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UIW official: Race no factor in admissions

By David Peters
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word does not factor race in admissions – and thus is not affected by the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling restricting affirmative action, a spokesman said.

"The University does not use race as a factor in admissions, so the decision did not affect our admissions

process," said Michael Valdes, media and public relations manager for UIW's Office of Communications & Brand Marketing.

In a long-awaited decision, the court ruled 6-3 on June 29 that the practice of including race in admissions decisions violated the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause, in effect striking down four-and-a-half decades of legal precedent allowing

institutions to consider race as one of the many factors in their admissions decision-making.

The court was ruling in a case brought by the plaintiff Students for Fair Admission against Harvard University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Affirmative-action policies considering race emerged in the 1960s as a means to right the historical wrong

of segregation. In a 1978 decision, the court ruled colleges could use race as one of the factors to achieve educational benefits, but not to remedy past discrimination.

The decision has many college officials across the country fearing this will shift the way many admissions offices access students and will likely change dramatically the racial and **JUMP TO PAGE 2 'ADMISSIONS'**

Project Helios: Workspace to run on solar power

Possibly before the fall semester is over, University of the Incarnate Word students might be plugging into an off-grid, solar-powered outdoor workspace on the Broadway Campus.

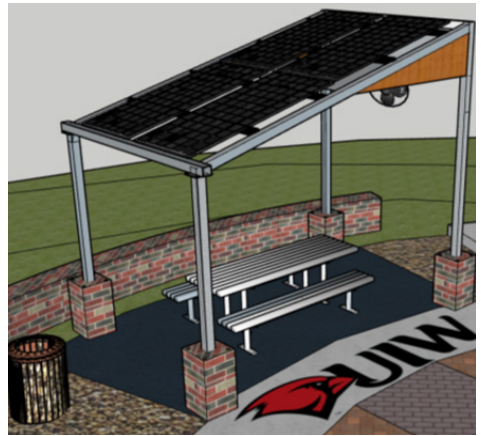
That's what planners for Project Helios – a project driven by students in the senior engineering capstone class over three semesters – are hoping for in a space between the AT&T Science Building, J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library, and the Administration Building.

"The project is on track," said Dr. Okan Caglayan, an associate professor of engineering, who has collaborated with Daniel Potter, UIW's sustainability operations manager, in helping the students involved develop the concept, design and groundwork for Project Helios, which would be a first for the campus.

In a joint report prepared for The Word magazine published by UIW's Office of Communications and Brand

Marketing, the project was inspired by issues that grew out of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the beginning of the Spring 2022 semester, Broadway Campus students were required to go online for two weeks of virtual instruction. Many times, students were forced to be close to charging outlets to power their laptops while in their residence halls or hallways, and this did not always allow for social distancing.

The problem with staying indoors during the pandemic was the potential likelihood of disease transmission. The idea was born of having a sheltered outdoor workspace with charging capability that would lower transmission risk and do so using renewable energy. In addition, such a workspace would help raise awareness around campus about green energy and the commitment the City of San Antonio has made to diversifying energy sources. **JUMP TO PAGE 2 'HELIOS'**



Project Helios will allow students to plug in outside at its solar-powered workspace.

Peace Prize winner to discuss Indigenous peoples' rights

A Nobel Peace Prize winner will be speaking Wednesday, Oct. 4, for the second Leaders of the Americas Speakers Series at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Nobel Laureate Rigoberta Menchú Tum will be speaking in Diana Benneke Concert Hall. Her presentation also will be livestreamed.

"(She) is 'one of the most important champions of native peoples' rights in the modern history of the Americas,'" said Dr. Rafael Hoyle, director of UIW's

Liza and Jack Lewis Center of the Americas.

The center created the speaker series to allow the UIW community, students, faculty and staff to hear from leaders and dignitaries who have impacted society through their life work, said Hoyle, who brought in ex-Mexican President Vicente Fox to kick off the series last fall with a presentation on immigration issues.

"The opportunity to bring Rigoberta Menchú to our campus is special and



Rigoberta Menchú Tum

timely for so many reasons," Hoyle said. "First of all, her lifelong dedication to service and her defense of human rights align directly with the work that UIW's

founders – the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word -- have advanced for

decades in Indigenous villages and communities of the Americas. Our founders inspired UIW's tradition of international service programming."

Hoyle pointed out that two UIW faculty members – Sister Martha Ann Kirk, a longtime religious studies professor, and Dr. Beth Senne-Duff, an associate professor of nutrition – led some students on a mission in May to Menchú's native Guatemala in collaboration with an agency co-founded by **JUMP TO PAGE 2 'NOBEL WINNER'**

Admissions cnt.

ethnic makeup of many campuses, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education. Colleges have used race in admissions for decades and debated the practice more than 60 years. The debates ultimately came to what is fair and beneficial.

In the aftermath of the court's decision outlawing race-conscious admissions, college administrators say their efforts to recruit and help students of color feel a sense of belonging are even more critical

now that colleges will not be allowed to consider race as a factor in admission, The Chronicle of Higher Education reported.

Only very selective colleges are affected by the recent ruling and

that is not the way UIW works, Valdes said.

Helios cnt.

The City of San Antonio's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) has a goal to reach carbon neutrality by 2050. At the start of 2023, CPS's renewables (solar included) made up 21% percent of the city-owned utility's power-generation portfolio.

In Spring 2022, the Phase 1 team consisting of senior engineering students Victor Castillo and Jason Simpson, as well as Itzel Alcantar, BS '22, completed the development of the concept by exploring local business partners for materials, providing an initial AutoCad engineering design, surveying a location with optimal solar exposure, and developing a budget.

In Fall 2022, the Phase 2 team con-

sisting of Endis Auvert Jr., Reid Francis, and Luis Monroy, BS '22, completed a solar power system modeling, revised the budget, initiated UIW administrative authorizations, and information needed for getting a building permit from the city. The Phase 2 team also built a replica of the solar panel roof mounting for field testing.

This past spring, the Phase 3 team of senior engineering students Desiray Rodriguez, Julian Garcia, and Jorge Arreola worked on the overall construction requirement of the structure, which included an analysis of structural engineering, instructions for a construction and maintenance manual, finalizing the materials bud-

get, obtaining city permits, and vendor/contractor selection for the build.

Project Helios also has been helped by Mission Solar Energy, a solar energy module manufacturer headquartered in San Antonio which provided the student engineering team with their highest-quality solar panel, manufacturing plant site visits, and networking opportunities with various green-energy companies.

The team also consulted the School of Media and Design's Graphic Design department about a logo and website to promote the project, which already has drawn interests from several other institutions in the San Antonio area.

Dr. Carlos Garcia, dean of the

School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering, and member of UIW's Sustainability Advisory Board, also has encouraged and supported the project.

"We're excited to be creating a solar charging station in engineering that will be off the electrical grid," Garcia said in a statement. "We'll be able to showcase a place where students can plug in their laptops, iPhones, iPads and more, and it will all be powered by solar energy. We like to do things that make us more resilient and forward-thinking to protect the Earth and the environment, which will help us all create a better future."

Nobel Winner cnt.

UIW alumni to help underserved Guatemalan children. (See story on Page 5).

"Ms. Menchú's work certainly exemplifies the search for social justice that is at the heart of UIW's Mission," Hoyle said. "Her forthcoming presentation, furthermore, will be a perfect follow-up to (Fox's immigration speech). The

phenomenon of immigration in the Americas, and specifically the arrival of immigrants to the United States through the U.S.-Mexico border, cannot be separated from the socioeconomic conditions and acts of injustice that have led millions to emigrate from their Central American homelands,

mostly heading north to the United States through Mexico. We will not solve the crisis of immigration without addressing and understanding the conditions that have plagued Central America for centuries. Ms. Menchú has dedicated her life to shedding light on these conditions and encouraging

humanity to take action."

As it did last year, the center is co-hosting the City of San Antonio's official "Welcoming Week" 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, in SEC Ballroom. San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg is expected to be among the speakers at the Welcoming Week event.

'Light the Way' volunteers needed

University of the Incarnate Word students will be able to earn community service hours when they volunteer to check Christmas lights for the 37th annual "Light the Way" holiday festival.

Volunteers will be checking more than a million Christmas lights used in the holiday-lighting event on the Broadway Campus which kicks off with a festival Saturday, Nov. 18. The SEC Ballroom is where volunteers will check the lights and change out the bulbs if necessary noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, and Tuesday, Sept. 26, said Meghan K. Kuentz, special events manager for UIW's Office of Communications and Brand Marketing.

Kuentz said volunteers can sign up on the GivePulse app found on Cardinal App. Undergraduates must do a minimum of 45 community service hours to graduate.

"Last year the volunteers processed about 500,000 lights," Kuentz said.

In conjunction with "Light the Way," Kuentz's office also holds a display board contest for student organizations that will paint an 8-by-4-foot sheet of plywood with a design that celebrates the holiday season. The boards, which are made into A-frames are placed around campus during the "Light the Way" period that runs from the kickoff until Jan. 6. Once lit, the lights stay on from dusk till dawn.

The display board contest will be noon-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, in the parking lot of Ann Barshop Natatorium. The sign-up is on the UIW Engage app.

Winners earn money for their organizations' budgets.

"The winning design is one that marries the ethos of the student org, the

holiday season and is executed well," Kuentz said. "There is also a People's Choice winner which will be decided by likes on social media."

On Nov. 18, the festival gates open at 3 p.m. with the lights coming on at 6:30. Fireworks sponsored by Hill Electric begin at 9:30.

The festival will contain the "usual elements," Kuentz said. That includes live music, shopping, food trucks, and the Santa in the Kids Corner sponsored by Spectrum News.

There will be an alumni-exclusive area. Alumni will be able to register for access on the alumni website.



'Light the Way' starts Nov. 18 at UIW.

Students' films hit festival scene

Film studies is one of the newest concentrations for students majoring in communication arts at the University of the Incarnate Word.

But the accolades the film fans have been receiving lately – especially over the summer – go back to 2018 with the UIW Film Club winning a “Best Use” of production constants for its work on “Paperback Attractions.”

Last year, the club placed first in a national, 48-hour film category for “Cardinal Secrets” in the “telenovela” division of the Broadcast Education Association’s competition that required the group to produce a short film in the genre with required production constants such as the use of a flashlight as a prop, a character with the name, “Steven with a V,” and a required line in the dialogue: “Sometimes going with the flow isn’t always the best thing to do.”

But the summer has been hot not only in temperature, but in film-related activity and achievements for the cinemaphiles.

“UIW Film had a burst of excitement over the summer,” said Professor Terry Coronado, instructor for media production and adviser for the Film Club. “Our students were accepted to screen their films at the local CineFestival, San Antonio Film Festival, and Student World Impact Film Festival. UIW Film also competed in the 48hour Film Competition held in San Antonio.”

Here’s a rundown.
 • Jake Rogers’ first film, “Imperfection,” was chosen for the online Student World Impact Film Festival where it was among



Photo by Terry Coronado

Alyssa Munoz, left, and Evelyn Torres pose on the stage of Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center during the local CineFestival this summer.

the nominees for Best Super Short Film. Rogers has shared his film demonstrates that “we all experience struggle, especially students, and that there are obstacles that go overlooked that many people may take for granted, such as speaking English.”

• A trio – Layla Mireles, D’Angelina Clay, and Evelyn Torres – saw their film “Evangeline,” in the CineFestival and San Antonio Film Festival. The film, which highlights the impact of bullying on mental health, was nominated for a Lone Star EMMY Student Production Award.

• Alyssa Munoz’s film, “Yarezi,” made it to Cine Festival. Her film, which she produced as an assignment for her Producing and Directing Seminar, highlights the struggles of minority students, but with an added emphasis on how their families can support them.

• “Away,” a film produced by Coronado’s Cinematography and Lighting Class, found itself in the San Antonio Film Festival.

• And Markus McGuire directed the summer 48hr Film Festival entry, “A Crack in Time.”

Coronado said the film concentration is rigorous, and has a strong emphasis on the storytelling and production process.

“Students study screenwriting structures and learn to incorporate their own voice through storytelling,” she said. “The concentration is also very heavy in hands-on instruction. We use top-of-the-line, industry-standard equipment. Students are trained on cinema cameras, the latest lights, and a wide range of professional accessories that allows them to bring their art to life.”

Navy official visits summer campers

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U.S. Navy Vice Admiral Frank M. Bradley, commander of the Joint Special Operations Command, and his team visited a special camp July 26 at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Bradley visited with participants in the UIW GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Mathematics, and Science) and miniGEMS Summer Camp and toured the campus, including a visit to the UIW Military and Veteran Center on the third floor of the Student Engagement Center.

During his visit with the students, Bradley discussed his own experience in moving from his small West Texas hometown of El Dorado to the Naval Academy where he earned a bachelor’s degree in physics. Later, he received the master’s degree in physics from the Naval Post Graduate School.

A former Navy SEAL, Bradley also discussed his life as a scientist and how science has played an important



U.S. Navy Vice Admiral Frank M. Bradley speaks to students in UIW’s GEMS program.

role personally and professionally in his life. But he also talked about the importance of art and creativity in science and research.

“It was great that our miniGEMS and GEMS students could hear about the

importance of a STEM education from Admiral Bradley and how it is very important in his life,” said Dr. Michael Frye, a professor of electrical engineering at UIW. “He is a great example of a lifelong learner and someone who

is always asking hard questions. The students were really impressed that he wanted to get his Ph.D. in physics once he retired from a very successful Navy career.”

Bradley also visited with Provost Dr. Farrell J. Webb and Dr. Carlos Garcia, dean of the School of Math, Science and Engineering. At the Military and Veteran Center, he met with Jonathan Lovejoy, senior director for Military and Veterans Affairs.

“It was an incredible honor to have (Bradley) on campus to speak to our GEMS program,” Lovejoy said. “Vice Admiral Bradley gave an inspirational presentation on his educational journey and the positive impact of education on his Navy career. Dr. Webb and I met with the admiral and he was impressed with UIW’s commitment and service to our military-connected students and their families.”

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President: 'Excited for new beginnings'

Dear Cardinals,

Welcome to the Nest!

The new academic year has arrived and with these early days of fall come a special kind of energy that makes this my favorite time of year. As the final weeks of summer wane, I grow more excited for the familiar buzz of activity that kicks off with our move-in days and continues through commencement. Everyone is excited for new beginnings and all their possibilities.

This week, you are embarking on new paths full of opportunities. Throughout the year, you will be presented with new experiences, meet new people, and find new ways to continue growing into the people that God has called you to be. Your job now is to choose the best paths and make the most of what lies before you.

Know that your community is here to support you along your journeys. UIW faculty members are deeply committed to guiding you, to your

formation in Mission and to doing all they can to help you reach your destinations. Staff members are always at the ready to offer any help they can and point you to additional resources when you need them. Your fellow students, too, will become your friends and future colleagues. Reach out for support whenever you need to and lend a hand to others whenever you can.

I have spent the last several weeks attending ceremonies, meetings, and events in celebration of and in preparation for the new year, and I am very happy to report that your community has been working hard to ensure there are many wonderful things planned for you.

To name just one example, in October, we will welcome a Nobel Laureate to campus. The Liza and Jack Lewis Center of the Americas is hosting its second annual Leaders of the Americas Speakers Series Lecture featuring Rigoberta Menchú Tum, a globally recognized human rights



Dr. Thomas M. Evans

activist known for her work on behalf of Guatemala's Indigenous peoples.

In addition to this, there are performances, special events, athletic competitions, research opportunities, student group meetings, faith celebrations and more. I look forward to seeing you at any number of these events. I would also like to invite you to join me for lunch. We have launched our second year of "Lunch with the President," a series of small

gatherings of faculty, staff and students that take place throughout the year on each of our campuses. Registration for this fall's lunches will be open soon on my website, uiw.edu/president.

Cardinals, there is so much to look forward to this year and you are always in my prayers. As you move along your journeys, I pray that you approach each step you take with open minds, hearts for Mission and a willingness to learn more. I also pray that you apply yourself to your studies with renewed commitment to broadening your perspectives. Go forth, do well and make yourselves, your loved ones and all of us at UIW proud.

Praised be the Incarnate Word!

Sincerely,

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Provost: Explore, get involved

Dear Cardinals,

As your new provost, I am delighted to welcome both new and returning students back to campus for the upcoming academic year.

The energy and enthusiasm that you bring to our community is what makes UIW such a special place.

At UIW, we are committed to providing you with an exceptional educational experience that prepares you for success in your future endeavors. Our faculty and staff are dedicated to supporting you in your academic

pursuits and personal growth, and we will work tirelessly to ensure that you have the resources and opportunities you need to thrive.

As you begin this new chapter in your academic journey, I encourage you to take advantage of all that UIW has to offer. Get involved in student organizations, attend campus events, and explore the rich cultural offerings found only in San Antonio. Your time here is not only about earning a degree, but also about discovering your passions, making lifelong connections, and becoming

a well-rounded individual.

I am excited to get to know each and every one of you. If you see me on campus, I encourage you to stop, introduce yourself and let me know how we can add to your university experience.

I look forward to working together to make this academic year the best one yet.

Sincerely,

Dr. Farrell J. Webb
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Dr. Farrell J. Webb

SGA President: Student government 'here to serve'

On behalf of SGA I would like to welcome all new and returning faces to UIW for the Fall 2023 semester.

SGA is here to serve as a vessel for the student body. As SGA president, it is my responsibility to ensure that SGA is being that vessel in an effective and appropriate manner.

I know that this may be a time of uncertainty for many: "Am I in the right major?" "How is my roommate going to be?" "Am I going to have time to socialize while also manag-

ing my classes?"

If these questions are constantly lingering in your mind, take a deep breath and know that you are NOT alone.

If you ever would like to get perspective from students, please feel free to stop by our SGA Office to get input from our members. My cabinet and I would be more than happy to share with you our experiences and how we addressed these concerns. We also have snacks!

To be kept up to date on all things UIW SGA, please follow us on Instagram @uiwsga. SGA has so many exciting events for students to enjoy this semester. We look forward to sharing these events with the student body very soon.

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to address to me directly, please e-mail me at hresendi@student.uiwtx.edu
GO CARDINALS!



Beni Resendiz

Team tackles malnutrition issues in Guatemala

By Amil Bettencourt
Special to the Logos

In an inspiring testament to dedication and compassion, a nonprofit agency and a service-learning group from the University of the Incarnate Word made an impact in Guatemala.

From May 12-26, Little Angels of Mary's founders combined forces with the UIW missionaries in the Latin America country to launch a nutrition and education program they hope will have lasting, life-altering effects as well as potential for future missions.

Guatemala native Edwin Mendoza, president of Little Angels, and his wife, Darlene Jasso, a UIW graduate from New Braunfels who serves as vice president, had been planning the effort for months with UIW's representatives: Sister Martha Ann Kirk, a longtime religious studies professor; Dr. Beth Senne-Duff, an associate professor of nutrition; nutrition majors Shania Salinas and Vallery Robert; elementary education majors Amil Bettencourt, Carley Petru, and Aislinn Villarreal; and Spanish-fluent Mark Duff.

The two forces united with a common purpose: to educate and support Guatemalan mothers in promoting their children's health through improved nutrition while honoring the vibrant cultural heritage of the Indigenous Mayan people.

Once the UIW group arrived in Guatemala City, the mission began with a visit to the Casa de la Memoria (House of Memories), a museum that looked into Guatemala's intense history, marked by genocide, racism, and an unjust government. The museum's exhibits resonated deeply with the volunteers, fostering an understanding of the country's past and laying the groundwork for their mission of positive change.

"I am glad I had the opportunity to see the solemn and painful history that Guatemala has and take that with me as we go in to help and learn with the strong Indigenous people soon," Petru



Nutrition majors Vallery Robert, left, and Shania Salinas weigh a Guatemalan child.

said.

The next stop was the village of Santa Apolonia where they col-

laborated with Carolina Ajozal, a kindergarten teacher at the Little Angels of Mary School started

by Mendoza and Jasso last year to promote nutrition education. Guatemala's child malnutrition rates are alarming, with 48 percent of children under 5 suffering from malnutrition. In the area that they focused on, the malnutrition rate escalated to 69 percent. Guatemala's chronic malnutrition problem was among the world's highest, ranking sixth globally.

To make a push to change the health of the people for the better, Senne-Duff, Salinas, Robert, and Andrea Guzmán, a nutrition consultant, set up at the school to weigh and measure the children. The nutrition students received past measurements and used these to make observations on what much-needed changes needed to be made and how. In the afternoon, the whole group constructed garden grids and gathered the supplies to put together garden boxes for families in the community. Eight gardens were built and stocked with vegetables.

Working with the families allowed the volunteers to make deep connections and value the hard work they were putting in. "It was a lot of hard work being in the sun and doing such difficult labor, but it was all worth it because seeing the community come together and help because they wanted the garden so badly made me feel like what I was doing meant more than I realized," Villarreal said.

Villarreal was especially affected by the experience and even included it in her passion for art. In a watercolor portrait of a young girl they worked with in the school, Villarreal talked about how much she enjoyed her time in the community and school.

"I got to embark on a trip with my closest friends and give a hand to an area that I love the most [education]. The kids were so open and willing to learn with us and I am forever grateful," Villarreal said.

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Settling another year in 'The Nest'

By Janelle De Jesus
LOGOS EDITOR

Entering another semester in the cycle of university life, I am reminded of the home that is UIW.

As senior Cardinals take flight and baby birds settle in, I once again find myself in a new position academically and socially.

As I enter my third year at the university, I can now officially say I am a "senior" – and with the title comes a new sense of responsibility. The title comes with saying hello to every person you have ever met, even if only for a moment. It means texting your old underclassmen friends from high



Janelle De Jesus

school and seeing if they had a good first day. And finally, being a senior is gathering up all of your hopes and dreams from the last however

many years and utilizing them to your potential. Though it is not my last semester on campus, or even my last semester at UIW, something feels special about being able to say I'm a senior.

At the end of last semester, I was anticipating the next one, and I spent

the summer looking for ways to better myself for the upcoming school year. I quit a toxic job and started a social media marketing internship, where I get to learn new things and expand my portfolio. I went on a lot of Texan road trips this summer including Houston, Dallas, and San Marcos, mainly for concerts but also for some peace of mind. I also caught up with family, spent a lot of time with my girlfriend, and made time for friends who all wound up back in our hometown during summer vacation. This summer felt endless yet not long enough. It never is, but at some point I always miss the peers, professors, and passion of UIW.

And though it's my article, everyone

has a story here – every student to staff member. Seniors move on as freshmen move in, rooms get packed up and moments become memories.

I'm not sure what this semester has in store aside from 18 credit hours and a lot of late nights, but it's exciting this time. For once I don't feel anxious or slightly uneasy at the thought of an unpredictable semester. Maybe it's the title of "senior," or maybe I've just finally stuck to a routine.

No matter the story though, I feel at home – and I am finally settling in the Nest.

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Survival tips for Cardinal freshmen

By Paige Heller
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College is a new and fun time, but also a scary one.

In high school, you're told many different facts about this new chapter in life. Those facts aren't always helpful or true. I want to share some things I learned and some tricks that helped me my first year of college.

The first tip I want to share is student orgs. Joining an organization helps you make many friends you may have never met. My first semester I joined Alpha Sigma Alpha, a sorority on campus. At first, I was nervous, but it

helped me meet some people I can now consider my best friends. Along with making friends, it creates lifelong memories. With being in an organization, you go to certain events and host certain events. These will be some of your favorite memories from your college chapter. For example, this past year I went to Dallas and Missouri with my sorority and those trips will always be something I look back on.

Another tip I want to share is study groups. Being in a group will help you focus and motivate you to study. This also allows you to get different perspectives on the material which



Paige Heller

can help you remember it better. You all want the same common goal and will be able to help each other more than you could on your own.

One last tip I want to share is to reach out to people in your major-specific classes. You may not take any your first year but if you do then I suggest this. These are the people who will be in your classes

for the next four years and who will be right next to you for graduation. If you can create these bonds early, then when the harder classes come you won't be alone during that time.

Freshman year was full of ups-and-downs but something I will always remember. This is going to be a change but a good one. Good luck, Class of 2027, with your first year at UIW!

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Members of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority pile on each other during a photoshoot on the field of Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium at the University of the Incarnate Word.

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Balance marks ideal college experience

By **Andrea M. Zulaica**

Have you ever imagined what the ideal, perfect college lifestyle would look like? I'm sure many of us have. But what actually makes up the perfect college lifestyle? If I had to describe it in one word, I would use balance. Besides balance, actually enjoying the moment in life you're living is also very important. Getting the full college experience also means having fun while still filling yourself with nourishment. Encouraged to use all the means which you have at hand to do so.

People tend to have different ideas of what college is and the experience of those years. As Jessica Hooten Wilson - co-author with Jacob Stratman of "Learning the Good Life: Wisdom from the Great Hearts and Minds That Came Before" - would say some people see college as just something to check off a list. The next step to the bigger picture. But is this really true? I ask myself the question, "How does this lead to living a fulfilling life?" A simple answer is that it does not. Thinking of college in this way can be a complete waste of time. If one thinks of college as just something to get off your back before beginning to live, what are you really getting out of it?

Education is a step that prepares us for the real world. The big picture where we begin to succeed with the nourishment, knowledge, and experience we've received in the years of our academic life. A factor that plays a big part in enjoying the years of academics is to realize how



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privileged we are to be in a position like this. Think about those who do not have a possibility to receive an education or do not quite live a balance in their life due to

other factors.

In the most perfect world, college ought to be the most amazing years of your life. Years in which you will live the best experiences. Look and plan a future where you meet and strive to more goals, as well as being able to achieve a balance where we work academically, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

School is not just about getting all the work done, having the best grades, and perfect GPA --and it should not be. School, and especially the college life, should be about those things combined with an enrichment of mind, body, and soul. It is so nice seeing how schools nowadays are providing services for students to work all of these aspects of their lives.

It is very important for students to attend to their academic, physical and mental needs. We see schools providing health services where they provide specialists that students can seek to talk about their mental health. Schools also have many activities where students can attend to their spiritual and physical

needs. It is so nice to see your own institution giving you the means to meet the requirements for the perfect academic balance. Where we seek the nourishment and knowledge, but are also getting to extracurriculars: seeking fun, looking for connections around in our environment, and reinforcing those connections we already have and have built.

Nonetheless we must also work on ourselves. Having and prioritizing time for our own leisure is very vital in living a great balanced life. Not only in the day-to-day, but also in regards to the academic life. When a person does not have balance, they don't have the personal means to focus on the importance of academics. These people tend to leave themselves aside, falling into certain addictions, depression, and anxiety. When these aren't attended to, this often causes a person to zone out, which will eventually lead to the diminished

attention of academics.

When I think about my personal experience, and how I would change my own school, I could say I wouldn't. I believe it gives me all the means I've talked about leading me to live a balance in my academic life. It provides a safe environment to grow and develop ourselves personally and professionally -- people to whom we are able to talk to about alterations in the spiritual and mental aspect of our lives. We are encouraged to work these areas of our lives to mold us regarding better, more successful careers. Even the people we meet here can help and lead us to the fun that is needed to achieve the encouraged balance.

Perfection in the academic life cannot be achieved in its totality, but with balance one can be closer to this point. It is important for people living these moments of their lives to seek higher nourishment, led by the fact that academics are not just boxes to be removed from a checklist.

Through academics we are forged and encouraged to become better humans. We learn and receive the means to living successful lives as adults outside of academics. We are encouraged to seek help when we fall out of our plans, when we start feeling an imbalance in our day-to-day environment. Most importantly we are also encouraged to seek help with the mission of the greater good.

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'Season of Creation' looks at earth's issues

By **Sister Marylou Rodriguez**
Special to the Logos



Sister Marylou Rodriguez

It has been record-breaking heat on earth where people had to endure the brutal hot temperature in the longest days of July.

This has not happened in 120,000 years as reported by scientists in the news. San Antonio hit a triple-digit temperature most days in July. The end of summer is Sept. 22. It comes with hope that the change in season will soften the blow of the summer's raging temperature. The end of the season does not, however, end the truth on climate change.

While none of us can do everything, each of us must do what we can. The University of the Incarnate Word community will be raising awareness on how the campus is participating in the earth's healing and acting on this environmental crisis. From Sept. 1 until Oct. 4, Christian

faithful from different denominations will be celebrating the annual Season of Creation. UIW students are invited to participate.

The largest Season of Creation pilgrimage hosted by the Archdiocese will be held Sept. 10 with a Mass at Mission San Francisco de La Espada followed by a 1.5-mile walk to Mission San Juan. Everyone is encouraged to bring their family, friends, and fellow students so that we can walk together pondering how we can "Care for our Common Home."

UIW students are also invited to sign up for community service hours in an ecological pilgrimage scheduled Sept. 22. The students who sign up will be oriented in environmental justice. Through the knowledge they will gain, they will lead the younger students from the UIW Brainpower schools. They also will learn from the eco-site facilitators. On the same day, the students will be able to see the artworks from the Season of Creation's Art Contest hosted by the UIW Brainpower Connection. The art exhibit in the Village Christus Heritage will be part of the pilgrimage that will be open to a select few including UIW students participating

on that date, reflecting on this year's theme, "Let Justice and Peace flow like a Mighty River."

The students, friends, and the whole community can also bring pets, and stuffed animals for a blessing at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 3 in the UIW Grotto. This is the Vigil of the Feast of St. Francis. We ask for the intercession of the patron saint of ecologists to intercede for the healing of the earth. More information about this project can be found on the Incarnate Word Sisters' Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation blog.

Check out the information below to participate:

- Garden Days (Look for UIW Sustainability Chair Dr. Ben Miele, an associate professor of English at UIW, for Givepuse).
- Camino San Antonio (Sept. 10).
- Eco Pilgrimage Registration (a part of Meet the Mission Service Day (Sept. 22)
- oUIW's Environmental Science givepuse.
- oUIW's Mission and Ministry's Meet the Mission givepuse.
- oPope Francis' "Laudato Si" (Latin phrase which means "Praise Be to You") encyclical in 2015, continues to educate people

in the world of our interconnectedness with the creation, and to invite us to answer the call for ecological conversion. UIW is part of the Laudato Si Action Platform and witnessing its commitment to this.

These events are exciting ways to learn, to have fun in healing the earth, to make friends, to be united in responding to the call, and to de-stress.

Start your school season with the mission of being part of something big by loving nature.

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Sister Martha Ann Kirk blesses animals.

Cardinals aim for national championship



Offensive lineman Jayden Borjas, left, wide receiver Brandon Porter, running back Jarrell Wiley, wide receiver Jaelin Campbell, and starting quarterback Zach Calzada appear Saturday, Aug. 19, for UIW's Football Media Day in the Student Engagement Center. Head Coach Clint Killough also spotlighted members of the starting defense that day.

By **Jonah Guerrero**
LOGOS SPORTSWRITER



this fall.

Only six starters returned to the University of the Incarnate Word from last year's team that made it to the FCS semifinal in December. But more than 30 new Cardinals have come to take their places.

Killough, offensive lineman Stanley Mark and defensive back Brandon Richard – pronounced “Ree-char’d” – shared their ambitious views about the upcoming season at the conference's media day July 24 on ESPN+.

Killough, 28, a former Cardinals wide

receiver, is one of the youngest head coaches in the nation. He was associate head coach last year and had a major hand in UIW's historic season. Under his leadership, the team feels a championship is within their reach, Mark and Richard, who are both graduate students, said.

“We have a lot of trust in the locker room – especially with our coaches – to mold the new pieces of our team together,” said Mark, a 6-foot-3, 283-pounder from Seguin.

“We're locked in at all times,” said Richard, a 5-foot-11, 183-pounder from San Antonio. The team's trust in the coaching staff and “love for the game” are key factors, he said.

Asked why he believes his players have so much confidence and trust in him and his staff, Killough said, “I would say it's the fact the players can resonate themselves with me and vice versa. Me being a former player myself, I feel it's important to have their best interest and always communicate with them. During

my time as a player, authenticity was always something I really appreciated from my coaches. So, I know it goes a long way for those guys when they can have someone they can actually talk to, even outside of football.”

Coping with the loss of so many players and bringing in new ones challenged the coaching crew, Killough said, but the key was making sure they “brought in the right pieces that fit our culture. We were mainly looking for players that exemplified three things from a character standpoint: their love for football, their understanding on how to respond to being told ‘No,’ and having something to prove. I like to think that I embody those things as well, and when we all have that same purpose and mentality, it kind of fits like a glove.”

Another major piece was finding a starting quarterback to replace Lindsey Scott Jr., who won the FCS Water Payton Award in January for the top FCS offensive player.

Besides the starting quarterback, Mark

said, “the coaching staff reiterated that no one officially has a starting spot on both (offense and defense), and I think that has really helped us as players to keep competing every day with each other. It's kept everyone very invested.”

The Cardinals will play three road games before coming home Sept. 23 to play North American University. The season kicks off at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, when the Cardinals travel to the University of Texas-El Paso. The next two road games are Sept. 9 at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley and Sept. 16 at Abilene Christian University.

“We believe those three games are going to be vital to us this season,” Killough said. “We want to get hot quick and become battle-tested before conference play begins.”



Clint Killough

Ex-NFL's Jeff Fisher speaks to football team

By **Morgan Huizar**
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Former NFL Head Coach Jeff Fisher stopped by the University of the Incarnate Word to watch the Cardinals practice Thursday, Aug. 10, and speak to them Friday, Aug. 11.

Fisher, now retired, spent 90 minutes in Diane Bennack Concert Hall, speaking in 30-minute segments first to the offense, the entire team, and then the defense.

Although Fisher once coached at Trinity University, he didn't just happen to be in the neighborhood.

“We have a student-athlete whose father is well-connected with the NFL and reached out for him to talk to the guys,” Alex Low, UIW's director of athletic communications, explained.

Fisher, 65, a Golden State native who played wide receiver at the University of Southern California, was drafted in the seventh round of the 1981 NFL draft by the Chicago Bears. He played with the Bears for five seasons, winning a Super Bowl ring in 1985 while on injured reserve during his final season as a player.

Fisher then held several coaching positions for various teams before becoming



Morgan Huizar

the head coach of the then-Houston Oilers in 1994, who later moved to Tennessee and became the Tennessee Titans. His most successful season with the Titans was

in 1999 when he took them to the Super Bowl – No. XXXIV – where they narrowly lost. He coached the Titans until the end of the 2010 season when he and the team mutually agreed to part ways.

Following a season away from football, Fisher was hired as the head coach of the then St. Louis Rams in 2012 and coached the team their last four years in St. Louis. He remained the head coach of the Rams during the franchise's return to Los Angeles in 2016 but was fired near the end of the season.

In 2021, he got a head coaching job in the USFL, but it was a short stay. Since retiring, he said he now spends time with his family and grandkids. Fisher also does motivational speeches like the

one he did with UIW's team encouraging young athletes to be the best versions of themselves.

Anticipating UIW players making it to the NFL some day, Fisher shared what an NFL draft room looks like with the team.

“It's a big rectangular room smaller than the room that we are in right now,” Fisher said. “And on the left, we have our top-priority, draft-eligible players with color-coded cards. That signifies behavioral issues, injuries during college, and off-the-field issues. And to the right, we have our top-priority free agents like the (Tom) Bradys and (Peyton) and (Eli) Mannings of the world. And some of y'all will be on the left side and a handful of y'all will be on the right side of the board. You just have to put in the work.”

Fisher also advised the team he had seen many a player's downfall involved drugs or weapons.

After watching the Cardinals practice at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium the night before he spoke, Fisher said he was impressed.

“Y'all are so focused, y'all hit hard, you listen, you help your buddies up, and you have fun,” Fisher said. “That is the key component to having a successful season.”

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Nat Valenzuela/ LOGOS STAFF
Former NFL Head Coach Jeff Fisher speaks to the Cardinals.

Hall of Fame ceremony scheduled Sept. 22

Four former student-athletes, the 2004 men's soccer team, and a supportive couple will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22.

The event in the SEC Ballroom happens on the eve of the first home football game at the University of the Incarnate Word.

The student-athletes to be honored include:

Aleksandr "Alex" Yatsko, a swimmer (2008-11) who was Division II national champion in 2008 and 2009 for the 500 Freestyle and a Division II All-American (20x). He was named All-Rocky Mountain Conference, Conference Swimmer of the Year, and Conference Swimmer of the Meet. Out of the pool, he earned CSCAA Scholar All-America, CoSIDA Academic All-District, Rocky Mountain All-Academic, and UIW Student-Athlete of the Year.

Terry Delgado, a volleyballer (1995-97) who finished her senior season leading the team in kills, attack chances, and points as UIW reached the NAIA National Tournament. She was named NAIA All-American, All-Region, and Southwest Region Player of the Year while earning All-Heart of Texas Conference three times throughout her career.

Trent Rios, the first-ever UIW football signee who played 2009-

12. He was named Lone Star Conference Honorable Mention, Player of the Week, All-Academic, and Commissioner's Honor Roll. He finished his football career holding 40 UIW records while making a name for himself nationally, earning ESPN Magazine Academic All-District, FCS Super Region third team, and Capital One Academic All-District.

Denzel Livingston, a men's basketball player (2011-15) who collected several accolades at UIW, including Southland All-Conference First Team and All-Defensive Team. He was named NABC First Team All-District, College Sports Madness Southland First Team, College Hoops Daily Southland First Team, Breitbart Sports Southland First Team, College Hoops Daily Southland Player of 2014, and UIW Male



Alex Yatsko



Denzel Livingston



Trent Rios

Athlete of the Year. After graduating from UIW, Living-

ston

joined the Houston Rockets for the 2015 NBA Summer League, later signing that fall with the Rockets where he appeared in four preseason games. Later that fall, he was acquired by the Rio Grande Valley Vipers of the NBA Development League as an affiliate player of the Rockets. In August 2016, Livingston signed with Ha-pool Kfar Saba of the Israeli Liga Leumit. In 2017, Livingston signed a one-year deal with Ironi Nahariya of the Israeli Premier League. In 2018, Livingston signed with Ironi Kiryat Ata.

The 2004 Men's Soccer team was crowned Southwest Conference Champions, held a No. 4 Division II ranking, won the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Championships, and made an NCAA Division II Championship Quarterfinals

appearance.

Kate Crosby and her late husband, Robert, will receive UIW's first Order of Merit for making "significant contribution(s) to the advancement of the intercollegiate athletics program," according to the Athletics Department.

Mrs. Crosby was in the first class of students in UIW's former Adult Degree Completion Program (ADCaP) – now called the School of Professional Studies. She earned a bachelor's degree in business in 1996.

The Athletics Department said the Crosbys "have been longtime friends and supporters of UIW, both were members of the development board and were part of the group of UIW alumni and friends who developed the booster group, the Quarterback Club, which became the Cardinals Club. Kate and Robert were true partners and have embodied the spirit of champions for UIW Athletics. They were leaders in developing the football tailgate experience and in rallying community support for UIW football."

Vision Center aims to improve athletic skills

By Ryan Stubblefield
LOGOS SPORTSWRITER



Ryan Stubblefield

The University of the Incarnate Word offers its student-athletes some next-level, athletic training through its Vision Clinic – the only one in the nation at a Division I

school.

The center is a room full of what some would think to be video

games. But the technology is for visual- and reaction-time drills to help student-athletes improve in any sport or position.

The clinic also hires students pursuing this job field, helping them get a foot in the door on a start to a successful career.

As for the space boards and flashing lights, these 45-inch screens and tables help with depth perception, reaction times, and hand-eye coordination. Many of the games used here are used in the NFL draft as well. The dot and light drill are used to see



Dr. Allison Cronin

the balance and reaction time of many NFL stars. If student-athletes taking the baseline test have vision disabilities, they can make an appointment on the spot or have

an exam at the Rosenberg School of Optometry.

Several athletes credit the clinic with helping to speed up their reaction time and improve their hand-eye coordination.

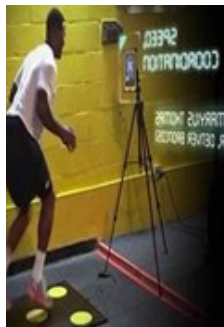
Former tight end Seth Hayes said he routinely went in five times a week to work on his hand-eye coordination.

"I have not dropped a pass or even a tennis ball since I started," said Hayes, who was from Virginia Beach, Va. "We are really lucky to have such a place like this to work on our field skills."

Softball catcher Avalon Sanchez also shared her experience.

"Being a catcher, my reaction time must be one of the best," the Austin native said. "Coming into the Vision Center has totally changed my game."

Dr. Allison Cronin M. Cronin, a clinical assistant professor at Rosenberg School of Optometry, oversees



A student works on speed coordination.

the center as chief of the Sports and Enhancement Service.

"We even have training sheets with data updated that can be sent to coaches to see improvements or just to see their player's starting point," Cronin said. "I wouldn't want to have any other job than the one I have now. Not everyone sees the importance of this part of sports. We hold ourselves accountable for the vision of the majority of these student-athletes and take that very seriously."

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Student-athletes train at the Vision Clinic on a variety of devices to improve their skills.

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Season starts with 'Tennessee Williams' plays

By David Peters
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

"A Night of Tennessee Williams," the Department of Theatre Arts' opening production Sept. 29, will feature three one-act plays.

Assistant Professor Liz Fisher, who joined the department last year, and senior theatre arts major Toria Trevino are co-directing the production.

Here's a summary of each play:

"The Lady of Larkspur Lotion" is about a longtime tenant in a cockroach-infested boarding house who is convinced she owns a Brazilian rubber plantation.

"Portrait of a Madonna" focuses on Miss Lucretia Collins who once had young love and a bright future, but now lives plagued with delusions in a small decrepit apartment.

"Auto Da Fe" involves Eloi, a young sexually repressed postal worker who

resides in New Orleans with his mother, a practical woman who runs a boarding house.

"Since the three one-act plays will be performed consecutively every night, we are calling it 'A Night of Tennessee Williams,' rather than listing out each play," said Brooke Arnold, box office manager and department secretary.



Liz Fisher



Toria Trevino

Time changes to open theatre curtains

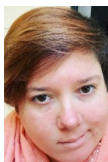
The Department of Theatre Arts is launching its 2023-24 season with a major time change – starting its nightly performances at 7:30 rather than 8.

Why the change?

"Consistency and predictability," said Mark J. Stringham, professor of theatre arts and chair of the department.

Sunday matinee performances will remain at 2. UIW students, faculty and staff still get a free ticket with UIW ID, and prices for others remain the same: \$12 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, and \$7 a person for groups of 10 or more.

A new face around the department is Ashleigh T. Poteat, who takes over



Ashleigh Poteat

the costuming duties once led by Professor Margaret Mitchell, who retired last May after 31 years with the department.

Poteat, an assistant professor, hails from North Carolina. A costume and scenic designer, she has designed costumes and scenery for off-Broadway, regional and professional shows around the country. Poteat holds a bachelor's degree in design and production from the University of North Carolina-Asheville and Master of

Fine Arts degree in production design from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Before coming to UIW, she taught courses in costume, scenic and properties design and production at UNLV, LaGrange (Ga.) College, Centenary University in Hackettstown, N.J., and Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C.

The fall season opens Sept. 29 with "A Night of Tennessee Williams," with subsequent performances Sept. 30, Oct. 1, and Oct. 5-7. The second fall production will be "Sunset Baby," Nov. 10-12 and Nov. 15-17. The spring lineup opens with "Fade," Feb. 23-25, Feb. 29, and March 1-2. The academic

year closes with William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew," April 12-14, April 17-18 and April 20.

Auditions for "Tennessee Williams" and "Sunset Baby" took place Tuesday evening. Those auditioning had to sign up starting Monday when classes started and be prepared for two, 90-second-or-less, contrasting monologues: one comedic, one dramatic. Callbacks were planned later in the week.

FYI

For more information about Department of Theatre Arts productions, tickets and purchases, call (210) 829-3800 or e-mail theatre@uiwtx.edu

Reception to kick off annual Fiber Art show

An opening reception will be 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, for "TEXTILES: A Celebration of Texas Fiber Art," the annual juried exhibition by Fiber Artists of San Antonio.

This exhibit, which showcases the innovation and diversity of Texas artists who create and

communicate with fiber, will be available for viewing 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 10, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays afterwards through Oct. 20 in Kelso Arts Center's Semmes and Condos Student Gallery.

Textile has traditionally played an important role in the cultural identity

of this vast state, and fiber art has emerged as a powerful contemporary reflection of this heritage," according to a news release from Fiber Artists. "Through art quilts, framed fiber art, sculptural pieces, vessels/baskets, paper art forms, art-to-wear garments or accessories, art dolls,

woven textiles, mixed media work, jewelry and adornment, and conceptual work that defies categorization, Texas fiber artists are bringing textiles and fibers of every definition into new contexts and exploring social and conceptual implications of their usage."

McNay exhibit marks 'Nightmare' film's anniversary

By David Peters
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Creators conjured up in film director Tim Burton's "The Nightmare Before Christmas" are on exhibit now through Jan. 14, 2024, at McNay Art Museum, 6000 N. New Braunfels St.

The special exhibit – "Dreamland: Tim Burton's 'The Nightmare Before Christmas'" – marks the 30th anniversary of the filmmaker's 1993 stop-motion animated film.

This collection from Burton's movie is part of The Tobin Collection of Theatre Arts at McNay. Museum officials said it took many working hands to bring this exhibition to life for visitors to reacquaint themselves with Burton's awkwardly charming cast including the likes Oogie Boogie, Bone Crusher and Jack Skellington.

Burton, 64, of Burbank, Calif., also directed many other notable movies

including "Pee-wee's Big Adventure," "Batman," and "Edward Scissorhands." His most recent film, "Beetlejuice 2," is coming out in 2024.

Burton produced "The Nightmare Before Christmas" did not direct it due to schedule constraints on "Batman Returns."

The "Nightmare" characters are displayed amongst creative artists' paintings from the McNay's collection, including Jose Clemente Orozco Farias, Julie Heffernan, and Eugene Berner.

"The Tobin Collection of Theatre Arts makes McNay Museum very unique amongst art museums across the country and the movies collection was brought to the McNay in 1994," said Matthew McLendon, director and chief executive officer of the McNay.

There are nine small models or maquettes created from Burton's collection used in the iconic film displayed in

"Dreamland." There is an interactive part of the display for visitors of all ages to enjoy themselves and take pictures.

"All these maquettes are well-preserved, well-cared for and represent a culture moment that we all shared and like to bring out for San Antonio," said Dr. R. Scott Blackshire, curator for The Tobin Collection of Theatre Arts.

FYI

University of the Incarnate Word students, staff and faculty with valid UIW IDs get a special price for admission to special exhibits at McNay Art Museum, an official said.

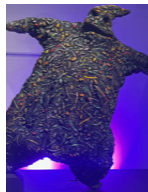
"When there are special exhibits such as this, a valid UIW ID card gets students, faculty, and staff in for \$10," said Claudia Gomez, communications and marketing manager for the McNay.

Except for special exhibits, admission for UIW-connected visitors is free

with UIW ID through an educational partnership.

Otherwise, admission is free for children 12 and under; \$10 for teens 19 and under; students with other IDs, \$15; adults, \$20; and seniors 65 and over, \$15.

The museum is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Operating hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesdays; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays; and noon-5 p.m. Sundays.



Oogie Boogie

DEI Circles encourage participation

Diversity, equity and inclusion remains alive and well this fall at the University of the Incarnate Word as another series of DEI Circles has been planned.

Students, faculty, staff and members of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word – founders of the university – are invited to participate in the in-person and online series, said Dr. Arturo Chavez, assistant vice president of Mission and Ministry and leader of DEI.

The series kicks off noon-12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, with a Latinx Heritage Month observance of "Pray and Act for Racial Justice" in Our Lady's Chapel on the first floor of the Administration Building. Similar sessions for racial justice will be noon-12:30 p.m. in the chapel on Friday, Sept. 15; Friday, Sept. 22; and Friday, Sept. 29.

"The Gift of Diversity" (Session 1) will be presented online 9-10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13; 10:30-11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17; and 1:30-2:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13. According to a news release, "this session will engage participants in conversation

The goal is to build a common language and understanding about diversity in its many dimensions – physical, cultural, racial, gender, sexual orientation, religious, etc. Participants are invited to identify the gifts of their personal identity and to grow in respect for other members of the community."

"The Call to Inclusion" (Session 2), which builds on "The Gift of Diversity," will be presented online 9-10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20; 10:30-11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24; and 1:30-2:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20." According to the news release, participants "bravely assess their level of intercultural sensitivity and inclusion of people from diverse backgrounds" in a "safe, nonjudgmental setting." And "together, the group reflects on how unconscious biases, stereotypes, microaggressions, and prejudices block the possibilities for respectful and rewarding relationships. Participants set personal goals for developmental growth in intercultural competence to actively build an inclusive community at UIW where all belong."

Online LGBTQ+ Ally Training will focus on "When Someone Comes Out" 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22; and "The Legal Minefield for LGBTQ+ Rights" Friday, Sept. 29. In the first session, trainers will share recommendations for individuals who are planning to come out, as well as for allies who want to do all they can to celebrate and support family, friends, students, and/or coworkers that have recently come out. The second session will feature a guest lecturer, Dr. Kyle Velte, a law

professor, associate dean for faculty, and Karelitz Chair in Evidence Law at the University of Kansas School of Law in Lawrence. The goal of this session is to educate and equip allies for social justice action.

Latinx Heritage Month will end with a "Celebrando mi Cultura" from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the SEC Mezzanine featuring music, poetry, and storytelling. "Life and Human Dignity" will be the theme for "Pray and Act for Racial Justice" sessions in the chapel from noon to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6; Friday, Oct. 20; and Friday, Oct. 27.

"United to End the Death Penalty" activities planned Tuesday, Oct. 10 – the day when the state of Texas plans to execute convicted murderer Jediah Murphy – will include a prayer vigil from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. outside San Fernando Cathedral; informal buffet meal at 6:15 in the SEC Ballroom; and a speakers panel 7-8:30 p.m. The activities are in conjunction with the observance of "World Day Against the Death Penalty," which involves UIW, the Catholic Mobilizing Network, Pax Christi, and Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

The Stand Out Alliance plans a "Masks & Mischief Halloween Poetry Night" 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, on the SEC Mezzanine.



Dr. Kyle Velte

Participants are invited to write and share their poems "about the masks we wear and the mischief we get into," according to a news release.

November's opening DEI Circles event will be Thursday, Nov. 2, at a time and place to be announced for Día de los Muertos Ofrenda for Peace & Justice. Besides noting loved ones who have died, "This year we will also honor the lives of so many brothers and sisters who were killed through gun violence, racist hate crimes, and human trafficking," Chavez said. The "Pray and Act for Racial Justice" sessions will focus on "Indigenous Peoples" in the chapel noon-12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, and Friday, Nov. 17. A special session on "Racial Justice and Indigenous Peoples" is planned 10-11:30 a.m. at a place to be announced.

The sole December session of "Pray and Act for Racial Justice" will focus on advent prayer noon-12:30 p.m. in the chapel on Friday, Dec. 1. The final activity will be "Cafecito y pan dulce con la Virgen de Guadalupe" from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at a location to be announced.

FYI For more information about the DEI Circles series, contact Dr. Arturo Chavez at aechavez@uiwtx.edu



about the gifts of being part of a diverse teaching and learning community at UIW.

UIW Career Services Fall 2023 Events

JCPenney Suit Up Event

Sept. 9 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | North Star Mall

Health Professions Community Info Fair

Sept. 11 | 1-3 p.m. | SEC Ballroom & Mezzanine

Professional Development Day: Resume & Networking

Sept. 12 | 1-4 p.m. | SEC Ballroom

UIW School of Business & Administration Career Fair + Networking Reception

Sept. 27 | 3-5:30 p.m. | Rosenberg Sky Room

Etiquette Dinner

Oct. 5 | 5-7 p.m. | SEC Ballroom

Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI)

Virtual Career Expo

Oct. 12 | 1-6 p.m. | Virtual on Handshake

LinkedIn Workshop

Oct. 18 | 1:30-2:45 p.m. | SEC 2051-2052

Professional Headshots *FREE*

Oct. 18 | 3-4:30 p.m. | SEC 2030-2031

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Our Mexico campuses celebrate their commencement ceremonies

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Office of International Affairs

In a month full of excitement and achievements, the commencement ceremonies of the UIW campuses in Mexico took place.

Centro Universitario Incarnate Word proudly celebrated its 119 graduates, who thanks to their tenacity and dedication stood out for their valuable contributions through innovative ideas, entrepreneurial projects, and their attitude of service, which made them worthy of winning several awards in their various areas of expertise, standing out for being a generation of leaders focused on achieving their dreams and developing their full potential.



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Campus Bajío

At the same time, the University of the Incarnate Word Campus Bajío was the scene of unforgettable moments, celebrating its 87 graduates, the end of a very important stage, where it was proudly highlighted that 97% of the graduates of the Business School have already found employment, this rate of employability has been a testimony of the university's goal to form highly trained professionals committed to success in the real world.

These celebrations represent a starting point toward new and exciting opportunities to continue living the mission learned at UIW, whose transformative education not only prepared them for

professional success but to live a meaningful and fulfilling life, ready to be the Word in the world.

As at every commencement ceremony, Dr. Thomas M. Evans, President of UIW, shared one last piece of advice to the graduates:

"The road ahead will present you with new and unpredictable challenges. When you meet them, do not doubt yourself or your abilities. Instead, look to your FAITH, apply your exceptional EDUCATION, tap into your INNOVATION, seek the root of TRUTH, approach life with hearts for SERVICE, and then, take ACTION".