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# SGA leader joins D.C. antisemitism rally

By David Peters  
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Squeezing in an overnight trip to the nation's capital to participate in a national rally against antisemitism this semester was tough for a University of the Incarnate Word student leader.

But it's a trip that Beni Resendiz, president of UIW's Student Government

Association and the students' representative on UIW's Board of Trustees, felt he had to make as an intern for San Antonio Hillel, an organization for Jewish students like him to promote Jewish learnings.

Resendiz, 23, a senior communication arts major concentrating in strategic and corporate communication, said

the rally originally occurred due to the outbreak of Israel's war against Hamas after the terrorist organization launched an Oct. 7 attack. The attack resulted in the deaths of more than 1,400 and the capturing of more than 200 hostages.

Since then, some of the hostages have been released, but the death toll **JUMP TO PG 2 "ANTISEMITISM"**



Beni Resendiz at the National Mall

# Disabled student dreams of more accessibility

By Lyric Bonilla  
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Carson Day welcomes the ramps he needs to get around in his wheelchair at the University of the Incarnate Word, but he still comes across obstacles that challenge him.

In fact, the 20-year-old psychology major and his family have a list of areas

where he believes more improvements are needed on the Broadway Campus to improve wheelchair accessibility.

Day's major classes are in the Administration Building, but he has a class in his minor - kinesiology - that forces him to get from the Administration Building to the Wellness Center.

It's not so bad going downhill to the Wellness Center, but it's coming back that's more challenging, especially through the courtyard, even with the help of his mother, Jennifer Day, who attends most of Day's classes with him.

"The courtyard is very bumpy," Day said.

Day said the ramp going from the courtyard into the entrance of the Administration Building near Hortensia's cafeteria where Chick-fil-a and Sammie's Deli are located is steep and short.

"My mom attends most of the classes with me," Day said. "I can maneuver my wheelchair by myself. She only assists when there is a big bump in the ground, or a door is too small, like the one near the cafeteria in the Administration Building."

The bricks in the courtyard have shifted and driving his chair over this area is very difficult because there is a big bump, he said.

"Sometimes the chair doesn't go over it," Day said, adding his family believes it would be helpful for the university to level the bricks in the courtyard.

"This would make it to where you could go between the bricks and the **JUMP TO PG 2 "ACCESSIBILITY"**



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Maneuvering his wheelchair over the uneven bricks in the courtyard is often rough going for Cameron Day, a 20-year-old psychology major.

# UIWtv keeps winning awards

At the rate UIWtv is winning awards, the Department of Communication Arts is going to need a bigger trophy case to store them in the Administration Building.

UIWtv, which broadcasts live at the University of the Incarnate Word before posting shows, won six more Lone Star Emmy® Educational Foundation student production awards in annual competition recently.

"We've won a total of 21 Lone Star Emmy® Student Production Awards

since 2020," said Theresa "Terry" Coronado, an instructor who advises UIWtv. The studio is on the second floor of the Administration Building.

Lone Star awards this year recognized UIWtv for:

- Best Newscast - UIWtv.
- Best Serious News - Joy Burgin.
- Best Light News - Katya Harmel.
- Short Film Fiction for "Rope" involving Markus McGuire, John David Gamez, Dan Mcniel, and Mathew Falletich.
- Best PSA - Frank Flores

- Best College Magazine Program - "CardStock."

"I felt ecstatic when I found out I was awarded a Student Production Award from the Lone Star EMMY Educational Foundation," said McGuire, a senior communication arts major who was part of the "Rope" team that got the winning nod for Short Film Fiction. "It is something I have been thinking about ever since I started in the UIW Communications Arts Department."

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Markus McGuire holds a Lone Star award.

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continues to mount in Gaza where Israel has vowed to stamp out Hamas. This weekend, the Hamas-controlled health ministry reported 17,700 people have now been killed and 48,780 others injured since Oct. 7. The Israel Defense Forces estimates at least 136 hostages remain in Gaza.

In the wake of the war, antisemitism appears to be on the rise in the United States and beyond. College campuses have not been immune. Some college presidents at major institutions have either been asked to resign or defend their campus postures to combat antisemitism and protect Jewish students.

Resendiz said he chose to attend the D.C.

rally when Hillel's coordinator told him about the Nov. 14 event and asked him if he wanted to fly there with other students from the San Antonio area on a private charter that morning around 2 a.m. After the rally on the National Mall, they flew back that night. The trip was quick, but Resendiz said he felt they had gotten their point across.

Resendiz said he grew up in an inter-faith home. His mother is Christian, and his father, who lives in Israel, is Jewish. But Resendiz said he chose to convert to Judaism because of the religion's community outreach and acceptance of anyone.

"There was no pressure in me choosing what faith I wanted to believe in, but I made the decision," Resendiz said. "This is important to me because I converted to Judaism from Christian with the blessing of both parents."

But the rise in antisemitism -- speaking of the hate someone has towards anyone that is Jewish -- is concerning, Resendiz said.

"There is no tolerance shown towards Jews," Resendiz said, adding that he thought it was important to be at the Nov. 14 rally where he noticed all types of religions were there to support the cause. The students who attended have hopes

universities across the country will support Jewish organizations and address hate crimes against the Jewish community on their campuses, he said.

Being a part of the rally was risky, Resendiz said, adding that security was at high alert and the FBI was told when and where the rally would be held at the National Mall.

"Any major protest (in the nation's capital) is where you want to do this," Resendiz said. "It is scary to be Jewish right now."

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concrete because right now you can't," he said.

Although Day, a San Antonio native, has to concern himself with accessibility around campus, he was able to walk before he lost the ability to do so in the middle of his high school senior year while living in Santa Fe, N.M.

"I had a brain injury three years ago due to a mixture of medication," Day said. "I was air flighted to the University of New Mexico hospital."

When Day was released home, his parents -- who always considered him a miracle because his mother had him when she was 43 -- thought he was going to die after he fell asleep sitting up in bed, causing him breathing difficulty.

Day said doctors told the family he could have died if he had fallen asleep laying down. He would've died in his sleep, because his airway would have collapsed, they were told. With a brain injury he was anoxic, which is caused by a complete lack of oxygen to the brain.

At first, Day said, he didn't show any signs of improvement after that sleeping incident, but soon he started breathing without a machine. He has a tattoo of a

phoenix with the date that commemorates the miracle of when he started breathing on his own.

Day spent this fall semester enrolled in 12 hours of classes. He came to campus Monday through Thursday. He spends half his day in therapy and the other half in classes. On Fridays, he had no classes, but engaged in three hours of therapy.

"I'm in therapy half the time," Day said. "So, I have to do therapy and school at the same time." Most weekends he can relax and enjoy some time off. He's still hoping for another miracle -- to walk again.

Meanwhile, he's pleased to see more ramps constructed at UIW's Broadway Campus.

"The ramps -- those are very helpful," Day said. "And the elevator -- if those are not broken, ha ha."

Through UIW's Office for Student Disability Services, Day has gotten other accommodations for an anoxic brain injury that affects every part of his brain, causing him to have short-term memory. He gets to use notetakers, extra time to complete tests and turn in assignments, and take his notes into tests which helps

trigger his short-term memory. This is helpful in reducing Day's stress, improving his performance and productivity in his classes and daily coursework.

Although UIW added additional handicap parking two years ago in front of the Administration Building, it's still a problem for Day, who uses a mobility van. "Unfortunately, there is not a designated spot for mobility vans to park," Day said.

A ramp comes out the side door of a mobility van. The parking spaces for mobility vans have stripes that are wider than the average parking space to allow the ramp and its users to safely exit and enter the van. People who don't use wheelchairs park in the parking spaces that have these handicap stripes in an area located between Broadway and the Administration Building.

Day said his family would like to see improvement to one other area on campus -- the hill and steps near the U.S. 281 entrance. Day can't go down the hill because there are steps and no ramp. If the university built a ramp, Day said he would be able to go down the hill. Without a ramp, a wheelchair user has to go on the sidewalk which borders the street without

any curbs. This means there is about a four-foot width of sidewalk to wheel the wheelchair without going into the street. With one missing, the wheelchair could go off into traffic. There is no room for error.

Day wishes there was an escalator to help him get to and from the Wellness Center, but there's at least one thing he can count on when he gets in a pinch along the way.

"The students are very helpful around here," Day said. "They help push me when I'm struggling."

Day said he also would like to see games on campus in-person, but is discouraged by the lack of ADA -- Americans with Disabilities Act -- seating in Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium and Alice P. McDermott Convocation Center.

"I would love to be able to watch a game," he said. "Go, Cardinals!"

But there's one thing he's certain he wants to do.

"I want to help people that were in my situation, and they need inspiration so they can look at me and how far I have come."

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McGuire was also involved in the Best Newscast award as UIWtv's director of operations. Before becoming director, McGuire volunteered for UIWtv, training under Antonio Bocanegra II, another Lone Star award-winning director of operations.

After he graduates, McGuire said, he plans to enter the marketing field "and use the skills I learned there. If I have the time, I might try to break into the film and TV industry. Hopefully one day I can direct a major film or TV show."

Natalie Lopez, a communication arts major, said she was glad to be a part of that "CardStock" team. Her main contribution to the magazine show was a piece that featured the Hungry Chameleon Pizzeria,

a local family-owned restaurant on San Antonio's northeast side.

"I had a great time working on 'Cardstock,'" Lopez said. "I got the chance to learn about and dive deep into the history of a local business staple. It was really sweet getting to know and interview the business owners. We wanted to share their story and I think we were successful in doing so by using 'Cardstock' to promote that. I couldn't have done it without the support of my classmates and their assistance since, in the end, it was a team effort."

When she graduates, Lopez said, she plans to continue working as an intern in the fields of filmmaking, public

relations and digital content creation and management.

"Before jumping into a career of my own," Lopez said, "I want to get more practice and experience because I feel like there is still so much more to learn and so much to improve on. I advise anyone who is unsure what they want to create or achieve to just go do it without a second thought because you will never regret the opportunity to do so."

Coronado said she believes winning such awards helped launch the TV careers of three past winners from UIWtv: Burgin, who graduated last December and now is an on-screen, morning traffic reporter and producer for KABB and WOAI TV stations in

San Antonio; Abigail Velez, who graduated last December and has already worked at stations in Greenville, N.C., and Austin; and Zoe Del Rosario, who graduated in May and is now a producer in Temple, Texas. Velez already has won a professional award as she was named the top broadcast journalist this year in her station's market category in North Carolina.

"These prestigious awards are a reflection of the passion and dedication students consistently put into their work here at the university," Coronado said. "It's an honor to be able to guide and mentor the students in their academic journey."

## First-Gen students celebrate accomplishments

By **Jocelyn Martinez**  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word held its second National First-Generation Celebration, Wednesday, Nov. 8, transforming Dubuis Lawn into a vibrant place of recognition and support.

First-Gen students, faculty, staff, and alumni came together on the lawn in a celebration that included music, prizes, presentations, and barbecued sausage wraps from the caterer, Smoke Texas.

One of the major highlights of the event was the unveiling of a first-generation stole that will adorn many students at UIW commencement ceremonies showing they're the first member of their families to earn a college degree.

"My favorite part was seeing all the students in the crowd and their faces when they saw the unveiling of the stole," said theatre arts major Nichole Hernandez. "It was an honor to attend the event as a representative of the first-generation student."

Like many of her colleagues, Hernandez said she has dealt with many challenges that come with being a first-gen student. However, she takes pride in the accomplishments and memories she has created at UIW.

"I am proud that I was able to create a Latinx organization here on campus with my best friend, Cristina, and students are responding positively to it," Hernandez said. "I've gone through a lot as a person, but at the center of my challenges fall into proving to people that I belong, and at the same time handling the pressure of establishing



Several first-generation students wore this new stole at graduation Saturday, Dec. 9.

my roots here in the U.S. to make my parents proud. Every first-gen student has a unique story. I am happy that we are creating a community here at UIW that brings us together, and I hope that every day this community becomes stronger."

Communication arts major Danna Ramos said navigating her way through college has been challenging, but stressed she takes pride in her journey and cherishes amazing moments at UIW.

"I have had many happy moments with many people at UIW, but some of my favorites have been laughing with my friends while doing schoolwork," Ramos said. "They are little moments that have come to mean so much to me, mostly in times of stress."

"I feel like not having anyone close

to me to guide me through college was hard. I was paying on my own, navigating on my own, and struggling on my own. It was very challenging, but getting to know more people who I knew were going through the same really helped. I think I am proud of coming this far. Although I was good at school, I never really enjoyed it. Committing to this school and the department I am in and feeling like I know where I belong is something I feel proud of."

Evelyn Torres, who shared her research as a graduate student in communication arts recently, said she has faced numerous challenges throughout her educational journey as a first-gen student.

"I remember how scared I was to start here at UIW," Torres said. "Coming

from immigrant parents, I had no idea what to expect from an institution like UIW. My first semester was the most difficult thing I had ever faced. Thankfully, I received lots of help from the advising office, specifically (Dr. Raul Zendejas, a former director of First Year Engagement).

"Changing majors from biochemistry to communication arts was a sudden and scary change, but it all turned out very well. I would say another challenge would be burnout. Like most students, going to school for 12-plus hours a week, working, driving back and forth, and doing homework, left me drained. I am working towards ways to combat that, but burnout, exhaustion and anxiety can be hard to manage when going through higher education."

"As a first-generation student, there is so much pressure to be perfect and at the top of your class. I still struggle with wanting to be perfect at everything, but I have come to learn that failing is OK, making a 'B' is OK, needing to go to tutoring is OK. You don't have to have a 4.0 to be the poster child of first-generation. All that matters is that you work hard, have fun, and make connections. My hope for all first-generation students is that they leave (the) university being someone they are proud of. Of course, we care what those around us think, but what you think about yourself is the most important thing. Chase your dreams and do this for you."

## Tartan makes fashionable comeback at UIW

By **Jocelyn Martinez**  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Tartan apparel is officially back in stock. Get ready to elevate your campus style to the next level.

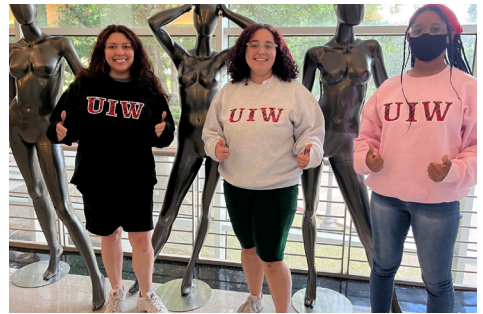
The Fashion Management Program at the University of the Incarnate Word developed the tartan apparel project which represents the school and the history of UIW. The colors – red and black – are used to depict the colors of UIW, and the three white lines interwoven into the pattern represent the three nuns who came to San Antonio in 1869, representing the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, founders of the university.

The mission of the University is rooted in this legacy, starting with the three Sisters from France who played a pivotal role in shaping the purpose of the institution.

Dr. Melinda K. Adams, professor and program director for Fashion Management, said development of the UIW tartan began in "late 2013, early 2014. The final design was approved in 2015 and the tartan is registered with the tartan registry in Scotland."

Proceeds generated from the sales will be used to fund a scholarship for the Fashion Management Department, Adams said. This scholarship is designed to support aspiring talents within the department, thus contributing to their educational journey and the growth of future industry leaders in the field.

"Items may be purchased online through a link on the Fashion Management page," Adams said. "Once the order is received and we have pulled the items from inventory, an e-mail will



Kiyanna Forge, left, Victoria Jones, and Adrianna Martinez wear tartan outfits.

be sent so items can be picked up in the Fashion Management office.

"Once we reach the amount of money required for an endowed scholarship,

it will be awarded to a student in the Fashion Management Program per the current guidelines for Fashion Management scholarship applications."

## Three teams win 'seed money' for startups

A four-member team from the University of the Incarnate Word's Campus Bajío in Irapuato, Mexico, placed first in the annual Startup Challenge Competition that ended Friday, Dec. 1.

2Hydro Hero members Jazmin Contreras Corona, Maria Claudia Vargas Arvizu, Angelo Navarrete Perez, and Hector Campos de Anda made their winning presentation about their "sustainable automated irrigation system" via Zoom before judges in Irene Seddon Recital Hall. In Irene Sutton Auditorium.

As a result, 2Hydro Hero will be able to tap into \$8,000 of "seed money" -- funds held in a UIW account to be used for startup-related expenses in the competition sponsored by the HEB School of Business and Administration and its Beckendorf Center for Global Innovation & Entrepreneurship.

RGV Freeze Dried Treats earned \$2,000 coming in second for its startup "creating dog/cat treats from invasive species in Texas." Mark Gracia and Taylor Dartez teamed up to start RGV. The third-place slot earning \$1,000 in seed money went to GJV for its startup promoting "holistic solutions to purchase energy from clean sources and

a sustainable lifestyle." Its members are Enrique Gomez Jackson and Maria Kriuchkova.

Starting off with 21 teams in September, the Startup Challenge Competition involved the teams first pitching their ideas briefly in front of other competitors. Then, the teams had to complete three workshops to earn a Business Opportunity Assessment Certificate to continue in the competition. As they went through the workshop series, each team was required to meet with mentors to complete a 10-page business plan and a 10-minute presentation of their company.

Topics in the first workshop included a business model, opportunity recognition, validating ideas, design-thinking, business model innovation, customer discovery, and marketing strategy. The second workshop focused on developing a financial analysis, cost analysis, Margin, Burn, and Volume (MBV) for the business model, pricing, and finding funding. The last session included preparation for becoming an entrepreneur (finding a mentor, establishing a personal/professional network), setting up operations/start-up, legal issues, creating and managing a team and

ethical issues, and creating a mission statement.

The six finalists who emerged had an opportunity to practice a mock presentation



Dr. Teresa Harrison

Nov. 27-29 and receive feedback before giving their Dec. 1 presentations before four judges: La Juana Chambers Lawson, founder and chief executive officer for Tacit Growth Strategies; Chris Edelen, owner and chief executive officer at Safe Showers LLC; Dr. Reid A. Fisher, director of UIW's master's degree in athletic training program; and Amy Lynn Johnson, founder of The Dog Guide San Antonio.

The finals marked the end of a challenging time for the competition's two faculty sponsors: Dr. Teresa Harrison, an associate professor of management, and Dr. Jose Moreno, a professor of finance. The two are co-directors of the Beckendorf Center.

The competition, which is open to all UIW students regardless of their majors and allows UIW faculty and staff to help, is a "quest for novel and experiential learning and networking opportunities for our students," planners said.

"The competition incentivizes participants that generate a business model for a startup idea by identifying the most critical assumptions underlying the business idea. This competition is an opportunity for all UIW students who have new and creative ideas that solve relevant, real-world problems and can support the economic growth of our community."

This competition is specifically seeking startup ideas that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Ideas that offer and sell products/services to businesses rather than individual consumers



Dr. Jose Moreno

- Ideas to solve social problems on a global scale (for example, access to health care, healthy food, and education).

- Ideas that offer value and wealth

creation for people living below the poverty line in the United States and across the globe.

- Ideas to promote sustainability in cities and communities.
- Ideas that offer and sell products/services related to clean energy, climate action, or other sustainability goals.
- Ideas to promote good health and well-being.

The startup must be projected to be financially sound, lawful, and create jobs; be original and free of any claim of copyright, patent, or other restriction; not violate any intellectual property; respect community values; and complement the mission of the H-E-B School and UIW.

In a joint statement, Harrison and Moreno said the winning teams "were chosen based on criteria like feasibility, creativity, scalability, and market potential. These events, which bring students together from across any of our UIW campuses, programs, and disciplines, foster networking opportunities, provide exposure for startups, and offer valuable resources for growth.

"We thank all of the mentors and judges for their dedication to our students and thank the student teams for participating. Congratulations to all of the teams for their effort and hard work creating solutions for problems that need to be solved and expanding the entrepreneurial ecosystem on campus."



2Hydro Hero members Jazmin Contreras Corona, Maria Claudia Vargas Arvizu, Angelo Navarrete Perez, and Hector Campos de Anda present their proposal via Zoom.

## UIW to host first 'Festival of Faiths'

The University of the Incarnate Word is gearing up to host San Antonio's first Festival of Faiths set 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Luella Bennack Music Center.

UIW's Pastoral Institute will be a co-host for the citywide event -- part of the Martin Luther King "DreamWeek" activities -- along with Compassionate San Antonio and along with the San Antonio Interfaith Alliance.

"Music, performing arts, and education will all be part of this

celebration of San Antonio's vibrant faith community," according to a description on the Festival of Faiths website. "Gather to share the best of our faith traditions through sights, sounds, and an invitation to engage as neighbors."

Faith groups interested in being a part of the festival are encouraged to complete an application on the website at <https://festivaloffaithssa.org>. UIW students also are encouraged not only to attend but volunteer for



community service hours required for graduation. Students interested should e-mail Jitu Chaudhary, volunteer chair, at [volunteers@interfaithssa.org](mailto:volunteers@interfaithssa.org)

[interfaithssa.org](http://interfaithssa.org)

Some of the non-individual sponsors include the San Antonio City Council, H.E. Butt Foundation, HEB, Source of Light (SOL) Center, Archdiocese of San Antonio, Methodist Healthcare Ministries, Laurel Heights United Methodist Church, Raindrop Foundation, and the Baha'i Faith.

## Couple plants preschool, gardens in Guatemala

A University of the Incarnate Word graduate and her husband, a former exchange student from Guatemala, are seeking help to add first-graders in January to an Indigenous preschool they started.

Darlene Jasso and her husband, Edwin Mendoza Hipp, have launched a fund-raising campaign for Little Angels of Mary, a nonprofit they started almost two years ago as a nutrition and education mission in the rural and Indigenous community of Chuachún, Santa Apolonia -- two hours away from the couple's home in Guatemala City.

They started the preschool in Chuachún earlier this year. A local teacher, Carolina Ajoal, instructs the 14 pupils in their Indigenous language rooted in Mayan culture. This past May, UIW missionaries including nutrition and education students and professors visited the school and gardens the couple established and have plans to return next year.

The couple met 10 years ago at UIW where they were active in University Mission and Ministry. Jasso, originally from New Braunfels, was a communication arts major. Mendoza was a theology exchange student from Guatemala who had been awarded a scholarship to study two semesters at UIW.

"Love knocked on the doors of our hearts, and after a two-year, long-distance relationship, we got married in 2016 and decided to start our lives together in Edwin's home country," they wrote in a statement.

Jasso wrote that she "picked up her life to move to Guatemala with a suitcase filled with love, and ever since, we have been living in this beautiful country serving God's children in the best way we can."

During their first five years in Guatemala, the couple worked as English teachers at a nonprofit school in Guatemala City. Most of the school's students were Indigenous children from rural villages.

"While working there, we noticed that many of our students had learning difficulties," Jasso said. "Some of them got frustrated very easily and it was hard for them to concentrate. It was during that time we realized one of the reasons behind these challenges was they lacked a good nutrition since a very early age. We knew that this was what our focus for Little Angels of Mary was going to be, starting from the core of it all: a baby's nutrition. We started our nutrition program, and over the last two years, we have been giving workshops to mothers about nutrition in their own Mayan language and have built 28 gardens.

"Many people ask us why we work in Santa Apolonia. The answer is simple. We just felt called to serve in communities where people seemed to be forgotten. (In Santa Apolonia), 69 percent of the children are malnourished -- one of the highest rates of chronic malnutrition in the country.

"It's a sad reality, and if you see photos of Santa Apolonia, you will see the beautiful green crops scattered all throughout. We wondered how these communities could be surrounded by such fertile land and at the same time live in extreme poverty and be so poorly fed. We just couldn't sit there to mourn or complain, so we began listening to the villagers' needs, and along with them, we started implementing nutrition and education projects that promoted long-term sustainability to break the cycle of poverty and malnutrition."

Their work in Chuachún sprang from a Christmas tradition they started to celebrate Christmas with communities in need.

"In 2017, we spent the morning of Christmas Eve at a low-income nursing home in Guatemala City where we shared a delicious meal of tamales. We danced, sang Christmas carols, and played bingo."

Two years later, the missionaries received support from Jasso's home parish, Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in New Braunfels, to provide meals for the homeless on Christmas Eve.

"In 2021, we officially launched our first activity in the village we work in today, Chuachún. We arrived in Chuachún on Christmas Eve with baskets filled with all types of goodies such as school supplies and educational games/toys. We celebrated with a Christmas show and took photos with Santa -- something this community had never experienced before."

A boy named Rolandito is one of the children they cite most who has been impacted by the nutrition program since he entered in 2022.

"We noticed he wouldn't go and play with the other children. He would stay back with his mom. He could barely walk and he always seemed sad. He never smiled. The reality was that his muscles weren't strong enough for him to even put a smile on his face. Due to malnutrition, his hair was very light and he was most definitely stunted. We worked closely with Rolandito and his mom to help him recover by giving him medicine and vitamins to gain his appetite and start eating. Ten months after starting our program, we saw Rolandito smiling for the first time. We will never forget the moment he ran into our arms to give us a big hug.

"The new school year starts in January 2024, and we are planning to expand our nutrition program in new villages, provide education for 16 preschoolers, and give scholarships to our first-graders.

"We have come a long way since the start of our nutrition program at the beginning of 2022. Even though we officially started almost two years ago, the beginning statement of Little Angels of Mary's mission of being 'instruments of God's love' has always been a shared conviction in our lives and in our marriage."



Photos courtesy of Little Angels of Mary. Darlene Jasso, left, and her husband, Edwin Mendoza Hipp, above, helped Dona Florentina, below, start a garden and preschools start learning.



### How to donate

Little Angels of Mary is seeking monthly supporters as well as those interested in making a one-time gift.

For example, a gift of \$100 will help provide a nutritious breakfast for one preschooler for one month, \$400 will give one child a scholarship to be in the preschool a whole year, or \$1,000 will provide one family support

in a nutrition program including a vegetable garden, vitamins and medicine, and nutrition training for one year.

Donate online at <http://www.littleangelsomy.org>, or if donating by check, make it payable to Little Angels of Mary and mail to: Little Angels of Mary, 1374 Copper Point Drive, New Braunfels, Texas 78130.

## Season's beatings: Finals, depression, and mental health

By Janelle De Jesus  
LOGOS EDITOR

As December wraps us in a chilly blanket, students find themselves in the midst of a perfect storm: final exams, winter break, and the challenge of mental health awareness.

These stressors create a unique set of challenges for students, emphasizing the importance of understanding and addressing mental health concerns during this critical time.

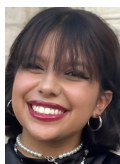
As the academic semester reaches its climax, students buckle down for the intense undertaking of final exams. The piling up of lectures, assignments, and sleepless nights all lead up to finals. Finals season carries a weight that can be overwhelming for many. The pressure to perform, coupled with the anxiety of potential academic setbacks, creates an environment where stress levels skyrocket.

Simultaneously, December marks the

onset of winter and its associated challenges, including Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). As daylight dwindles, and temperatures drop, students may find themselves struggling with low energy, mood swings, and a sense of sadness. The combination of academic pressure and seasonal shifts becomes a force to be reckoned with, often impacting students' mental well-being.

Despite the prevalence of mental health challenges among college students, there remains a pervasive stigma that discourages open dialogue. Many students may feel reluctant to discuss their struggles, fearing judgment or dismissal. This silence only exacerbates the issue, hindering those in need from seeking support.

However, the importance of mental health awareness cannot be overstated. Colleges and universities are increasingly recognizing the significance of mental health and have implemented



Janelle De Jesus

various programs to support their students. From counseling services to e-mails about mental health, educational institutions are taking

steps to create a more inclusive and understanding environment. Moreover, colleges are actively providing resources for stress management and coping strategies during finals. Extended library hours and study groups are designed to create a supportive atmosphere during this intense period. By combining academic support with mental health resources, institutions hope to address the well-being of their students.

December brings not only the

challenge of finals but also the need for heightened mental health awareness. By acknowledging the unique struggles faced by students during this time, colleges can take steps to provide necessary support systems. It is a collective effort, where each member of the academic community plays a role in breaking the silence surrounding mental health and creating a more empathetic and resilient campus environment.

If you or somebody you know is struggling with mental health issues or academic burnout during finals season, reach out to UIW Behavioral Health Services at <https://my.uiw.edu/counseling/index.html>

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## Is it better to attend a small or large college?

By Paige Heller  
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As a student at the University of the Incarnate Word, I often wonder if my college experience would be better at a larger university.

I love going to school here at UIW, but this was never a top choice for me when it came to choosing a school. I didn't apply for it initially either until my parents convinced me to.

My top choices for college were Texas A&M, Abilene Christian University, Arizona State University, and the University of Texas. As you can see, the places I dreamed of were considerably bigger than UIW.

The reason behind these dreams were the thought of that true college life you see in the movies. Between joining student organizations, partying, the big classrooms, large campuses to explore, sporting events, and the student living, I wanted it all at one of these big universities.

Even though it was a big dream of mine at the time, I ended up at a smaller college which I would consider even better.

I decided to attend UIW after months of my parents talking about it as well as my best friend, Kaylee Howell, committing to play basketball here. If Kaylee hadn't told me how awesome this school was along with creating the image of us being at college together, I probably wouldn't have come. I originally decided to attend Texas A&M in College Station. I even signed a lease for an apartment there. Thankfully, their computers messed up and didn't save my signed lease which I see now as a blessing due to my decision to come here instead.



Paige Heller

Now, in my third semester here at UIW, I can tell you I can't imagine myself at another university. Even though it's a small school, there are many pros to coming here instead of attending a large university. Here are some reasons why it's better to attend a smaller college rather than a large one.

The first reason why smaller colleges are more beneficial is the classroom size. Here at UIW, my classes average about 17 students per class. With this ratio, it is easier to get help from professors on assignments and it allows you to create personal relationships with teachers. This is one of my favorite parts about attending UIW because I have those professors, such as Dr. Darlene Carbajal in the Department of Communication Arts, that I know I can go to for help. And I know they always have my best interest at heart.

Another reason why smaller colleges outweigh the bigger one is because of the community they possess. With UIW being so small, there is such a strong community here on campus. No matter what time of day it is, you can always walk somewhere and run into someone you know. The community aspect can also be seen in your major groups such as the people who are biology majors or education majors. I have seen this heavily and have also experienced it with my major, communication arts, where we all know and support one another. I don't even see my major as a category I'm in rather than a communi-

ty I belong to due to how we all interact with one another.

The last reason I want to talk about is the opportunities that are presented to you at smaller colleges. When you are at a big university, it may be hard to get into certain organizations or to obtain certain scholarships, but that isn't the case when it comes to smaller ones such as UIW. At UIW, students belong to many different organizations and with it being a smaller campus, they are recognized more for being in these groups due to them having a smaller number of members. It also allows students to be highlighted in a brighter light for scholarships and internships since there aren't thousands of kids

from the same school applying for them at the same time.

At smaller universities, you don't feel like a number like you would at a larger campus. Instead, you feel like you are at YOUR school and that this is your time.

Therefore, I would recommend attending a smaller college instead of a large one. Even though it wasn't my plan to come to UIW, I couldn't imagine being a student anywhere else.

Thank you, UIW, for giving me a college experience that will always be treasured. Go, Cardinals!

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Paige Heller, left, and Allison Howell take a photo with 'Red' the mascot at a tailgate.

## Ex-UIWPD officer: Campus patrols must go beyond cars



**By David Peters  
LOGOS STAFF**  
I'm a senior communication arts major at the University of the Incarnate Word, but before returning to school I worked

three years in crime prevention as a UIW police officer.

Because of the extensive training I have had, I look at things differently than maybe someone else would about campus security. There have been so many school shootings and breaches on different campuses across the country in recent years.

Normally after an incident, we can see on the news how schools always seem to look at what they could do differently if anything. "Proactive" or "reactive" is the question for the UIWPD to answer. Crime statistics and knowing what is happening in your community is a must for all students, staff, and parents. All this is available to you thanks to the federal Jeanne Clery Act.

One day is the days where I would see constant patrol from our police department on foot, golf cart and bike patrol besides the outside perimeter with a patrol unit. Yes, that deters crime but with a police force on campus and officers making likely more money than when I was on the force, there should be a duplicate at minimum of what my team and I were required to do.

Being a former campus crime prevention officer here has me seeing a whole lot of things needing to be fixed quickly before UIWPD is caught with its pants down. I see things that would not have been tolerated during my time as an officer. Our supervisors would ensure we were not stuck on routine car patrol. We would be patrolling all types of ways.

I have been back for three years as a student and can't help shaking my head almost daily when I see our police force patrolling outside by vehicle only. I ask myself, "What are we waiting for?" "Why are we just on the outside?"

I have been here long enough to observe this myself. Students who learn I'm a former officer ask me why they don't see police officers in the buildings

on campus. It is like a joke to them that our police force calls themselves "police officers." The fact is they are all sworn Texas Peace Officers, but again I ask, is UIWPD a proactive or reactive department?

"For instance, when I attended the "Light the Way" kickoff Nov. 18 with my family, we noticed four UIWPD officers talking and laughing while guarding one door as we left the SEC.

A family member asked me: "Why does it take four officers to guard one door and it looks like they're having a good time while the rest of campus has little to no officers in sight?"

It was embarrassing to say the least. I observed this as well but could only note this for the time I was there. I told the family member this was a different era, a different time. But what does the public think of this instance with UIWPD if my family thought this?

It is not every day that most students wake up thinking about crime on and around their campus or what happened last night. They should be in the know and aware. There is no need to be paranoid but cautious. Do we know what is happening around us? That is the question we need to ask ourselves when it comes to our safety. Being prepared and aware of any safety measures is always beneficial to our community.

One of my classmates -- Student Government Association President Beni Resendiz -- shared some of his thoughts with me.

"I think about my safety on campus a lot and for a variety of reasons," Resendiz said. "I see the massive school shootings in this country and because I am Jewish American and thinking about attacks on students."

Former UIW student Lauren Chavez said she thinks about her children.

"I worry about my children daily when they are out of my sight -- on or off campus," said Chavez said.

"I do not wake up or think about my safety daily or anything close to that, but I should after my car was stolen right in front of my apartment," UIW student David Blake said.

There are many ways we can look at the safety of our campus, from students, parents, staff, and a police standpoint. There is something we

can all agree on -- the safety of our community being important.

The University has an obligation to let not only the students know of crime happening on their campus, but the public. The Clery Act requires colleges and universities to disclose certain timely and annual information about campus crime and security policies.

All public and private institutions of postsecondary education participating in federal student aid programs are subject to it.

The Clery Act, originally enacted by Congress and signed into law by President George Bush in 1990 as the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, was championed by the parents of Jeanne Clery, a student murdered in 1986 at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. Anyone can go online and view a university's Clery stats, which is highly recommended to students, faculty, staff, and parents to look at what is occurring on campus. There is a chart that breaks down the statistics for every three years, a link to what is occurring now day-to-day, and even a link to compare campus crime to other campuses.

While taking a close look at these statistics, there seems to be a bigger issue with liquor and drug law infractions on campus. You can see those stats for

yourself if you follow the link -- [my.iu.edu/police/annual-security-report.html](http://my.iu.edu/police/annual-security-report.html)

As we hear more and more about violence occurring on different campuses across the country daily, we need to stay informed. The University has provided this for us and is on top of the statistics daily. It is important for not just students, but everyone to stay informed about what is happening regarding safety on campus and to utilize the tools our university and police department have given us.

Before writing this, I reached out to Michael Valdes, media and public relations manager for UIW's Office of Communications & Brand Marketing, numerous times for an interview with UIWPD. Told the interview wouldn't happen anytime soon, I was advised to submit questions via e-mail.

I chose to share this view about campus safety from having been on the inside of the department and a view from looking on the outside.

I hope what I've shared may lead to changes for our community before we are caught explaining what we could have done better to news outlets.

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Courtesy of David Peters

David Peters keeps this photo of him serving as a police officer at the University of the Incarnate Word among his memorabilia. This photograph was taken in May 2010 near Ann Barshop Natatorium when commencement occurred on campus.

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# SPORTS

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## Football focuses on next season

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The University of the Incarnate Word's 2023 football season has come to a frustrating and heartbreaking end.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, the Cardinals defeated the Houston Christian University Huskies on the road by a score of 45-24, ending the regular season 9-2.

Hopes were high that although the Cardinals did not repeat as Southland Conference champion, the FCS playoff selection committee would invite UIW Sunday, Nov. 19, to return to the playoffs for a shot at the national championship.

The Cardinals were thought to be a lock on getting in the playoffs by multiple sources - after having made the playoffs the last two seasons in a row as conference champion. And at least two conference representatives

had appeared in previous playoffs each of the past 12 seasons.

Unfortunately, the selection committee thought otherwise. The UIW Cardinals were not selected. The rationale behind the committee keeping UIW out of the playoffs, in addition to the Cardinals' sole 45-32 conference loss at homecoming Nov. 4 to eventual champion Nicholls State, was due to the "strength of schedule" this season and a weak Southland Conference.

So, the last game ended up being the final game. But it was one where first-string UIW quarterback Zach Calzada had 407 yards on 29 of 38 passing attempts along with a two-yard run. Graduate wide receiver Caleb Chapman, a transfer from the Oregon Ducks, caught seven passes for 170 yards and three touchdowns. Running back Jarell Wiley had 14 carries for 93 yards and



Morgan Huizar

one rushing touchdown. Defensively, the Cardinals had interceptions from safety Brandon Richard and cornerback Ronald "Lolo" Wilson.

Although our Cardinals did not make the playoffs this year, they are more pumped up for next year. Multiple sources around the program are calling the 2024 season the "revenge season" and are ready to show everyone they face "No Mercy." The expectations are that the Cardinals will be back where they belong and compete for a national championship under Head Coach Clint Killough in his second year.

I have no doubt in my mind that

everyone will see a new brand of UIW Football. A hungrier, angrier team that is going to be ready for anything that anyone throws their way, because at the end of the day we have Coach Killough, a former Cardinal wide receiver and associate head coach, who knows what it takes to win.

Oh, and good news Cardinals Fans! We have a lot of valuable key players coming back next season so you can bet on the fact the UIW Cardinals will be a force to reckon with next season.

I cannot wait to watch the fireworks begin!

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First-year students at the University of the Incarnate Word run on the field for the annual 'Flight of the Cardinal' tradition at the first home football game Sept. 23.

## Women's tennis gets veteran coach

By Natalia Barrena  
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The new coach for the women's tennis team is a Texas native who brings more than 30 years of experience at larger schools to the University of the Incarnate Word.

Courtney Steinbock, a native of Lubbock, started working in September with UIW's team that finished 16-8 last season under Tom Rees, now associate head coach at Clemson (S.C.) University.

One of last season's highlights was a historic Intercollegiate Tennis Association win for sisters Brandelyn "Brandee" Fulgenzi and Lauren Fulgenzi. The sisters won the ITA Texas Regional Doubles title - a first in UIW program and Southland Conference history. The win qualified the Fulgenzis for the ITA Fall National Championships last fall in San Diego, where the top 32 teams in the nation competed for the national title.

Steinbock also has experience leading past teams and individuals to higher ITA rankings and All-American competitions.

"Courtney brings championship pedigree and wealth of experience to the Nest,"

Rees said about his replacement. "Having competed against her teams in the past, I know the upward path of the program will continue as this is a great hire for UIW."

Steinbock, who was born in Lubbock, said she and her twin started playing tennis at age 9.

"My stepdad was going to go to play golf for an afternoon, and honestly didn't know what to do with (us), so he dropped us off at the country club for us to go play tennis for the afternoon," Steinbock said. "And I guess the rest is history. We kind of liked it."

She graduated in 2004 from the University of Kansas in Lawrence. She was a four-year letterwinner with the Jayhawks. She was named team MVP each of her last two seasons and earned First Team All-Big XII Conference honors as a junior.

After graduating college, Steinbock said she wanted to continue playing as a professional, but she realized she could not afford all the trips to continue competing. At one point, she had three jobs. Besides that, she had suffered many injuries that would not allow her to maintain her best performance.



Courtney Steinbock

So, Steinbock said she decided to start coaching and fell in love with it. She was an assistant coach at Oklahoma State, Mississippi State, Wichita State, and Washington State, but head coach at the University of Arkansas and University of Houston.

As a coach, Steinbock said she likes the part of being able to take young athletes to international tournaments, seeing them learn to live away from home for the first time and helping them in adapting to a new place, rules, and environment as well as becoming more responsible. She is always looking for her students to be prepared not only for competitions but also for the outside world after college.

"My favorite part of being a coach is the relationships I have built with my student-athletes in my career," Steinbock said. "I love being a part of an athletic program and just sports in general."

At UIW, Steinbock is getting to know her

players before implementing a specific training plan for them. She said she is looking for what motivates them. She strongly believes a coach should be respectful and caring with the students, as well as honest, so they can build the best relationship possible to create a bond where there is trust. She wants her students to know she cares for them both on and off the court, becoming a strong support for them and helping them personally at the same time as professionally.

Her expectations for the team this season are for them to become a strong confident group, and to learn and grow with a positive attitude that allows them to give their best effort and feel satisfied with their achievements. She is also interested in showing them how to deal with adversities without losing the motivation to move forward to the future.

So far, Steinbock is making an enjoyable discovery about coaching at UIW.

"UIW is the one of the biggest Catholic schools in the country, and I think it just gives me the opportunity to continue working on my faith and try to implement that into my time coaching here."



# Gridiron performances draw individual accolades

The University of the Incarnate Word's 9-2 season football record didn't land the Cardinals in the FCS playoffs, but the first-year head coach and several players earned notable awards.

• Coach Clint Killough was named to the "35 under 35" Class of 2024 by the American Football Coaches Foundation.

• Wide receiver Brandon Porter has been named to the second team by the FCS All American Team by The Associated Press. He already is a finalist for the Walter Payton Award won last January by former UIW quarterback Lindsey Scott Jr. Porter also recently was named the Southeastern Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

• Defensive lineman Steven Parker was named to the first team for the PFF FCS All American Team. He also is a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award.

• This year's Cardinals quarterback, Zach Calzada, has been named Newcomer of the Year by the conference.

Killough, who was named head coach last December following the departure of G.J. Kinne to Texas State



Clint Killough



Steven Parker



Brandon Porter



Zach Calzada

University in San Marcos, took over a program that saw 66 players leave from that 2022 roster. He had only one returning defensive starter and three returning offensive starters

After bringing in 10 new full-time coaches, Killough, a former Cardinals wide receiver and associate head coach, led the rebuilding of the defending conference champions to be this year's top team in total offense, scoring offense, total defense and scoring defense.

Killough's "35 under 35" included an invitation to join the other 34 recipients in a one-day institute that features a curriculum of interactive lectures focused on topics tailored to emphasize leadership in the coaching profession, ethics, influential responsibilities,

career progression, and family balance.

Porter, a 5-foot-11, 190-pound graduate student from Rancho Cucamonga, Texas, was No. 2 in the nation in receiving yardage with 1,072, hauling in seven passes for touchdowns.

Parker, a 6-foot-4, 265-pound junior from Dallas, led the team in tackles for loss (14.5), sacks with seven, quarterback hurries with six, and three forced fumbles. Before coming to UIW,

Calzada, a 6-4, 200-pound graduate student from Buford, Ga., led the Cardinals with 19 passing touchdowns on the season for 2,598 yards and a 159.34 passing efficiency, the ninth-best in the nation. He averaged 288.67 yards in the air per game (No. 3 in the nation), while running for 57 yards and

five touchdowns. Calzada was first in the conference for total offense, passing average per game, passing efficiency, passing completions, passing yards per attempt, and passing yards.

Porter, Parker and Calzada were among the players named to the first-team All-Conference Team. UIW had the most in the conference – five – first-team offense. Three made first-team defense. Four received second-team status.

Besides Porter and Calzada, wide receiver Caleb Chapman, offensive lineman Silas Robinson, and offensive lineman Stanley Mark made the first-team offense. Besides Parker, defensive linemen Ayodele Adeoye and linebacker Tylan Foster made first-team defense.

Offensive lineman Joe Bryson made the second-team, all-conference offense, while defensive backs Brandon Richard and Ronald Wilson joined kick-punt return specialist Dekalon Taylor on the defenders' side.

## Transfers lead men's basketball scoring

By Jonah Guerrero  
LOGOS SPORTSWRITER



Jonah Guerrero

New men's basketball head coach Shane Heirman's start at the University of the Incarnate Word hasn't been perfect -- to say the least -- but it

is optimistic.

The team's current record does not truthfully reflect the Cardinals' early-season performance. Having played the University of Texas in the Moody Center for their season-opener, then the University of Tulsa the following week, it's fair to say the men have had the odds stacked against them in non-conference action thus far.

Nonetheless, Cardinal fans should look forward to the back end of UIW's schedule as Southland Conference play should be a more honest sign of the squad's talent. Thus far, McNeese is the only conference team out of 10 with a winning record.

Regardless, any true hoops fan could tell you Coach Heirman and his staff have indeed brought in many talented players through the transfer portal during the offseason, as well as doing an excellent job at further developing the few players remaining from

previous seasons.

Last year's team went 12-19 overall and 6-12 in conference under then-coach Dr. Carson Cunningham, who Heirman has replaced.

Heirman's new bunch – especially the starting five – has been impressive. Two-way guard Sky Wicks, a 6-foot-6, 190-pound junior transfer from Missouri State, has shocked me the most.

Wicks, a native of Jersey City, N.J., has put on an incredible scoring clinic as he has led the Cardinals in points five out of the nine first games of the season. He's scored over 20 points in six games, shooting 45 percent from the field and 36 percent from three-point range. In addition to his scoring, Wicks has been fantastic on the defensive end of the court, averaging a block and steal per game.

Prior to transferring to UIW, Wicks was only averaging five minutes a game, shooting 20 percent from the field in six games played during his two seasons at Missouri State.

Two other transfer students making a difference on the court are Chicago natives Josiah Hammons, a junior guard, and Shon Robinson, a graduate student playing forward. Hammons, a 6-foot-2, 180-pounder, played at Mott Community College in Flint, Mich., from 2021-22, and Harry S Truman

Community College in Chicago, from 2022-23. Robinson, a 6-foot-9, 225-pounder, previously played at Ole Miss (2019-21) in Oxford, Miss., San Jose (Calif.) State (2021-22), and Austin Peay State University (2022-23) in Clarksville, Tenn., before transferring to UIW.

Wick, Hammons, and Robinson are in the top three of points per game for the team. Hammons, averaging 14 points per game, has shown great skill and ability to stretch the floor, as he's averaging 36 percent from three-point range on an average of eight attempts from deep per game. Robinson, on the other hand, has been very effective in the paint, averaging 12 points per game shooting 51 percent from the field.

Currently sitting at 3-6 for the season, the team has three road games – Dec. 13 at Rice University in Houston, Dec. 21 at the University of Illinois-Chicago, and Dec. 30 at the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley in Edinburg – before its next home game Jan. 2 against Our Lady of the Lake University.

The Cardinals open conference play at home against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6.

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Shane Heirman



Sky Wicks



Josiah Hammons



Shon Robinson

## Piano-playing couple works in concert

Whenever Dr. Javier Clavere and his wife, Dr. Lindsay Clavere, sit down at the piano together, they make beautiful music.

The pianists were the featured attraction last month in the free "Clavere Piano Duo and Friends" concert sponsored by the Department of Music at Diane Bennack Concert Hall in Luella Bennack Music Center.

Clavere, dean of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, and his wife debuted as a duo in 1997 in Salt Lake City, Utah - about 45 miles from Brigham Young University in Provo where they first met. Provo is also Lindsay Clavere's hometown.

Dr. Paul Pollei, founder and artistic director of the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition in Salt Lake City, recruited Clavere, a native of Rosario, Argentina, to Brigham Young.

"Lindsay was in the same music theory class (at Brigham Young), and I was on tour most of the time," Clavere said. "Our professor asked that I get someone to help me get the notes and homework due. Lindsay offered to help me, which turned into a thank-you lunch. Twenty-six years later and three children, (it was) the best homework help I could have asked for."

Following their debut as a duo, the Claveres studied with Dr. Seymour Bernstein in Manhattan during a five-

year scholarship. They have performed extensively as a duo across North America, South America, and Europe.

Their repertoire includes a wide range of music from Latin American composers such as Piazzolla and Guastavino, to modern American music by Copland, Gershwin, etc. They have performed the complete works for piano four-hands and two pianos four hands by Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Debussy, Brahms, and Schubert. In 2007, they won the top prize in the Duo-Ellis International Piano Competition in Spartanburg, S.C.

In 2015, the Claveres taught music theory in Salzburg and also performed at the Mozarthaus in Vienna, sponsored by Bosendorfer, Vienna. Following their time in Salzburg, Lindsay Clavere conducted dissertation research in Rome and Berlin, funded by a fellowship awarded by the Appalachian College Association, while Javier Clavere was granted access to a rare collection at the Vatican Library in Rome to further his research on the passion narrative.

The Claveres worked 14 years as professional concert pianists. Before coming to San Antonio, they worked together at Berea College in Kentucky where he was chair of the music department and holder of the Mary McGaw Endowed Chair, while she was an associate professor in the department. Lindsay Clavere holds a bachelor's

degree in music from Xavier University in Cincinnati, master's degree in music from the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music, and doctorate from the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Javier Clavere earned a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University

of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music.

When they perform as a duo, their seating sometimes depends on the work.

"(Sometimes) we sit at the same piano, and sometimes we play on different pianos," Clavere said.



Dr. Javier Clavere, left, dean of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, and his wife, Dr. Lindsay Clavere, sometimes team up to perform duo-piano concerts.

## Greeks bring in new members

By Paige Heller  
LOGOS ASSISTANT EDITOR

Thirty students joined Greek organizations in recent recruiting.

Alpha Sigma Alpha welcomed 23 new sisters, Omega Delta Phi brought in four new brothers, and Alpha Sigma Tau gained three new sisters.

Reports were unavailable from Omega Psi Phi fraternity, sororities Alpha Kappa Alpha, and Delta Sigma Theta, and coed fraternity Alpha Phi Omega.

Recruitment was different this semester for Greek organizations due to rule changes. Starting this semester, freshmen were able to join. In the past, a student had to have at least 15 credit hours to be a part of these organizations but for this semester, they were able to join based on their high school grade point average.

Although some have held recruitment weeks, Greeks never stop recruiting and looking for more people to add to their brotherhood and sisterhood. Anyone interested in joining one of these organizations should message them through their Instagram - #GoGreek. Sophomore communication arts major Miranda Ramirez, 19, of San Antonio, just joined ASA.

"It was such a fun and exciting week," Ramirez said. "It will forever be one of my favorite weeks in college. I would recommend going through the process and joining a sorority to any college girl because you gain so much from it. Between the friendships and bonds, memories, love, and trips, joining the sorority was one of the best things I have ever done."



Pictured above are three new members of the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority.

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## Crowd comes to 'Light the Way'

By Audrey Patton  
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Thousands came to kick off the 37th annual "Light the Way Holiday Festival," presented by H-E-B, Saturday, Nov. 18, at the University of the Incarnate Word.

This festive event – lit at dusk when a million Christmas lights were turned on – featured a bunch of UIW's favorite traditions.

Fifteen different food trucks lined the

area on campus normally used for traffic and parking off Hildebrand offered a variety of treats ranging from B-Daddy BBQ to a sweet bite to eat from Cakes by Jennifer.

The live music on an outside stage between Kelso Art Center and Luella Bennack Music Center also was a big hit.

"The music let me forget about my worries as a college student and took me back home for this one night," junior

international student Ewa Kostera said. "It was wonderful."

Children and their parents gathered in the Kid's Corner sponsored by Spectrum News near the Administration Building. Games, food, train rides, and a Santa meet-and-greet kept them coming.

Walkers also found a selfie spot, an alumni-exclusive event on Dubuis Lawn, free hot cocoa in front of the Student Engagement Center, and a Shoppers Bazaar.

To tie the night off with a bow, the event ended with a fireworks finale around 9:30.

"My favorite part of the event was watching the fireworks with my friends," communication arts senior Allison Palmi said. "I love the holiday season and felt the school did a fantastic job bringing the community together at 'Light the Way.'"



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Thousands of people came to the University of the Incarnate Word on Saturday, Nov. 18, for the kickoff of the 'Light the Way' holiday festival.



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