates celebrating their scholarships to the University of the Incarnate Word during the two-hour event in front of the Concert Hall.

More than 100 students registered to come. Besides the certificates, they got a bag with information

about UIW and a T-shirt. Several got out of their vehicles to pose for a photograph in front of the Cardinal blow-up display the football team runs through at home games.

The scholarships they received range from \$5,000 to \$20,000, depending on a student's academic record.

Among those who came through were Daniela Espinosa, who plans to major in business administration; Sidney Haley, a Memorial High School graduate who plans to get her bachelor's degree in nursing; Thomas Jefferson High School senior Marisol Mireles, who also intends to get a degree in

nursing; Eagle Pass native Cesa Perez, who plans to major in management information systems; and South San High School senior Eladio Evada, who wants a degree in 3D Animation.

Admissions representatives were excited to meet these prospective students and their families at the drive-through after a year of mostly virtual contact, said Maddie Slaughter, campus visit coordinator for the office.

"It was a super-fun, informal exciting way to celebrate students receiving scholarships to UIW," Slaughter said.



Christina Emmett/LOGOS STAFF

Marisol Mireles is a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School.

## Groups discuss issues regarding blacks, policing

Members of diverse groups on campus have had two meetings recently – one socially distanced, masked, and in-person – and the other via Zoom on a hot topic, “Black People and Policing.”

These social justice conversations about race and policing are timely in the wake of George Floyd’s killing and the subsequent trial and conviction of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin.

Cosponsors for these conversations included As One We Will, the growing student organization that started after Floyd’s killing; Psi Chi, the Psychology Society; the National Alliance on Mental Health student chapter; and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee comprised of faculty from the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

Some San Antonio Police Department officers were involved in both sessions as well as several University of the Incarnate Word students, joined by faculty and administrators including Dr. Arturo Chavez, assistant vice president for Mission and Ministry and its DEI office.

The live session took place in the SEC Ballroom. At the second session on Wednesday, April 28, participants first watched three short “Op-docs” produced by the New York Times as part of its “A Conversation on Race” series.

In “A Conversation about Growing up Black,” young black boys and young black men talked about their fear of the police. “A Conversation with my Black Son” focused on parents who discussed “The Talk” – how they instruct their black sons to behave with the police if they are stopped. Some spoke of how careful one should be as a black child, suggesting the police might stop you for little or no reason.



Several representatives from the University of the Incarnate Word meet with San Antonio Police Department officers in the SEC.

Officers present acknowledged the real amount of power they wield as community police. In “A Conversation with Police about Race,” various police officers spoke – a white male officer, retired female officers, a police chief, and a retired black detective. They offered many points of view, and all but one validated the reality of racism and bias in policing.

Then the participants were sent into several breakout rooms via Zoom where they shared their reactions to seeing the films. Key questions asked were whether anything surprised them in the films, and if they evoked feelings or brought up memories or issues. They discussed if they learned something new or if the films changed their attitudes. Finally, the conversation moved into what action should be taken to address concerns.

The police officers present acknowledged the real amount of power they wield as community police and offered candid perspectives on

their own struggles with race and policing, as police officers and private citizens. Some themselves had had unpleasant experiences with police growing up – including one who had been knocked to the ground. Some said they became police officers to make the profession better. They also answered questions.

When the breakout groups reported back, several suggestions were made to improve citizen-police relations including a possible a ride-along with police to learn of their work, or learn more about the Citizens Police Academy.

Gerald Bowie, one of the founding leaders of As One We Will, said seeing the short films was “very eye-opening and disheartening. Everybody in the black community has to have that conversation with their children. That should not have to happen. Seeing the fear of the parents. We can relate to that. My parents have that same fear. They preach that you

can’t make yourself look a certain way. How else are you going to look? If you don’t wear the hoodie? If you take your hands out of your pockets trying to look as honest as you can?”

But the interaction between UIW and police representatives already is having some impact, Sister Martha Ann Kirk, a longtime religious studies professor, said.

Kirk said she’s gotten to know San Antonio Police Officer Alonzo Hardin via a Zoom conference of faith leaders “which we have every Thursday morning on how we can work together in our city. These meetings are called ‘The Intersection’ and come under the City Faith-Based Office” run by the Rev. Ann Helmeke, a UIW graduate.

Hardin and Officer Joel Pope, a teacher at the San Antonio Police Department’s training academy, have attended the recent sessions between UIW and police.

“(Pope) has been in the class that (Dr.) Sandy Guzman-Foster and I have taught for 10 weeks, Compassion Integrity Training,” and received certification in the subject, said Kirk. (Dr. Sandra Guzman-Foster is the Sister Theophane Power Endowed Chair and an associate professor in the Graduate Studies Department in the Dreeben School of Education. She also is UIW’s newest Moody Professor, the highest honor bestowed by the faculty).

Pope doesn’t want the training he received from Kirk and Guzman-Foster and Hardin’s involvement to go to waste, Kirk said.

“(Pope) has spoken to us about wanting to bring that content to police,” Kirk said. “He teaches people preparing to be police. When the two of them were getting ready to come to our UIW gathering, other officers got interested and wanted to come also.”

## Applicants sought to promote COVID-19 vaccinations

University of the Incarnate Word students have until noon Tuesday, May 4, to apply to be an advocate for COVID-19 vaccinations this summer and possibly receive a \$1,500 stipend, planners said.

“Please help us make a last call for this amazing opportunity,” said Dr. Maria Felix-Ortiz, a psychology professor and chair of the Department of Psychology.

“Our funding agency gave us a very short recruitment window and we don’t want to lose the chance to give grants to our students for a summer learning experience that

they can schedule around their jobs and other obligations. We really need all hands on deck for this one.”

Students, who will be called “vaxambassadors,” would work around 10 hours a week for 10 weeks this summer in a healthcare internship. Those chosen must attend mandatory training either 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, May 10, noon-5 p.m. Monday, May 17, as well as participate in two major outreach efforts to encourage people to be vaccinated.

“We are recruiting undergraduate, graduate, and professional students to be trained in health promotion

relationship-building strategies to encourage COVID vaccination, and to spend the summer conducting outreach activities to their vaccine-hesitant communities,” according to a flier.

From the pool of applicants, additional voluntary vaxambassadors would be recruited and given either internship course credit or community service hours required for graduation.

Those interested should e-mail felixort@uiwtx.edu the completed application available at <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage>.



Dr. Maria Felix-Ortiz

# OPINION

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## What's it like studying graphic design

By Ruby Filoteo  
LOGOS EDITOR

As the semester ends, I just realized I am halfway through the Graphic Design program.

I still remember one of the first assignments in GDSN 1301 was on Illustrator. We had to create a few objects, only using basic shapes.

That was two years ago when I transferred from Palo Alto College with an associate of arts degree, but I recall being so excited and wanting to create everything I could think of. As I reflect from then to now, I can see how far I have come. It's really funny to reflect on past projects and realize it doesn't look as good as you once thought it did. That's called growth and that's a good thing.

The University of the Incarnate Word's Graphic Design curriculum is a 120-hour degree program that places a strong emphasis on visual storytelling, artistry, and technical mastery. The primary emphasis of the curriculum is on design and design principles.

What I noticed as I advanced



Ruby Filoteo/LOGOS Editor  
One of my assignments in GDSN 1301, created on Illustrator.

through the program was that process is very important. When it comes to the graphic design process, you have to understand what the project is, do research, set mood boards for inspiration research, do topical research, and then start the design process. These are your sketches, roughs, design implementations, and revisions that describe your process and problem-solving in sequential order. This would include any brainstorming or mind-mapping you did as part of your process.

This is a process that can't be rushed and should be one you are passionate about. Process is time-consuming and can almost feel like a never-ending task,

but, as a designer, decisions need to be made and projects demand execution.

As a designer, it can be hard and challenging to know when a project is done. But a wise professor told us designs are like little kids. Sometimes when you tickle them, you can make them laugh. But if you keep tickling them, you can sometimes make them cry or even worst, pee, because you overticked them. It's the same way with design. You don't want to overdo it. Use your good judgment and pick a good stopping point because you can overdo it. In graphic design, less is more.

Additionally, craft is extremely important in design. It's the small details that matter. Our graphic design professors at UIW always tell us, "Good design is invisible." Professor Michael Clayton suggests listening to "99% Invisible," a podcast about design. I did. The podcast is very interesting to listen to and has been around since 2017.

As a creative, I don't mind the long hours I put into my designs because it actually can be very relaxing for me. I love looking at many other designers

and their work. It teaches you to look at good design.

For a creative student coming into the program, we come in eager to learn. We also have an acquired taste for design or art in general. But, as a graphic design student, we are just learning. We are not professionals yet. Professor Doris Palmeros tells us: "You need to follow and look at many designers that are well-known. Develop an eye for good design." The reason she tells us this is because we can be blind to good design or think we know good design, but with design principles and other things we have learned in the program, we can use these tools to develop a better taste for design.



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## 'Star Wars: Empire' strikes a message of moral truth

By Justin Kraiza  
LOGOS ASSISTANT EDITOR

"A New Hope" injects the classical film tropes of good vs. evil in a space opera backdrop, while "The Empire Strikes Back" deals with the reality of evil reigning victory over the forces of good.

Conceptually, this doesn't go without meaning or purpose. Star Wars Director Irvin Kershner makes it a point to demonstrate corruption is at the epicenter of endangering the moralist nature of the protagonist through both internal and external threats. Furthermore, it bears mentioning how Kershner imbues the film with the duality of Luke Skywalker and the more pragmatic story that proposes the idea that evil is more of an internal threat.

The mise-en-scène in "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back" is a filmmaking element that champions Kershner's novelty storytelling notions throughout the film. The imperial walker attack on Hoth is a prime example. Picture the

shot of the formidable imperial walkers marching toward the direction of the rebel base. The dug-in snow trenches overflowing with rebel soldiers aiming their

blasters toward the AT-ATs. The purpose behind the iconography is to epitomize how microscopic and pitiful the rebel army looks compared to the dominant imperial forces.

While viewing the film, I couldn't help but notice the glaring similarities between the imperial attack on Hoth and the duel between Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader.

In the most pivotal scenes in the film, there is a brilliant choice of cinematography that is more meaningful than the entirety of the battle. The scene opens



Justin Kraiza

with Skywalker in Bespin when he suddenly sees Vader waiting at the top of a staircase. Vader has an imposing stature over the youthful hero. Kershner wants the viewers to understand Vader is still a prevailing figure despite Skywalker's brave and heroic attitude.

Kershner also wants the viewers to understand the intent behind the imagery. Vader is at the top of the stairs. The low lighting cast over Skywalker foreshadows his impending failure and creates an ominous feeling that evil supersedes good.

The notion that evil is dominant over good is a recurring theme throughout the film - just as evil can be just as persuasive.

When Skywalker towers over Yoda after failing to raise his crashed X-Wing from the swamp, Kershner is relentlessly reminding us of this familiar piece of imagery - the duality of good and evil. First, it was evil towering over good.

Now, it is good doing the same.

In light of Luke knowing evil externalities, he realizes evil exists internally in a thought-provoking lesson. The magic tree-cave sequence is an allegory for Skywalker's encounter with feelings of darkness that reside within him.

Skywalker battles the personification of Vader in the foggy and gloomy depths of a cave. After he defeats Vader, his head rolls to the ground, revealing Skywalker's face beneath the mask. The next shot displays Skywalker's expression of shock. We don't recognize him as evil but realize that evil comes from within.

This is Kershner's moral teaching; that someone as virtuous as Skywalker could conceivably become as heinous as Vader.

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## All need to address world hunger, food insecurity

By **Oswaldo Silguero**  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

As every being in this world, we require nourishment in order to survive.

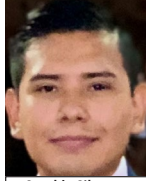
Although the planet we live on has multiple sources of nourishment such as meat, fruits, vegetables and more, we are currently experiencing a world hunger and food insecurity problem.

The topic of people starving and the limited nourishment we have in this world is not common knowledge. Many organizations are working to bring light to this issue and allow people to understand this problem and how severe it is.

An example is the non-profit association Oxfam International, which has dispatched a worldwide mission to illuminate the general population regarding the potential food deficiency emergency confronting the world, and to urge strategy creators to make a definitive move to build food creation and guarantee dissemination to the world's poor.

The latest statistics: an estimated 820 million individuals did not eat well in 2018, up from 811 million in 2017 – the third year of expansion in succession. This underscores the tremendous test of accomplishing the Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger by 2030 in a recent report, "The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World."

The speed of progress in splitting the quantity of kids who are hindered and in decreasing the quantity of children brought into the world with low birth weight is excessively sluggish, which additionally puts the SDG 2 sustenance targets farther out of reach, as indicated by the report. Simultaneously, adding to these difficulties, overweight and weight keep on expanding on the



Oswaldo Silguero



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whole district, especially among young children and grown-ups.

Food insecurity is among the most urgent issues in the international relations and international development field of human rights. Food security refers to when all individuals at all times have access to adequate, nutritious and safe food to manage an active and healthy life.

On the other hand, food insecurity is a state where individuals do not have consistent access to adequate and healthy meals daily. Three factors influence food security including food access, food availability, and food use. Each person should have adequate resources to acquire a

proper nutritious diet, have adequate quantities of food available regularly, and have sufficient knowledge of basic care and nutrition. The ability to consume and metabolize food is crucial to the survival of individuals in most societies. Malnutrition is one of the main causes of disease in society and having a balanced diet helps to build the body for sustainability.

World hunger is an issue anyone can support, regardless of race, religion or party. We are facing a serious political division between right and left, red and blue, this way or that way. People live their lives bound by what they accept as correct and true. That is how they define their concept about reality and thus create a sense of division. While we are focusing on the differences amongst each other, we forget the small things that unite us that can cause a great impact. We focus on the trivial, and lose sight of what is most important. Change is impossible in the fog of ignorance.

We are all humans who want the best for our people. Although we have different ways of working towards these solutions, our goal should not be diverted based on our political, social or religious affiliations. The moment we stop thinking about what makes us different, and start working on the things that unite us as individuals will be the day we can move all forward as a civilization and put an end to global

problems such as world hunger. True change cannot be made if it is bound by laws and limitations that separate us.

As a citizen of the world, and a member of our beloved community, I invite you to take action and work towards a global goal of ending world hunger. There are many things an individual like you and me can do. For example, we can use social media to alert others of this issue and motivate them to be part of the change and innovation happening. We can also donate food to local food shelters such as the Food Distribution Center – Children's Shelter of San Antonio that provides food and shelter to low-income children in the San Antonio area.

Also, we can financially contribute to non-profit charities that work towards ending world hunger such as Action Against Hunger, that has more than 40 years of experience helping internationally.

At the end of the day, it is not about how many posts you share, how much food you give, or the amount of money you donate, but rather the pure intention of contributing your part to end a global crisis. If we all unite and work together, we are bound to put an end to all types of issues, not just world hunger.

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**JOIN THE CAUSE  
PLEASE HELP END  
WORLD  
HUNGER**



# Freshman QB, team win football honors

The University of the Incarnate Word's six-game, spring football season was an uneven one – starting off a promising 3-0 but ending up 3-3.

However, the team racked up several postseason awards in the Southland Conference, highlighted by breakout performances including freshman quarterback Cameron Ward being named "Freshman of the Year," senior running back Kevin Brown being among the nation's leading rushers, and the Cardinals seeing several make all-conference on the first, second or third teams.

Ward, a 6-foot-3, 225-pounder from West Columbia, Texas, led the nation with 24 passing touchdowns, breaking the UIW program record for most TD passes in a season – a feat accomplished in just six games.

Ward, who has two relatives playing in the NFL based on the athletic department's website, was also second in the nation with 26.3 points responsible for per game. During the season, he also earned multiple accolades including SLC Offensive Player of the Week and the Stats Perform National Freshman Player of the Week twice. He also tied the record for TDs responsible for on the season (26) and went 183-303-4 for the best single-season pass efficiency at UIW (146.5). He passed for more than 300 yards in every game this season and recorded over 400 yards in three of the six games.

The Logos was unable to get Ward's reaction to his being named "Freshman of the Year" due to UIW team policy disallowing freshmen

from speaking to the media.

However, Head Coach Eric Morris had no problems praising Ward's performance.

"Cam Ward has been exceptional this season and has done everything we have asked of him and more," Morris said. "I am excited to continue to see him grow on and off the field. He is merely scratching the surface of who he can be as both a quarterback and man."

Brown, Ward's backfield teammate, led the nation all season in average yards per carry at 10.5. He finished the season at 192.2 rushing yards per game, 775 yards total. Brown scored seven TDs this season – five rushing, two receiving). He led the conference in all-purpose yards averaging 163.3 per game. Brown scored three rushing touchdowns against Northwestern State, which is tied for third for most TDs scored in a game and tied for fourth for most rushing TDs in a game at UIW. Brown was named SLC Offensive Player of the Week following a 196-yard performance against Lamar and earned an FCS National Offensive Player of the Week honorable mention nod. Brown rushed for more than 100 yards in four games this season.

The 5-9, 204-pound Brown, who hails from Mount Pleasant, S.C., was named to the all-conference first team along with junior linebacker Kelechi Anyalebechi of Pearlland, Texas, and junior kickoff returner Ce'Cori Tolds, a defensive back from Houston.

Cardinals named to the second team included Robert Ferrell, a junior wide receiver and punt returner from Sparks, Nev.; junior outside



Christina Emmett/LOGOS STAFF

Five-foot-9 junior wide receiver Robert Ferrell of Sparks, Nev., hauls in a pass at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium from quarterback Cameron Ward April 10 against the Demons of Northwestern State University of Louisiana in Natchitoches. It was one of several grabs Ferrell made in a losing effort as the Cardinals lost 49-47 on a game-winning field goal.



Cameron Ward



Kevin Brown

linebacker Caleb Johnson from Mount Pleasant, Texas; junior defensive tackle Cameron Preston of Crowley, Texas; and junior safety Shawn Holton from Fort Worth, Texas.

Those making the third team included Ward; freshman outside linebacker Nash Jones from Nacogdoches, Texas; freshman outside linebacker Reid Francis from College Station, Texas; sophomore place kicker Carson Mohr from The Woodlands, Texas; defensive end Blaine Hoover from Bedias, Texas; junior defensive lineman Chance

Main from Cherryvale, Kan.; freshman linebacker Isaiah Paul from San Antonio; and freshman defensive back Elliott Davison from Flint, Texas.

Coach Morris obviously was pleased with the number of players earning conference honors.

"The amount of all-conference selections is a testament of our student-athletes' hard work and determination throughout not just the season but the COVID-19 pandemic as a whole," he said. "They have handled everything that has been thrown at them this year and I couldn't be prouder of them."

# Cardinals continue playing ball

By Lorenzo Bustamante  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

It will be a battle of the Cardinals when the University of the Incarnate Word's baseball team wraps up its season May 20-22 at home against Lamar University from Beaumont.

Before then, however, the team will be at home this weekend for a four-game series May 7-9 against Houston Baptist University. The last road game is May 11 at Baylor University in Waco. And before the Lamar series, the Cardinals will play the University of Texas-San Antonio on May 18.

The team is 16-25 overall – including a 5-3 road loss April 27

to the Longhorns of UT-Austin.

The Cardinals got one of their most lopsided wins at Sullivan Field April 6 when they clobbered the Prairie View A&M Panthers 12-1 in an eight-inning, non-conference game, with the help of two home runs from graduate student Lee Thomas, an infielder from Katy, Texas.

The Cardinals broke open a scoreless game with three runs in the bottom of the second. Senior Ryan Flores, an infielder-pitcher from Corpus Christi, and freshman infielder Noah Brewer, of Rio Rancho, N.M., both hit singles. Wilson Ehrhardt, a junior outfielder from Katy, walked, allowing the bases

to become loaded. Flores then scored due to a passed ball. Then a single from sophomore infielder Grant Smith of Albuquerque, N.M., let Brewer score. Shortly after Smith's RBI, he scored on a sacrifice fly by the catcher, graduate student Trent Koerner of Sterling, Va.

Thomas hit a two-run homer in right-centerfield in the fifth, knocking in graduate teammate Jordan McFarland, a first base-outfielder who had previously doubled down the infield line. The score was 5-1.

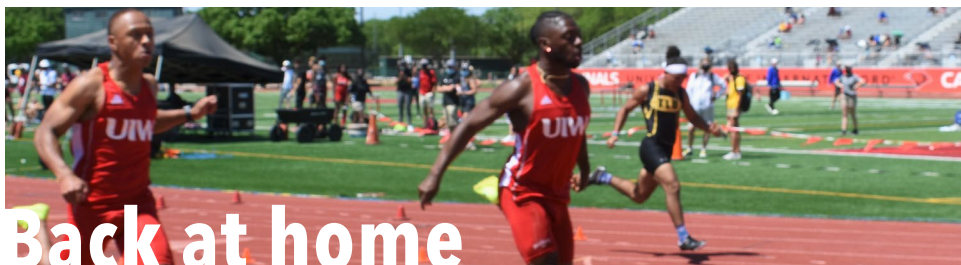
In the bottom of the fourth, Smith singled down the middle, later scoring on a bunt single by graduate student Landon Etzel, an outfielder

from League City, Texas. McFarland homered to centerfield and Etzel scored. Thomas then hit his second home run, bringing the score to 9-1.

In the bottom of the eighth, senior outfielder Drew Minter of League City walked. Sophomore infielder Taylor Darden of Las Vegas, Nev., hit a double down the left-field line, advancing Minter to third base.

The game was called after Smith cranked a walk-off home run to left with no outs for the win. Freshmen pitchers Cole Beddingfield from Spring, Texas, and Jaren Warwick of New Caney, Texas, threw a three-hit game, including 11 strikeouts.





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Cardinal runner Kyle Lewis, left, a sophomore from Schertz, and senior Terry Sims compete Saturday, April 10, in the second day of the 12th annual UIW Invitational at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium. It was the first time since spring 2019 the Cardinals had a chance to host the outdoor meet, which was cancelled last year due to the pandemic.

## Back at home

# Softball team shows progress in win-column

By Lorenzo Bustamante  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The softball team at the University of the Incarnate Word already has seen more success this spring than it has in recent memory.

After going 8-40 in 2019 with a winning percentage of .167, the women already had won eight games in 2020 before the pandemic.

The team is 16-24 going into a season-ending, three-game series on the road May 7-8 at Sam Houston University in Huntsville.

In an April 7 doubleheader at home

on HEB Field, the team won both games against Texas A&M-San Antonio on Wednesday, April 7, shutting out the visitors 7-0 in the opener and taking a 7-3 victory in the next.

In the first game, the first inning was quiet. In the bottom of the second, sophomore Savannah Behabetz, an outfielder from Littleton, Colo., tripled to right field. Following her at-bat, senior shortstop Tori Alvarez-Lopez of Cypress, Texas, hit a double to left-center that brought in Behabetz, making the score 1-0.

In the bottom of the third, sophomore Jaguars pitcher Ebbie Rodriguez walked Maddie Boldt, a sophomore outfielder from Round Rock, Texas, to start off the inning. San Antonio sophomore Jazmine Torres, who plays first base, singled to left field, bringing in Bolt from second, raising the score to 2-0.

At the bottom of the fourth, redshirt sophomore Hailey Jackson, a native of Oxnard, Calif., who doubles as a catcher and outfielder, tripled to right field. Then senior Hailey Goins, a

second baseman from Universal City, Texas, hit a sacrifice fly to bring Jackson in. In the bottom of the fifth, Boldt hammered a three-run homer, bringing in sophomores Abby Frank, a utility player from Spring, Texas, and Bella Sanchez, a San Antonio native who splits time catching and playing third.

The Cardinals scored last when Jackson was on base in scoring position, and fifth-year senior Delaney Guzman, a utility player from Richmond, Texas, hit a sacrifice fly, bringing Jackson in.

# Soccer season plays to spring's end

By Nathaniel Delgado  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Johnathon Diaz played his senior season at an unusual time of the year for men's soccer – spring.

Following a Jan. 24 scrimmage at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, the University of the Incarnate

Word team went on to record a 2-7 overall record under Kiki Lara, its new coach leading the team through a season that was postponed from last fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Diaz, a four-year member of the team, plays left back. He said he learned much his first year and even helped organize some events.

During his second and third year on the team, Diaz said he invited others to join the team.

But this season was quite different because of the pandemic through cancelled practices, cancelled games, playing to empty bleachers, and the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Where the crowd would

previously cheer and encourage players, now the sound of rushing wind, rustling grass and coaches giving orders replaced it all.

Diaz said he hopes "the team will improve on scores as a team and is looking forward to next season being that it will be (my) last one."

# Two golfers make all-conference teams

Two members of the women's golf team at the University of the Incarnate Word are on all-Southland Conference teams – a first for the program since moving up to Division I.

Ellen Nicholas was named to the second team and Lauren Mancha to the third.

Nicholas, a sports management major from Angmering, West Sussex, United Kingdom, led the Cardinals throughout the season, averaging a 75.67 round score. She finished tied for sixth at the Houston Baptist University Husky

Invitational and collected five top-12 finishes. She played 18 rounds this season and turned in two, one-under par 71 scorecards for her low rounds.

Mancha, a marketing major from Spring Branch, Texas, placed 12th at the HBU Husky Invitational. She notched an average round score of 77.56 during 2021 and is leaving UIW as the women's golf program record-holder in three categories: career rounds played (118), career counting scores (114), and career birdies (171).



Golfers Ellen Nicholas, left, and Lauren Mancha are on Southland Conference teams.

# INTERNATIONAL

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## Mexico campus teams win, place in Texas

Teams from the University of the Incarnate Word's two Mexican campuses made waves this academic year - one winning a UIW contest and another placing at Texas Christian University.

Three students from Universidad Incarnate Word Campus Bajío in Irapuato - UIW Campus Bajío - teamed up to win the 2020 Startup Challenge and a \$10,000 first prize, sponsored by HOLT Ventures -- the venture capital arm of San Antonio-based HOLT CAT, the largest Caterpillar dealer in the United States.

The Startup Challenge, which started three years ago, is hosted each fall by the HEB School of Business and Administration at UIW.

The winning startup, LU'UM, was comprised of UIW Campus Bajío students Valeria Ramos Curiel, an accounting and finance major; Diana Jazmin Casas Del Angel, an industrial engineering major; and Santiago Meza, a marketing major. (The Logos was unable to get the students' reactions to their wins).

The trio pitched their business plan and product to a panel of judges from various industries during the Startup Challenge Finals held Dec. 6, via Zoom video conference due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

LU'UM seeks to reduce pollution and waste associated with millions of car tires and shoe soles going unrecycled in Mexico each year. Taking these unwanted and discarded materials, LU'UM transforms them into a new, widely applicable flooring material. The result is a product made from 90 percent recycled material that can be installed in schools, gyms, restaurants, parks and many other settings. The \$10,000 first prize will help LU'UM further its operations in Mexico and begin exploring opportunities in other Latin American countries.

The Startup Challenge exists to promote cross-disciplinary

collaboration at UIW and foster the entrepreneurial spirit of UIW students through small business mentorship and financial funding.

On April 14, Nancy Gutiérrez Ayala, a nutrition major at UIW Campus Bajío, and Sergio Alejandro Villanueva Muñoz, a major in 3D animation and visual effects at UIW Campus Mexico City, participated in the TCU Neeley School of Business Values and Ventures Competition.

The Bajío campus team made it to the semifinal round and the CIW Mexico City team made it to the final round, with only eight teams obtaining an honorable mention and \$2,500 for their IKU project, "The Smart Drink." Professor Abraham Garcia, coordinator of the International Business degree program, advised the students on this project.

In addition to the honorable mention, Sergio Alejandro Villanueva placed first in the "Investor Challenge" category, obtaining a prize of \$2,500.

IKU is a multifunctional corn-based beverage with added probiotics, low in calories and sugar that is also healthy, accessible and practical and helps improve the quality of life due to its ingredients, according to a news release.

All projects participating in the competition must generate profits and, at the same time, make a difference by returning value to the community either by satisfying social needs, supporting vulnerable sectors, improving the quality of life, helping the environment, etc.

This year more than 1,000 participants registered for the competition with 264 projects that were submitted from 28 U.S. universities, 11 countries, and four continents, distributing more than \$90,000 in prizes.

The Logos was able to get testimonials from the students who teamed up for the competition at



Nancy Gutiérrez Ayala and Sergio Alejandro Villanueva Muñoz hold bottles of 'IKU.'

TCU in Fort Worth with the help of UIW's international office.

"It can be challenging to participate in a competition as large-scale as the Values and Ventures Competition at TCU, but it is certainly one of the best experiences you can have in your college life," Sergio Alejandro Villanueva Muñoz said. "One of the most challenging things I faced during the competition was presenting my project to the judges in a foreign language. That increased the nerves that everyone gets, so it required many hours of preparation.

"I think the best part of these competitions is that we can see the academic level that the University of the Incarnate Word has compared to other universities in the world. You start to apply the knowledge that you have acquired over the years and at the end you discover that all the long nights you spent studying have been worth it.

"Getting to the final involved a lot of work and effort on our part, however, our achievement was also because of the great support that the professors gave us in the process. The mentoring that the professors have given me personally is invaluable and I am very grateful for it, especially when in my (major) we do not see so much in-depth topics of entrepreneurship, management, or finance. So, I want to thank the professors for spending time helping the students. It has been an honor to be able to represent my university at an international level and I feel very proud to have made it to the finals."

Teammate Nancy Gutiérrez Ayala wrote: "The Incarnate Word community has included in us values that

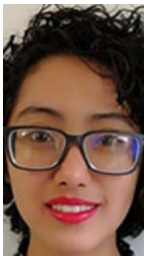
take us to places where we are undoubtedly proud of who we are, and based on that, the IKU idea was born: to embrace our roots.

"In addition, UIW has taught us that we must think beyond ourselves, beyond personal benefits, and what better way to show that by creating a product that will not only be a healthier alternative but one that embodies our roots.

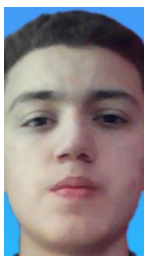
"The competition showed us the competitiveness that exists in the world and made it clear that UIW has prepared us in an exceptional way. Even though everything was online, the excitement and adrenaline of presenting a product made by us and at the same time representing the university, created an inexplicable rush of emotions.

"Being part of an international university makes you competent not only academically, but also personally and it can be proven with the results from the TCU competition. Reaching the final was the result of a long road that is still the beginning, but will gradually spread its wings. It is easy to say we were amongst the eight finalists, and although the final product does not reflect all the work, the satisfaction is immense because we made it to the top and at the same time learned about personal and professional values.

"UIW will always be part of our roots even after leaving the Nest. And being part of the UIW community means being a Cardinal. Being a Cardinal means flying into other territories with enough tools to be able to play an outstanding role no matter what the circumstances are."



Diana Jazmin



Santiago Meza



Valeria Ramos

## New leader champions diversity, equity and inclusion

By Pilar Garcia Guzman  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Diversity, equity and inclusion at the University of the Incarnate Word is now getting some full-time attention through its newest champion, Dr. Arturo Chávez.

Championing DEI is a major part of Chávez's job description as associate vice president of Mission & Ministry, as well as seeing after the Etting Center for Civic Leadership and Sustainability.

Social justice and promoting human dignity have always been a part of UIW's mission, so the DEI office serves as a reassurance that the university continues to acknowledge the importance of these issues and work towards maintaining and improving the already embedded values.

A graduate of UIW, Chávez's resume features an impressive background in community development and social justice. He said he already has plans to continue racial awareness activities that open conversations on some of these topics.

"The overall climate these past few years have brought out in our society the need to be explicit about our commitment

to racial justice," Chávez said.

He was hired last fall, months after the university had launched task forces that began holding listening sessions among administrators, faculty, staff, and students involving DEI.

"(We) live and work in a global community," Chávez said. "Globalization really calls for us to develop intercultural competence, and learn to work with people from all kinds of cultures."

UIW is creating "brave spaces" to talk about race and culture in environments free of confrontations or hostility, he said. These spaces already exist, and the DEI office is using feedback to develop a strategic plan to roll out in this fall at the earliest, he added.

The information acquired during these sessions is being implemented in everyday operations and activities at UIW. For instance, the Theatre Department has been working with its students to create and perform social dramas, such as the spring production, "The Exonerated," directed by Dr. David McTier, the department's chair. Other courses and professors, as well, have begun to tackle more diverse topics in their lectures to educate students how to support these

causes and understand the hardships these groups go through every day.

But it is not enough to highlight a culture for a few days or a month. Students want to share their history, struggles, and accomplishments on a larger basis, and they want all these to be reflected in the history taught at UIW. Due to this, DEI is also looking at diversifying its curriculum, particularly core courses, to accurately show how important and central these issues are to the university's mission.

"We don't need to create another program and tell people that they need to be a part of it, but rather notice where they're already gathering to have these conversations and deepen them to include our experiences regarding race, culture, gender and socioeconomic background," Chávez said.

Asked about concerns that systemic racism exists within the institution, Chávez acknowledged that, just like any other organization, there are always things to improve and incidents that need to be dealt with "directly and swiftly."

The university is not hiding those possibilities and instead wants to do better, he said. He pointed out that



Dr. Arturo Chávez

the Etting Center is working directly with the DEI office to coordinate experiences for students and volunteers that lead them to "ask the deeper questions" and look at injustice issues on a personal level. "This is part of my new position within Mission & Ministry. It's a response from UIW to wanting to be more intentional about this."

## Two get Stewardship Awards

A University of the Incarnate Word residence life administrator and a community health professor received the William Mulcahy Award for Ecological Stewardship when it was presented Thursday, April 22.

The awards were announced in a brief Zoom presentation sponsored by the Etting Center for Civic Leadership and Sustainability. Dr. Kevin M. Salfen, a music professor who serves as co-director of the center's Office of Sustainability and chair of its Sustainability Advisory Board, read citations about the 2021 staff and faculty recipients.

The staff winner was J.R. Chiodo-Benmuvar, assistant director of residence life. The faculty winner was Dr. Heather Barton-Weston, an assistant professor and public health coordinator for the Department of Community Health Education in the Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing and Health Professions. Both are members of the Sustainability Advisory Board and both of their citations called them tireless advocates for sustainability at UIW.

Chiodo-Benmuvar oversees social

media for UIW's sustainability efforts. He also has developed and supported a variety of sustainability-related programs for UIW residents, from "green move-out," an effort designed to ensure reusable items do not wind up in the landfill at the end of the academic year, to numerous educational and service opportunities for residents such as working in the campus community gardens.

Barton-Weston has led several innovative efforts to help students and colleagues understand the relationship between individual action and local, regional, and global sustainability issues. She has chaired the Community Gardens Committees and co-directs the Office of Sustainability.

Chiodo-Benmuvar, a native of Kansas City, Mo., said he couldn't believe he was getting the award.

"I was honestly in disbelief when I had received word that I was the staff recipient of the William Mulcahy Award," said Chiodo-Benmuvar, who has served nine years in his residence life role. He came to UIW after earning a bachelor's degree in



J.R. Chiodo-Benmuvar



Dr. Heather Barton-Weston

history with emphasis on the classics with honors at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and a master's in higher education administration and policy study at the University of Kansas.

Winning the award named after the late William Mulcahy, a longtime groundkeeping superintendent at UIW, was especially meaningful for Chiodo-Benmuvar.

"While serving on the Sustainability Advisory Board, there wasn't a time when Bill's passion and ideas weren't mentioned or discussed," he said.

"I have to give recognition to our group of resident assistants who do some great work with sustainability programming through bulletin boards about recycling, upcycling clothing, repurposing common objects, and

even potting plants using old water bottles," Chiodo-Benmuvar said. "If anyone can do a few small things to help make the world a greener place, it can add up."

Barton-Weston, who's been a part of the UIW community since 2008, holds a bachelor's degree in exercise science from the University of Texas-San Antonio (UTSA), a master's degree from UTSA, and her doctorate in health education from Texas A&M University.

She was "very humbled to have been selected by my colleagues to receive the William Mulcahy Award for stewardship. As honored as I am to be this year's awardee, I could not have done or completed many of the projects, both on and off-campus, without the ongoing support of my colleagues, the Sustainability Advisory Board members, and the amazing individuals within the Etting Center. I am truly appreciative of the support and dedication all of these individuals have provided me throughout the years."

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Places to visit in San Antonio, include The Pavilion of Gwang-Ju, top, a gift to San Antonio from Korea; Scobee Planetarium, above left, and The Pearl among other attractions.

## Local places to visit this summer

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As another school semester comes to an end, the eagerness to make plans has begun.

But what is there to do in San Antonio over the summer?

San Antonio may seem like a boring city to some, but it's filled with fun attractions for people of all ages. It's been a tough semester and over a year since the pandemic started, so it's likely people want to celebrate getting through it all.

Here's a list of some places to visit this summer in San Antonio:

### The Pearl

The Pearl is a beautiful destination to take pictures, have a picnic, and enjoy macarons.

The Historic Pearl District houses delicious restaurants and hosts many events ranging from yoga classes to farmer's markets. The Pearl is at 303 Pearl

Parkway, San Antonio, Texas 78215.

### Guenther House

The Guenther House is a fantastic restaurant and museum that offers delicious food and beautiful scenery. Gather your family and friends, throw on your best clothes and attend the famous Guenther House brunch. The brunch runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Seats fill up fast, so get there early. The Guenther House is at 205 E. Guenther St., San Antonio, Texas 78204.

### McNay Museum

There's no better place to enrich yourself than a museum. McNay Art Museum is one of San Antonio's most famous museums with notable exhibitions year-round and a lot of beautiful areas to take pictures of. This can be a great solo activity or group activity, so start planning your visit soon. Make sure to check out other museums San Antonio has to offer. The McNay Art Museum is at 6000 N. New Braunfels Ave., San Antonio, Texas 78209.

### Scobee Planetarium

If you love stars, planets and space, this is the place for you. Many San Antonio

residents know about this planetarium. It is truly a hidden gem in our city. This is a perfect spot for people of all ages, and I'm sure you'll be blown away by the fantastic view. The planetarium is at 1300 San Pedro Ave., San Antonio, Texas 78212.

### Pavilion of Gwang-Ju

Here is another hidden gem in San Antonio. Gifted to San Antonio from Gwang-Ju, Korea, in 2010, this magnificent, handcrafted pavilion is a beautiful location to take pictures, have a picnic, or go for a walk. Make sure to check out the other beautiful parks San Antonio has to offer. The Gwang-Ju Pavilion is at 7735 Mockingbird Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78229.

### Restaurants

San Antonio is a city filled with many cultures, so inevitably there are many excellent cuisines. You can find all kinds of restaurants: Chinese, Mexican, Thai, Brazilian, Korean, and the list goes on. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the style in which we eat has changed, but the food is still delicious. We strongly suggest supporting our local restaurants

because they've been going through a hard time. You'll be amazed at how much great food San Antonio has to offer.

**Here is a list of local restaurants to try out this summer:**

- Las Islas Marias
- Alebrije SA
- Señor Veggie
- Southbound Coffee
- Gorditas Mi Torreon
- Noodle Tree
- Shifu Noodle
- Aroy Ver
- Buddhafull Belly
- Seoul Asian Market Café
- Smashin Crab
- Sweet Yams
- Rooted Vegan Cuisine
- Jamaica Jamaica Cuisine
- 225 Urban Smoke

**Whatever you do this summer, make sure to stay safe, get vaccinated, and support local businesses.**