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## UIW opt-out on guns brings relief

By Joshua Gonzales  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word's plans to opt out of the state's "Campus Carry" bill that would have allowed people with licenses to carry concealed guns is apparently causing relief.



Paul Warner

Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., UIW's longtime president, announced in December that UIW's Board of Trustees had accepted the Executive Council's

recommendation to opt out. That recommendation came after surveying students, faculty and staff last October and November, Agnese said.

"The survey response overwhelmingly expressed that UIW should opt out and continue to ban concealed handguns from campus as permitted by the statute," Agnese said.

That decision apparently was welcomed. No protests have taken place at UIW as have some at the University of Texas-Austin and others who oppose the state's "Campus Carry" bill.



Dr. Hector Perez

Paul Warner, an Air Force veteran majoring in

communication arts, said he agreed with UIW's opt-out.

"I am in agreement that concealed carry in classrooms should NOT be allowed," Warner said. "I personally have completed the CHL (certified handgun license) training and even after serving 20plus years in active duty Air Force -- being around weapons all that time -- and growing up shooting weapons and hunting small game, I would not want weapons in the classroom."



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## Survey could put \$500 in student's pocket

At least two University of the Incarnate Word students will be \$500 richer if their name is pulled in a random drawing if they participate in a periodic survey.

Some seniors and freshmen may receive invitations this week in their Cardinal e-mail to participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement.

"'Nessie'" is one of our regular surveys (conducted about every three years) where we ask a sample of freshmen and seniors about their impressions of their learning and campus life," said Dr. Glenn James, associate provost for institutional effectiveness.

James said the survey -- see related story on Page 7 -- takes an average of 15 minutes to complete. Responses are kept confidential and will be used to help administrators and faculty improve policies, curriculum and campus activities.

Questions about the survey may be directed to the Office of Institutional Research at surveyir@uiwtx.edu or by calling (210) 283-6330 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

To those who receive the survey, James said, "Don't miss your opportunity to help improve the UIW experience for you and your peers."

Not to mention winning a shot at \$500.



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Construction continues on the foundation for the \$31-million Student Engagement Center expected to open by fall 2017.

## Student Engagement Center on schedule

By Joshua Owen  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The new Marian Hall and Student Engagement Center is still running on its original opening schedule to be completed in summer 2017, a University of the Incarnate Word administrator said.

"At this point and time (there have been) no obstacles," said Dr. David Jurenovich, vice president of enrollment management and student services. "We have our fingers crossed."

Construction -- now budgeted at \$31 million -- started last summer with demolition of the original Marian Hall Student Center. The foundation is now being laid. And a huge construction crane is operating in the midst of the big hole from which will rise a three-and-a-half story, state-of-the-art center.

This new center will be home to a Luciano's Italian Restaurant, a pub, dining hall, bookstore, an Apple Store, mailroom, Help Desk and medical center, Jurenovich pointed out.

"I've learned from the contractors and what not, it just seems like they are moving a lot of dirt around and pouring concrete and doing this and doing that and nothing's happening, but then all of a sudden once that's done the bricks (will) start flying."

## UIW helps low-income with tax

By John F. Barton  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Need some help with your income tax returns?

If you're low-income, get it free at the University of the Incarnate Word, the oldest Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site in the city, on Saturdays before April 18.

VITA started at UIW in 1984 under Jim Donahue, a then-accounting professor.

This year, volunteers are rendering help 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays in Room 126 of the Joyce Building.



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## Cardinal gets kicks playing for Romania

A University of the Incarnate Word soccer player's spring semester got an unusual, 10-day break overseas.

Nicole "Nikki" Popa, a rehabilitative sciences major, took part in a training camp at del Pinatar San Pedro in the Murcia region of Spain playing for Romania's national team -- following in the footsteps of her grandfather who also played for his native country's national team.

The camp included "friendly games" against Albacete of the first-division Spanish League on Jan. 20, Norway on Jan. 22, and Lorca of the second-division Spanish League on Jan. 26.

"My experience in Spain playing with the Romanian National Soccer Team was definitely the experience of a lifetime," said Popa, 20, who graduated from Ronald Reagan High School in San Antonio.

Popa, a two-year starter who plays the midfielder or forward position for the Cardinals, said she has Glad Bugariu, head coach of the women's soccer team at the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley, to thank for the connection that led to her being called up by Romania.

"(Bugariu) has connections to the Romanian women's national team and helps recruit for them," she said. "We played his team in a non-conference game my

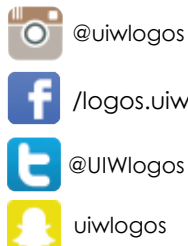
freshman year and he approached me after the game speaking Romanian. Of course I didn't understand him, but he recognized my last name and assumed I knew Romanian. From then on we have always stayed in touch and he has been pushing for me to try out for the national team."



Nicole 'Nikki' Popa, inset, wears No. 21 as she poses with Romania's national team.

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UIW welcomes the 'Year of the Monkey' in annual celebration.



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## WORD UP

### HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?

Compiled by LOGOS Assistant Editor Priscilla Aguirre

#### BMX legend Dave Mirra dies

Dave Mirra, who retired from BMX competition in 2011 with 24 X Games medals which is the most in the history of the ESPN-run extreme sports competition, died Thursday, Feb. 4, of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to Greenville (N.C.) police. The 41-year-old's body was found in a truck in his hometown Greenville shortly after he visited friends in the area. He is survived by his wife and two children.



Dave Mirra

#### Hackers expose FBI employees

Hackers published contact information for 20,000 FBI employees just a day after posting similar data on almost 10,000 U.S. Department of Homeland Security employees. The hackers, tweeting from the account @DotGovs, claim they obtained the details by hacking into a U.S. Department of Justice database. The information contained names, titles, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. The Justice Department is investigating the hack.

#### Google Chrome to become faster

Google announced it will roll out an update to Chrome that will make users' browser speeds much faster. The update contains a new data compression algorithm called Brotli, which Google first unveiled in September. It squishes the size of a website down by 26 percent more than Chrome's previous compression tool, Zopfli. With the recent update to the Chrome browser, Google decided it would no longer allow videos in background tabs. You now have to click on a tab to load a video or streaming media file.



#### Islamic State widow charged in U.S. hostage death

The widow of a former senior leader in the Islamic State group has been charged with conspiracy in the death of a U.S. hostage, Kayla Mueller, authorities said. Mueller was an aid worker in Aleppo, Syria, who died last year while being held captive by Abu Sayyaf, an Islamic State minister for oil and gas. Sayyaf died last May when U.S. Special Forces raided his compound in Syria. His widow, Umm Sayyaf, was handed over to Iraqi authorities for prosecution.



Kayla Mueller

#### Football team gets first woman head coach

Jackson Senior High School in Florida hired Lakatriona Brunson as head coach of its football team, making her the first head coach in the history of Florida high school football. Brunson is most famous for appearing on the truTV reality program, "South Beach Tow."

## Clergy pick peer for Hall of Fame

A University of the Incarnate Word administrator will be inducted into the Black Worship Clergy Hall of Fame at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at Antioch Community Sports Complex, 314 Eross St.

At UIW, the Rev. Dr. Trevor D. Alexander is director of ecumenical initiatives for University Mission and Ministry. But he also serves as founding pastor and senior pastor of the non-denominational True Vine Church, 1357 Rice Road. His wife, the former Emma Marie Coleman, is co-founder and pastor.

Alexander, 56, also is an overseer or superintendent in the Kingdom Council of Interdependent Christian Churches and Ministries.

A native of Romford, Essex in England, Alexander spent some of his childhood in St. Vincent in the Caribbean. An Army veteran, Alexander holds bachelor's degrees in psychology and and religious studies from UIW – at one time serving as Black Student Association president where he now serves as an adviser. He also holds a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, and a doctorate in divinity from St. Thomas Christian College & Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla.

He met his wife while they were both stationed in West Germany, in March

1985. Married since 1988, they have three daughters who have graduated or attended UIW.

Alexander also teaches at the Joint College of African American Pentecostal Bishops as part of the liturgy track and is an adjunct professor at UIW. He also serves as treasurer and vice adjutant general for Kingdom Council Interdependent Christian Churches and Ministries.

Asked his reaction to making it in the Hall of Fame, Alexander replied: "Being elected to the Black Worship Hall of Fame is a great honor for me, for two reasons. The first reason is I hold fast to the Scripture in Matthew 5:16, 'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.' Whatever I do in ministry, I do not do it to be seen or for glory. I do it for the Lord. The second reason is that I was nominated and voted (in) by my peers. My election says to me that my peers also see my good works and appreciate me for what I do for the Kingdom of God."



Rev. Dr. Trevor D. Alexander

## UIW helps low-income cont.

Before opening last Saturday, the preparers trained three weeks in advance. Volunteers include undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty and alumni.

Some of the volunteers are even certified public accountants and many speak Spanish, said Dr. Patricia Burr, a professor of international business with the HEB School of Business and Administration.

"Dr. (Bonnie) McCormick, who is a biology professor, is a volunteer this year," Burr said.

To receive help on a first-come, first-serve basis, individuals or families must be making less than \$55,000 a year. Married people must not be filing separately and their spouse must be present to sign a return for electronic filing. People using the service must also bring all identification and Social Security cards. They must also have all necessary tax documents to help prepare their returns such as W-2s and 1099s.

Once the client meets these requirements it does not matter how complex the filing is. People filing individual returns, small business filings, have stocks, or even itemized deductions can use the service.

Some volunteers work with residents of The Village at Incarnate Word in helping them file returns.

Some university employees also use the service, said Dr. Michael Forrest, a professor of business law with the HEB School.

"We will also e-mail employees to let them know when to come in," Forrest said. "Students can also file with us although their parents usually claim them as dependents if [they] work or need to file a return they can."

## UIW opt-out for gun carry cont.

The likelihood of seeing firearms being carried more openly off campus might take some getting used to.

"I've lived in Texas for the greater portion of my life, and firearms are not new to me," said Dr. Héctor Pérez, an associate professor of English. "I have heard the arguments about our right to bear arms. Frankly, I have never felt that our right to bear arms was being undermined by requiring permits and background checks.

"I think open carry only creates situations where there will be more guns and the likelihood of accidental shootings will only go up as the number of guns increases. I consider the number of accidental shootings by professional law enforcement agents. I can only grimace at the thought of students and others bringing guns onto campus and into classrooms. Other university campuses have rallied against this. What is the threat that armed students would be protecting themselves, or us, from? I am opposed to guns on campus."

## Cardinal plays for Romania cont.

Popa was one of two collegiate players on the Romanian roster.

"It was difficult to overcome some of the different cultural and language barriers between the players, coaches, and myself, at first," Popa said. "Throughout my week in Spain, though, I learned many Romanian words and adjusted quicker than I had expected. It was a joy getting to meet and learn from so many wonderful women."

As for the training and games, she said, "the speed of play was much faster than anything I have ever played with. As hard as it was, I was able to keep up with the rest of the women in two training sessions a day and even earned a starting spot against Norway."

Earning a starting role overseas may not be so unusual for Popa. She helped lead Reagan to a 21-2-3 record in 2014, earning All-Area and All-District 26-5A First Team honors as a senior. As a UIW freshman, Popa started in all 18 games and played a total of 1,329 minutes. Academically, she was named to the Southland Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Working with the Romanian team was a challenge, she said.

"The level I got to play at with the Romanian National Team is where I would like to continue playing at," Popa said. "The best part of this whole experience was learning about the country and culture my family has come from. It's amazing that I have gotten the opportunity to follow in my grandfather's footsteps."

Her grandfather, Tavi Popa, played for the Romanian National Team and professionally with Bucharest Dinamo, Bucharest Steaua and in Israel.

"I think it means a lot to my family to stay connected to our roots. My father (Florin Popa) also went on the trip with me and I could tell how much he enjoyed being around so many people from Romania and getting to watch me play for the country he was born in. We are in progress of getting dual citizenship right now, so hopefully we will have it very soon."



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## Missionary gets local start before heading to Peru

By Karissa Rangel  
LOGOS FEATURES EDITOR

It's Juan Piña's first official day on the job and he's happy to report having just finished moving into a local house on San Antonio's west side to begin his missionary work.

Piña, 22, will live and serve as a local Incarnate Word missionary, working with the nonprofit known as Inner City Development.

A December 2016 graduate of the University of the Incarnate Word, Piña received his bachelor's degree in Spanish with a minor in criminal justice. UIW was his gateway into missionary life. Meeting Sister Martha Ann Kirk, a longtime religious studies professor at UIW, outside of a classroom one day, she gave him an Incarnate Word Missionaries (IWM) pamphlet.

"[I] had been looking for something to go abroad and do some missionary work, but nothing had been successful yet," said Piña, a native of San Antonio.

Kirk giving him the small white folded paper was all it took. The IWM program just recently added the local west-side position to its location offerings, which also include Peru, Mexico and Africa. The fact Piña is the inaugural local missionary is no coincidence, said Sister Francine Keane, a Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word who also volunteers and lives in the Inner City house.

Keane stressed the importance of the connections between people. "God does a lot of the connecting," she said, citing the way Piña learned about the IWM program as an example. She said she hopes other UIW students will discover the program also.

Keane and Women's Global Connection, the CCVI ministry that administers the IWM program, both hope to continue the tradition of working together, connecting more UIW students with the missionary program and with the ministry of Inner City to help those living in the low-income neighborhoods on San Antonio's west side.

Inner City Development is located near the Alazan-Apache public housing complex and was begun by Patti and Rod Radle. Patti Radle formerly served on the San Antonio City Council and is now president of the San Antonio Independent School District board of trustees.

Community-oriented, Inner City has been on the west side since 1968. Run totally on volunteers with only one part-time employee, Inner City serves all levels of the area, with a number of programs from feeding the homeless, giving bags of food to families for the week, running an open library, after-school programs for tutoring, reading, and basketball camps.

Keane said she recently decided to move back to the area and continue her ministry. Spending the first three years of her missionary life at Our Lady of Guadalupe School, she is no stranger to the area. Her mornings are busy, giving sandwiches to the homeless.

"Inner City Development is many different things," she said. "We serve all ages in the neighborhood with an emergency food pantry, a clothes room and a Christmas toy sale."

## 'Sketch' opens for museum patrons, students

By Valerie Bustamante  
LOGOS ASSISTANT EDITOR

After a year operating Commonwealth Coffeehouse and Bakery, the creators behind it have a new project, a pop-up bistro called Sketch.

After catering several events at San Antonio Museum of Art, Commonwealth co-founders Jorge Herrero and Jose Campos said the museum suggested seven months ago they should open a second coffeehouse in the museum's Hops House building.

"Jorge and I were approached by SAMA and they were like, 'Hey, we have this space open.' At first I thought it was a joke, but I mean it was very flattering," Campos said. "So we were like, 'OK, well thank you.' Then they invited me to an event they have called 'Art Party' every second Friday and [the space] was amazing. I mean it was completely empty and [SAMA] was like, 'We've had it for years.'"

"There was nothing very consistent and the museum had been wanting something consistent and long-term because their patrons wanted something, and their board members too. They have a staff of 100 employees that wanted a presence where they could go and eat, laugh, relax, and drink."

Campos and Herrero eventually decided they were interested in opening up a pop-up bistro in the open space, where previously another pop-up from the owners of The Monterrey called "The Wild Beast" had been.

While it may only be a pop-up at the moment with limited hours, the plan is for Sketch to become permanent in the near future.

This summer, SAMA, 200 W. Jones Ave., will be undergoing a multimillion-dollar construction makeover. New exhibition rooms will be added and an outdoor auditorium will be constructed. Other renovations include using a parking space gifted by CPS Energy, a parking space located across the river near the new River House apartment complex.

During the time SAMA is undergoing renovations, Sketch will do the same in hopes of becoming a full operating restaurant.

"If you go to Hops House, it's really nice, but it needs a lot of work," Campos said. "So we were willing from the get-go to go all out. We do think it requires a \$150,000 investment and we wanna do it then and open up a full-fledge restaurant. The museum was like, 'Please wait. We wanna bundle it together with our contractors.' So we are waiting for the summer. The reason it's a 'pop up' is because in the summer we will close down for maybe a month or two depending on how long the work will be."

While waiting for the summer renovations, Sketch's creators have done what they consider to be "artistically improvised" in order to operate the pop-up bistro.

"We built an improvised kitchen with a huge marble slab," Campos said. "I mean it's interesting what we have done and again with the kind of limitations we have had

to deal with since we aren't able to have renovations till the summer. There's not exhaust. There's no gas. We are using propane tanks. There's a limited amount of water in a specific area. So where we are operating we have literally had to create a kitchen. We have to bring in water on a weekly basis. I have to go recycle the huge four- or five-gallon tanks of water. I think we've done a pretty good job based on what we have, but it's not Commonwealth, where 'boom' you have a full-fledge kitchen."

Before Sketch becomes a permanent presence at SAMA, Campos hopes to establish the bistro's presence around the city and surrounding community.

"There's a lot to do at Sketch," Campos said. "I mean there is still a lot to do in Commonwealth, but Sketch is a baby. These six months gives us a time to develop a market and establish a presence and educate people that yes this is temporary, but then comes the permanent. So it's a transition. A slower transition, but it allows us to sort of establish ourselves more, work with the space, and get staff done. We just started working with other people like the River House apartments to start marketing because right now since we just opened up it was so on the spot and we were just relying on the museum's traffic."

Sketch's developing process will also include the partnership of the University of the Incarnate Word community. When Commonwealth was established, some faculty such Teri Lopez, a senior instructor in the Department of Fashion Management, and Miguel Cortinas, chair of UIW's Art Department, played parts in the growth of the business. Their students did as well. One became a Commonwealth intern last summer and another had her art displayed throughout the coffeehouse for sale.

During this semester, students from the Integrative Business Analysis/Decision Making II Capstone II course taught by Dr. Jeannie Scott, associate dean for the H-E-B School of Business and Administration, will work with Campos on ways to help market Sketch.

"The team assigned to this company will produce an in-depth strategic analysis for the client and a marketing plan," Scott said. "His (Campos) team will consist of seven students. This is one client out of seven for my section of Capstone II. This is part of the curriculum for this class each semester; we always work with clients in this class."

In addition, Lopez and her fashion students created eight installations that will be displayed within the bistro.

"They are half-scale dress forms that are dressed in garments of different decades," Campos said. "The students were given magazines from 1940 to 1980 and

they were challenged to create a garment from one of the decades that they were inspired by. They were given leftover fabrics and trims and told to be creative."

The installations will not be for sale since they do belong to UIW. However, they will be on display until spring break.

Campos hopes Sketch will eventually become a destination for UIW students much as Commonwealth has where they can unwind after a long week.

"Personally when I was at SMU (Southern Methodist University in Dallas) that's what I liked to do, you know get off campus," Campos said. "You know if you have like a two- or three-hour period, you can go eat, buy a coffee and relax. I see it as a place where students



Valerie Bustamante/ LOGOS Assistant Editor  
Jose Campos, a partner in 'Sketch,' prepares the pop-up bistro for the day's customers.

can come relax. Potentially once we have (our) alcohol license we can open still 2 a.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. You now if you're young and want to have a good time then this is the destination."

In the meantime before Sketch undergoes renovations in June, patrons can still visit the establishment for breakfast, lunch and brunch prepared by chef Olivier Pheulpin, and Vincent Lacoste, pastry chef, the two original chefs from Commonwealth.

"It's more limited on that sense, but then when you look at the menu it's a lot more food. There's a lot of soups, crepes, and on Saturday and Sunday the brunch is really cool. We're doing stuff like omelets and waffles. We have salads, sandwiches and quiches. There is a 'soup of the day'; we just started the French Onion Curry Carrot. So still similar to Commonwealth, but still very different, almost more artistic, almost more inspired if you will."

### FYI

Sketch, 200 W. Jones Ave., is open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (open for brunch).



Juan Pina is living in this Inner City Development complex this spring until he leaves for his Peru assignment.

Inner City volunteers are currently gearing up for their Feb. 12 homeless dinner. Every so often the organization hosts a hot meal, usually on holidays, where the homeless are invited into the center to sit down, chat and eat with the volunteers.

Both the Incarnate Word Missionaries and Inner City missions and values overlap when it comes to working for human dignity, which means treating each person like they were Jesus --even the homeless.

"They may not feel they have much dignity, but we work to raise their dignity so hopefully that will motivate them to get out of their situation," Keane said, citing a case of a man deciding to go to rehab after getting help from Inner City for five years.

Many young people think they need to travel to a foreign country to be a missionary. But there is so much need in our own city.

"It's good to know the reality of the local area and the poverty in San Antonio," Keane said. "A lot of people aren't aware. If you just live on the north side and don't go anyplace else, you don't know much about the west side. That's a total different reality. Missionaries can do something local that's just as valuable."

In not even two weeks with Inner City, Piña has been helping with after-school care of neighborhood children, lunches for the homeless, as well as grocery distributions and painting in the community.

"There are a lot of things that come up as part of Inner City's ministry, various kinds of jobs and needs," Keane said. "A minimum of 15 hours a week is required if you live in the volunteer house, but Juan does much more than that."

When it comes to helping others, Piña said he always knew he wanted to do something hands-on.

"That's my personality," he said. "I'm not good in offices. I'm into the hand-on stuff and I see the need for it."

And Piña's looking forward to May, when he'll leave for Chimbote, Peru, to serve as a missionary there. He is looking to make more connections.

"Not for job purposes -- just on a personal level," he said. "My mom is supportive but a little freaked out [about me leaving to Peru]. My dad thought I'd get a job, a career, start my life, and have kids. It took them by surprise, because I had always kept my plans to myself. But as long as I do something good, they'll always back me."





## UIW plans Health and Wellness Fair

By Victoria O'Connor  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

In hopes of educating University of the Incarnate Word students on what it means to live and maintain a healthy lifestyle, an administrator said he hopes many will attend a March 2 fair.

The Health and Wellness Fair will take place in the Richard and Jane Cervera Wellness Center, said Scott LeBlanc, assistant director of the Athletic Training Facilities.

Previously the fair has been held in the old Marian Hall under the direction of Health Services. LeBlanc said he believes the change in venue and administration is an opportunity to emphasize this year's theme: the dimensions of wellness.



Scott LeBlanc

"The fair is such a big event, not only for the UIW community, but for the community around the campus," LeBlanc said. "The only difference this year is that it's not only going to be a health fair, but a health and wellness fair. We want to promote wellness just as much as we do health."

Though people usually associate wellness and health being the same ideology, LeBlanc said he wants to show the community there is more to the two than what people assume.

"Typically people think of health as their medical status and wellness as their lifestyle," LeBlanc said. "The university teaches different aspects of wellness in the Dimensions of Wellness course, so the fair will be focusing on those six dimensions

(emotional, intellectual, occupational, physical, social and spiritual) as well."

Students may learn from the textbook or from what the course professor teaches, but the fair will show firsthand how those dimensions are applied to everyday living, he said.

More than 30 vendors are expected to attend the fair to help students find out more about their health status and learn more about each dimension, he added.

"Our plan is to have our consultant group bring in vendors from around the city along with different stations set up as exhibits," LeBlanc said. "We will also be doing health screening as well. The key that we're looking for is that we'll have stations that are user-friendly and that apply to different sections of wellness."

LeBlanc said he wants students to see healthy living in a new light compared to how his generation used to see it.

"We really want to incorporate into the ideology is that this is a lifestyle change and not a fad," LeBlanc said. "So often -- especially in my generation -- fitness was seen as something that you do because you were in a sport. It's very cyclic. People who wanted to lose 10 pounds would get on a diet, work out, only to plateau to find that they had gained more weight than when they began."

Overall, LeBlanc wants people to come out to the fair and learn more about healthy living.

"The main goal for this event is to create awareness," LeBlanc said. "Health and wellness are a lifelong pursuit. So come and check it out. I believe there's going to be a lot of information that's going to be provided to help educate and offer new opportunities for everyone. If we can plant the seed, then hopefully it will carry out with people in a lifelong process."

## CPS executive to speak at UIW

The interim president and chief executive officer for City Public Service (CPS) will speak at noon Wednesday, Feb. 17, for a Black History Month program at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Paula Gold-Williams' appearance in J.E. and L.E. Mabey

Library Auditorium is being cosponsored by the Women and Gender Studies in the Department of English and the School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering.

Gold-Williams was named to her interim post in November to the nation's largest gas and

electric municipal utility after serving as group executive vice president for CPS' Financial and

Administrative Services, chief financial officer and treasurer. She also has been a chief administrative officer and controller with the utility.

Gold-Williams

joined CPS in 2004 after holding various positions in several San Antonio businesses, including regional controller for Time-Warner Cable and vice president of finance for Luby's Inc.

She holds an Associate of Fine Arts degree from San Antonio

College, a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in accounting from St. Mary's University, and an MBA in finance and accounting from Regis University.



Paula Gold-Williams

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The 21 participants in a December mission to Peru included University of the Incarnate Word faculty, undergrad and graduate students, Ettling Center staffers and members of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

## Peru journey emphasizes UIW's core values

A group of 21 participants from different fields and backgrounds traveled to Peru this past December to carry out a service mission and an international service-learning (ISL) experience.

This group included University of the Incarnate Word faculty and students from the main campus, Rosenberg School of Optometry, John and Rita Feik School of Pharmacy, members of Women's Global Connection, and members of the Ettling Center for Civic Leadership.

The group started its journey to Peru on Dec. 7, returning to San Antonio on Dec. 17. The mission consisted of serving Peruvian communities in Chimbote and Cambio Puente in the areas of health, education, business and leadership for women.

Chimbote is a fishing city on the Peruvian coast, about eight hours driving from Lima, the capital of Peru. Cambio Puente is a small town about 20 minutes driving from Chimbote. These places in Peru suffer from extreme poverty.

Among the participants was WGC, which is a ministry of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word that initiates women empowerment programs locally and globally. WGC conducts several projects in Peru, including an early childhood education program featuring workshops for teachers, as well as a women's economic development program which assists a group of 11 women dedicated to helping other women in their community.

These women, called Pushaq Warmi, meaning "Guiding Women" in Quechua, have an arts-and-crafts business together, a radio program where they talk about family- and community-related topics, and give workshops to other women on leadership, basic computer skills, and business skills.

Dr. Michael P. Forrest, an associate professor in UIW's HEB School of Business and Administration, gave the women a business workshop with the assistance of WGC consultant Ada Garza, a former Incarnate Word Missionary to Peru, and Maria Del Carmen Barron Esper, an international affairs and business student who also serves as a Cardinal Community Leader.

Led by Dr. Lisa Uribe, WGC's executive director, and Nichole Foy, associate director for communications and community development, WGC not only completed its objectives in Peru, alongside Garza and Incarnate Word missionaries, but also assisted with the UIW service mission and ISL experience.

The Ettling Center for Civic Leadership, founded by the late Sister Dorothy Ettling, facilitates the connection between UIW faculty and students to community service opportunities locally and globally. The center's main objective during the trip

was to coordinate travel and service logistics and itineraries. The center also helped to plan, implement and support vision exams organized by Rosenberg School of Optometry, mainly serving as a liaison to Peruvian partners and resources, such as the Sistema de Salud del Verbo Encarnado and the Instituto do Educación Superior EUROHISPANO, and guide for service-learning.

The Ettling team and members who traveled to Peru were Dr. Barbara Aranda-Naranjo, associate provost for civic engagement; Dr. Martha Ann Kirk, a religious studies professor at UIW who serves as the center's faculty liaison; and Denise K. Ramón, a doctoral student at UIW who serves as the center's community partnerships coordinator.

UIW's Rosenberg School saw more than 400 patients in the four days of the vision campaigns in Chimbote and Cambio Puente. The team included three RSO faculty -- Dr. Russell Coates, Dr. Charles Garcia and Dr. Yutaka Maki, and five optometry students -- Loren Baza, Samantha Bohl, Desirae Brinkley, Reid Cluff and Parisa Foroutan. Besides Forrest, other UIW faculty volunteered to strengthen the work done by RSO, including Dr. Renee Bellanger, an associate professor from Feik School, and Dr. Beth Senne-Duff, an associate professor from the Department of Nutrition in the School of Math, Science and Engineering. Other volunteers who made valuable contributions to the vision campaigns include Maria Del Carmen Barron Esper; Yolanda Martinez, a nutrition and pre-pharmacy major; Priscilla Benavides, a nutrition major; and WGC volunteer Mark Duff. They worked together along with the rest of the travelers to provide eye exams to check for any signs of cataracts or eye issues. They provided the patients of Peru with reading glasses, prescription glasses, or referrals, if needed. This experience helped UIW students connect local medicine to global needs.

Overall, the team worked together to carry out the mission of UIW. The mission trip represented the five core values of the university. Education was represented by the workshops given to the kindergarten teachers and health education to the patients. Truth was represented by communicating knowledge to the people of Peru, and learning from them, as well. Faith was lived by reflections led by Sister Kirk and interactions with the UIW missionaries and the Sisters of Charity that are ministering in Peru. Service was a very big part of the mission trip by giving the travelers a global perspective and emphasis on social justice and community service to the Peruvian community. Innovation was shown through the experience itself, being the first-ever mission trip of its kind.



Volunteers mingle with Peruvian children and serve adults in need of vision services provided by representatives from UIW's Rosenberg School of Optometry. Services included reading glasses, prescription glasses or referrals.

## Nominations sought for spirit, teaching awards

The University of the Incarnate Word community is invited to submit nominations for the annual CCVI Spirit Award and Presidential Teaching Award.

Faculty, administration, staff and students are invited to submit one or more nominations for the CCVI Spirit Award which will be awarded during the observance of Incarnate Word Day on April 4, according to University Mission and Ministry.

Nominations made in previous years for persons

who were not selected will be reconsidered each year. If in any year the Selection Committee -- comprised of past winners -- determines no suitable candidate has been proposed, the award will not be given out that year. The deadline to enter nominations is by the end of the day Sunday, Feb. 28.

Students, alumni and faculty may submit nominations now through Feb. 29 at [www.uiw.edu/teacher](http://www.uiw.edu/teacher) for the 2016 Presidential Teaching Award.

The recipient -- a full-time faculty member who exemplifies "excellence in teaching that leads to student engagement" -- will receive a \$5,000 stipend.

Recipients of this one-time award then become members of the selection committee in succeeding years.

The award is given at the annual Faculty Appreciation Luncheon, which is set 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. April 19 in McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom.





## From the Editor's Desk:

By Angela Hernandez



## Birthday ups-and-downs

While most people are out trying to find the perfect gift for their valentine, I pulled my head out of the clouds to realize my birthday is right around the corner.

I was reminded of when my parents thought it was a good idea to let my younger sister and I have joint parties, even though my birthday is in February and Amy's is in June. I think they wanted us to never be jealous of one another, it saved money and because Amy and I have and always will be inseparable.

I reminisced about how my parents took me out of kindergarten early on my birthday when I was 5, took me to Peter Piper Pizza and asked the staff to put on my favorite show, "Sailor Moon."

Although I have these great memories of my birthday, now that I'm older I find myself avoiding making plans for my birthday because I'm usually busy with school and work, my family is waiting for their income tax refunds to splurge on me and because February doesn't have the best weather conditions.

I prefer a small dinner with my loved ones compared to a party with lots of people. I think that in my almost 22 years of living I have had too many bad experiences with birthday parties.

When I turned 13 I begged my parents to let me have a party in the back yard of our new home. I thought I would finally be able to invite all my friends from school and have a piñata since up until then we had lived in an apartment and we didn't have much room or money for large-scale festivities.

I planned for the party to be unicorn-themed, but unfortunately my classmates didn't feel the same enthusiasm for my party. Most RSVP'd for the party, but on the actual day, only a handful of my friends showed up.

I felt so embarrassed. I had asked my parents to spend so much money on all the people I had asked to come. The food and festivities didn't go to waste, however. My immediate and extended family cheered me up in time to blow out my candles.

My grandma and best friend at the time told me, "Sometimes you will have bad days, even on your birthday, but it's a blessing to know you lived another year. So I promise you another year of great days that will make up for this last one."

That was the last year I spent my birthday with my grandma.

As the years went on I started relating my birthday to bad memories. A couple years after my 13th birthday, Amy wanted to have her own attempt at a backyard-birthday bash, leaving her with the same bitter taste of birthday cake in her mouth. The night after her party that went off without a hitch, our dad told us he was leaving the family.

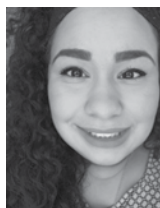
I was devastated. I no longer was the only one in the family with bad memories on their birthday. I consoled my sister and gave her the same advice our grandma had given me.

Years have passed since those terrible days for my sister and I. We are extremely grateful for each other, our mom and stepdad. While we do have some reservations about celebrating another year of living, we still smile because of the great things we've experienced and the more to come.

I think everyone has good memories that make up the foundation of our lives and even bad ones that leave cracks in the foundation, perhaps even on a birthday. But I just like to remind myself that every beautiful and historic building has some cracks in their foundation and how grateful I am I can blow out my candles.

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## Spend Valentine's Day with friends, family



By Valerie Bustamante  
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The anticipation to have my mom take me to Walgreens as a 5-year-old kid to buy different character theme cards was so thrilling.

Standing below 3 feet tall, I remember just staring up at the shelves with bright eyes of excitement. There were always so many to choose from. Dinosaur ones, "Hello Kitty" ones, Spider-Man ones and even Barbie ones!

Choosing the right one was the easy part; the hard part was sitting at the dining-room table and actually writing the cards out. I had to make sure the boys in my class didn't get any of the "Be My Valentine?" or "I like you" cards because that wasn't cool.

After figuring out that situation, the other fun came in making the "mailbox" my classmates were going to drop their cards in addressed to me. My kindergarten mailbox was the best: it was a shoebox covered in pink construction paper with purple and red hearts and a slit in the middle where the cards could slip through.

Till this day I still remember cutting out each individual heart and pasting them all over.

Now as an adult I honestly still get so excited to see all the corny things that come out in the stores once it's this time of the year. The minute I walk into Walgreens or Target and see the aisles covered in pinks and red, I run over and go gaga for the mini-heart erasers and 25-cent valentine pencils. I also like to see all the cards the kids from today's generation get to share with their classmates.

However, at some point as a teenager in high school I wanted nothing to do with the holiday. I dreaded Feb. 14, the candy-filled holiday because every year it was the same. All my friends had boyfriends to buy them flowers and I didn't. I went from always being excited about it as a child to not wanting anything to do with it.

And there are a lot of people that feel the same way. Once the calendar switches to Feb. 1, they begin to complain about how much they hate Valentine's Day. The reasons vary. Many believe it's pointless, some say it's fake and others because they're single.

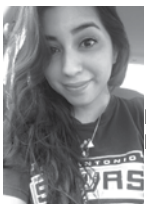
After time passed I realized there was no point in being bitter about it because things can be so much worse. It's a waste of time, complaining about it and sulking alone and putting yourself in a depressing state.

Sure, sometimes we wish we could be welcomed with a simple teddy bear or flowers, but it's not always about that. You don't always have to be with a significant other to have a Valentine's Day. Surround yourself with people who love you such as family and friends. They are the ones who are going to always be there for you. Cherish them. Heck! Buy a box of pizza and a bottle of wine, and have a "movie night" with friends. Buy a box of cool children's Valentine cards and pass them out to random people. Those little cards can always bring a smile to someone's face. Emerge yourself into something you love such as a favorite hobby or explore something totally new. Wanna learn how to two-step? Then go out there and learn.

What am I doing? My Valentine's Day will be spent with my Logos friends, watching Ryan Reynolds in "Deadpool" because Valentine's doesn't always have to be about romance movies.

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# Finding someone worth keeping



By Priscilla Aguirre  
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Relationships. What makes one a healthy one? Guys, take notes. Gals, read my words.

In the experience my life has taken me, I think I can separate the good and the bad. Boyfriends. Girlfriends. What makes one a keeper? Some relationships start early as high-school sweethearts and some people are just dating looking for the right one.

Whether you're taken, single or it's just complicated, don't go looking for happiness with someone else if you aren't happy with yourself first. It's such a cliché line but the truth lies behind those words.

Let's say you found your happiness and now want to find a significant other. You have big plans for your future and having a family of your own keeps popping up in your mind. But before marriage and children you have to fall in love with a keeper. How can you find that special someone? It's easier than you think but harder than it seems.

**For the complicated**

Breaking up every other month. Yeah, that's not a good sign. Deal-breaker even.

Don't waste your time on people who don't know what they want. In the dictionary, cheating is defined when someone is dishonest or unfair. Keep that in mind. If he or she cheated on you that will probably happen again, in most cases. Treats you wrong. Leave them. No questions asked. Don't settle for a mediocre relationship when everyone deserves something great. True love is meant for everyone. It may take longer than you want but it's worth the wait. Yeah, relationships are all different and hard but when you find that special someone it shouldn't be that difficult to not have a wandering eye.

**For the Taken**

There are so many questions to ask yourself if you are in a relationship. The one you shouldn't ask yourself is, "does she or he make me happy?" Being the significant other, it's your duty to make sure there is happiness in that relationship and it shouldn't feel like a chore. If they are the right one for you than it shouldn't be hard.

Love isn't difficult with a keeper. Be on the same pages. If not, someone will explode. Try to enjoy the other person's interests no matter what it is. Most of

all be reasonable and compromise. If you are taking the other for granted and just with them until something better comes along, just let them go. Don't be afraid of being alone.

**For the singles**

You most likely won't find that keeper on Tinder or any other apps along those same lines. The keeper usually hides in the crowd of your friends. That friend has been there for the good, bad and the ugly. Date that person and see how it goes. If there isn't a friend, consider the person you have a crush on and be their friend first. Don't hook up right away. That is moving too quickly. Slow it down and just have fun getting to know them first. See if they meet what you like in a person and pursue if they do. You know yourself and what you like. Don't settle for OK.

Being in a relationship is amazing only if you are with the person you are supposed to be with. If not, then what's the point in staying? I'm no expert, but in general people should know a good relationship from a bad one. The romance you feel with someone you know you want to be with is indescribable. It's worth waiting for and worth leaving crappy relationships for.

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## Administrator: Student surveys lead to big improvements



By Dr. Glenn James

So what's the big idea with all the survey invitations you get in your Cardinal Mail?

Are all these surveys really worth your time? Does anybody really read all your comments?

First, some good news: YES, your faculty and deans and administrators – and me – really read all your inputs on these surveys. No kidding. And we really try to fix things based on your inputs. One recent example – student concerns about campus safety consistently pointed to places with no sidewalks and dangerously dark areas at night. Those inputs led to last year's construction of the nicely lit boardwalks from the hilltop housing down to main campus.

There's a challenge, of course: with all the questions we'd like to ask, we risk giving students "survey fatigue." If we send too many surveys, we risk irritating the very people whose opinions and ideas we need. So, I want to assure you we take some careful steps to minimize that fatigue and maximize the impact of your input. Who is this "we"? The UIW Institutional Effectiveness Council – about 20 reps from offices all over campus. That council looks pretty far ahead (three to five years in advance) and spreads out the schedules of our big surveys so we don't do too many in a single term.

So there's the big picture. YOUR opinions make a difference in how we improve UIW. We try our best to not intrude on your busy studies and work schedules. Knowing all that, here's a sneak peek at the major surveys you're likely to see between now and June. You'll notice not everyone gets invited to play in every survey. That depends on the goal of the survey itself.

National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE February-May): "Nessie" is one of our regular surveys (about three years) where we ask a sample of freshmen

and seniors about their impressions of their learning and campus life. Students who complete the survey have a chance to win a \$500 gift card!

Graduation Exit Survey (April-May): This important survey will be available to all graduating students at all levels, from bachelor's to Ph.D. and professional degrees. This is a great place to leave a legacy of improving UIW as a whole.

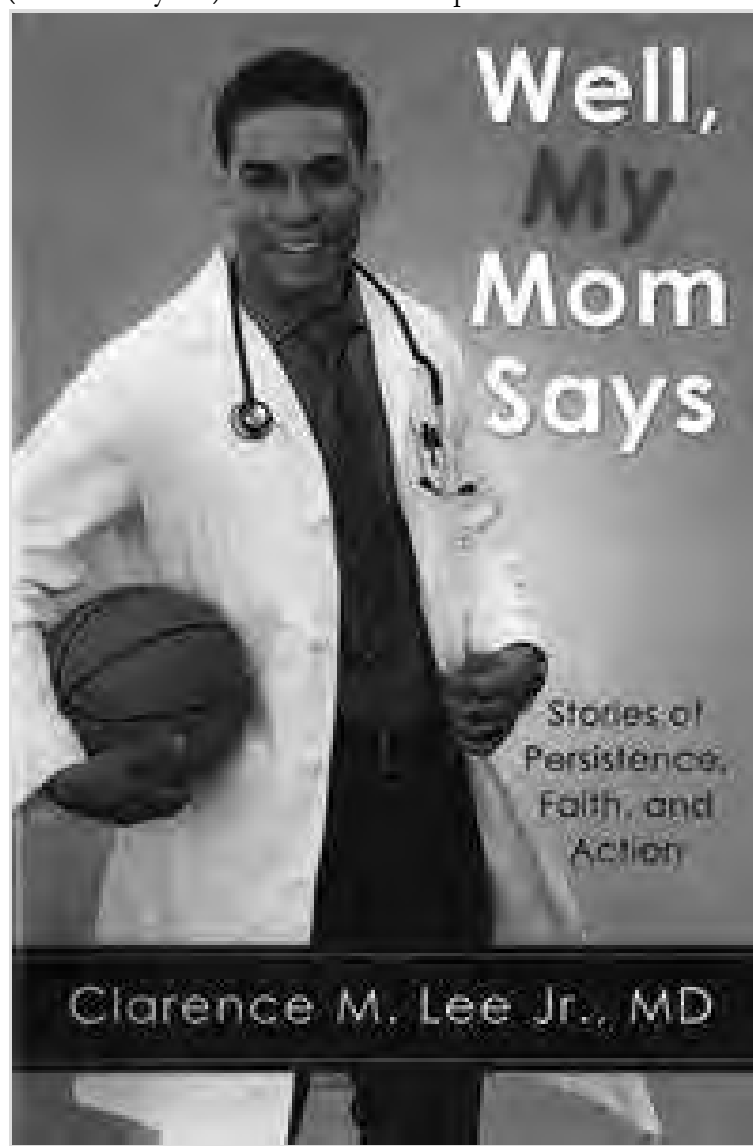
End of Course (April-May): Like usual, students will have the chance to give feedback on most of their courses toward the end of the term. Faculty and deans use those inputs to make improvements on courses and programs. Please continue to take time to reply for all the courses you're invited to critique.

Finally, thank you for taking precious time to respond to these surveys. YOU make a difference at UIW.

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Gaby Galindo/ LOGOS Staff  
UIW student concerns about safety led to last year's construction of lit pedestrian boardwalks serving the hill.



## Physician shares success story

By Horace Williams  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

"Living a Purpose-Focused Life" was the theme of a University of the Incarnate

Word graduate's Feb. 4 motivational message for Black History Month.

Dr. Clarence M. Lee Jr., who played basketball for UIW when the mascot was the Crusaders vs. today's Cardinals, touched on several topics during his address in Dubuis Hall's Student Center: among them leadership, success, entrepreneurship, health and fitness, persistence and personal development.

Lee, a former Air Force flight surgeon who did a residency at San Antonio Military Medical Center, said he didn't make the best grades as a biology major at UIW but he was determined to become a physician.

It took him five years to get in medical school at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia. He also earned an MBA at Drexel.

Lee, a Kansas City, Mo., native who's now based in Sacramento, Calif., began his PowerPoint presentation with a short film documenting his achievements and then shifted to some energy-filled group participation.

"We're gonna have a dance party," he said before instructing the audience to start jumping in place and then to go around giving "high fives to as (many) people as possible."

The activity helped break the ice, giving some hint Lee was not going to give your average, run-of-the-mill speech. He also had copies of his book, "Well, My Mom Says: Stories of Persistence, Faith and Action," to sign afterwards.

Lee spoke of aspiring "to our highest selves... (the) "highest potential." He stressed four things to master: (1) Get your mindset right (2) your WHY? (3) "Where do you have the most potential?" or "What are you good at?" (that is, your natural gifts) and (4) "Where you're gonna serve"/"WHO you are going to serve."

And in college be prepared to deal with peer pressure to party rather than study, he said.

"(Say) NO to anything that distracts you from your goal," Lee stressed.

**FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**



Dr. Clarence M. Lee Jr.

## Provide 'salt, light' for the world



By Candace Garner  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

I was reading Matthew 5:13-16 the other night where it starts off saying, "You are the salt of the earth" goes on later to say, "You are the light of the world."

This really got me to thinking. God really does not ask much of us. Oftentimes we

think He is asking a lot because He wants us to let go of what is comfortable and familiar and take us into what we like to call unknown territory. And in this place of unknown territory He wants us to be the best person He has created us to be.

But in order for us to get there we have to go through some stretching. We have to go through some pruning. We have let go of what is familiar in order for Him to be able to take us to a place that's even higher beyond reach.

Each of us has to go through this season of growing, and oftentimes it can seem pretty hard. But if we could only see what God has in store for us on the other side of the mountain, we wouldn't be so quick to delay the process of our journey. We think, "Oh, I have time." And oftentimes we put off to tomorrow what we can do today. As a result, we can miss the opportunities God has for us and we can miss reaching our full potential, because we are stuck in our safety zones.

Sometimes it takes a great deal of faith to step into that unknown territory, but once we do, our lives only become better because we have made the decision to let go and let God. Because you were willing to step out on faith, and take the first step you have already conquered the biggest giant. The rest of your steps will only become lighter along the way because you allow God to walk with you instead of you walking the journey alone.

There are only 24 hours in a day and each of us are given the same amount of time. Every morning we wake up we are given the freedom to choose. How are you using your 24 hours? I ask myself that question every morning I wake up now. Am I using them to build up myself and others around me, or am I using them to tear people down? We all have the choice to be the salt and the light of the Earth. We all have the choice every time we wake up to choose to be the best person we can be today. We all have the choice to make today meaningful, to lend a helping hand, to go out and be a witness so when others see you, they see Him too.

Oftentimes we can let worldly distractions, or people and situations take our focus off of what is really important. We give too much of our time and spend too much of our energies on things that are only designated to take our focus off of Him. We get blinded by greed, power, position, or even gossip. And these things will only consume you if you let it. Choose to redirect your energies into something positive.

A wise women once told me there will come a day when we all have to give an account to God, and He will ask what did you do with the people He entrusted you with and sent your way? Every person I meet, every soul I come across, I make sure now that I try my best to live in a way that when people see me they can see Him too. You are never too busy to show compassion, or mercy, or give others your time. Do it freely, do it lovingly, and do it without an agenda.

We should all be trying our best to be the salt and the light of the Earth. Every morning now that I wake up, I'm going to keep this in mind.

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Victoria O'Connor/ LOGOS Staff  
Students enjoy a block party the Campus Activities Board held the first week back from the holiday break.



Victoria O'Connor/ LOGOS Staff  
A University of the Incarnate Word student tries to remove a Jenga block safely without the whole pile falling down.

# CAB throws block party

By Victoria O'Connor  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The Campus Activities Board helped kick off the second semester with a block party Jan. 13 near Ann Barshop Natatorium parking lot.

Students came from all over campus to enjoy music, games, food and friends as they attended CAB's first event of the semester.

"I think [the party] turned out great, an overall great way to start off the semester," CAB President Victoria Escamilla said. "We just wanted a chill experience, nothing super-crazy. This is really the simplest idea we could come up with, but we've gotten a lot of positive feedback. I heard people are having a good time, and that's all I really wanted."

Students were lined up throughout the night to try out food given out by three local food trucks -- Amore Pizza, Lone Star Kettle Corn and Chamoy City Limits.

"It's very simple, people come out to get food and hang out with some good ambiance," Escamilla said.

"We had used Lone Star Kettle Corn in one of our past events, "Wicked." Amore Pizza is across from Cheesy Jane's, and I don't know where we found Chamoy City Limits, but they are pretty local and were excited to help work with us."

Though CAB had advertised its block party with posters on campus, the music they heard from KUIW DJs was enough to reel students in.

"I just heard the music when I was walking by, so I thought I would just stop in and see if I saw any of my friends," senior John Dunne said. "When I saw them, we just sat together and ate some pizza. Overall I thought the event was good. It's a different idea, so it's cool to see CAB branching out."

Dunne said he not only thought the block party was a success, but a great way to talk with other students.

"It's a good way to do ice breakers, get to know people," Dunne said. "What better way to talk to

someone than over the common interest of food? CAB pretty much nailed it."

Freshman Valerie Luna said the party offered a fun chance to meet new people.

"I think whenever you go to events like that, there is always a whole bunch of people, and you end up talking to more people than you expect," Luna said. "I guess that's how you meet new people -- at least for me it is. I thought the event was really fun."

CAB hopes to plan more events like the block party in the future, and possibly change up a few things.

"We might just keep planning events like this along with learning a few elements with experience," Escamilla said. "We did have the photo booth and Jenga, but maybe next time we could add another outdoor game like Cornhole, or something like that."

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## Football inks 18 on National Signing Day

By Kelsey Johnson  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word's football team is 18 recruits stronger after National Signing Day on Wednesday,



Kelsey Johnson/LOGOS Staff

Head Coach Larry Kennan

Feb. 3.

"What we have that is really good is that we have a fabulous

university in a great location, we have a great city to sell and we have great people in the program," Head Coach Larry Kennan said in a news conference at Gayle and Tom Benson fieldhouse.

The 2015 team finished 6-5 overall and 5-4 in the Southland Conference, the coach noted, adding that the Cardinal defense was ranked No. 1 in the state.

Kennan used the conference to personally thank the coaching staff for all of their hard work in the successful 2015 season and their help in signing the new freshman class, which includes six offensive linemen, six players on defense and one quarterback.

The 2016 season will be the seventh year of the UIW football program.

### WHAT'S NEXT

Spring training for the Cardinals is under way.

The players will put their training to the test in the annual spring football game at 6 p.m. April 9 in Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium.

Academics are a key component that draws players to UIW, Kennan said.

"In a six-year period, football has had an 88 percent graduation rate, which is way better than the national average of about 60," Kennan said. Five players maintained 4.0 grade point averages. (See Southland Conference all-academic team on Page 10.)

Kennan enlightened the crowd on a number of new players, including wide receiver Marquis Lawson, from Crenshaw High School. Lawson

was previously committed to UCLA, but in the end chose to sign with UIW.

"We signed three wide receivers and Lawson was the fourth that we stumbled on late and couldn't pass up," he said.

The signing season is a tough one on both coaches and players.

"It starts early, it started last year," Kennan said. "You know we start evaluating players, and in May we go out and evaluate every school in the state of Texas, and we narrow it down to the guys we really want."

## Profiles of the new Cardinals players

Ryan Carlson, outside linebacker, 6-7, 260, Valley Mills, Texas.

Mar'kel Cooks, linebacker, 6-0, 215, Irving, Texas.

Kyle Covington, cornerback, 6-2, 180, The Colony, Texas.

Oscar Draguicevich, punter, 5-9, 165, Hutto, Texas.

Brandon Flores, outside linebacker, 6-4, 280, La Vernia, Texas.

Aaron Freeman, wide receiver, 5-11, 170, Temple, Texas.

Robert Hayes, defensive back, 6-2, 185, Slidell, La.

Terence Hickman, outside linebacker, 6-3, 260, Converse, Texas.

Desmond Hite, running back, 5-9, 178, Cypress, Texas.

Cam Johnson, wide receiver, 6-0, 178, North Richland Hills, Texas.

David Johnson, quarterback, 6-1, 172, Dallas, Texas.

Marquis Lawson, wide receiver, 5-9, 165, Los Angeles, Calif.

Uzoma Okere, outside linebacker, 6-2, 260, Grand Prairie, Texas.

Mark Palacios, outside linebacker, 6-2, 290, Helotes, Texas.

Levi Swang, outside linebacker, 6-5, 280, Tomball, Texas.

Chris Thomas, safety, 6-2, 185, Houston, Texas.

Isaiah Townes, wide receiver, 6-0, 180, Pflugerville, Texas.

Matthew Yarbrough, defensive tackle, 6-0, 279, Rowlett, Texas.



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Point guard Aricka Adams prepares to take a free throw Jan. 30 against Nicholls State. The home team lost 66-64.  
A ROUND BALL DOUBLEHEADER AGAINST A SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE FOE



Issys Garcia/ LOGOS Staff

Cardinal forward Simi Socks advances the ball down court against Nicholls State. The Cardinals won 68-61.

### Men's Basketball

Feb. 27

MBB vs. Lamar @ 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 29

MBB vs. Stephen F. Austin @ 6:00 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

Feb. 18

WBB vs. Houston Baptist @ 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 24

WBB vs. Stephen F. Austin @ 6:00 p.m.

## Track-and-field teams setting school records

By Sye Bennefield  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER



Dr. Derek Riedel

The University of the Incarnate Word's track-and-field teams set a total of nine school records Jan. 16 at the J.D. Martin Invitational hosted by the University of Oklahoma.

The Cardinals set 23 school records in three total invitational. The strong performances could be credited to a lot of different things but Dr. Derek Riedel, who coaches them, singled out one in particular.

"They're working hard," Riedel said. "The coaching staff is getting them ready, they're getting in good workouts, working hard and hitting the weights hard and above all, they're just very talented."

That talent was most evident at the Cherry & Silver Invitational



Clinton Cole

hosted Jan. 22-23 by the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque Convention Center.

On hand were nationally known collegiate programs such as Texas, Southern Methodist University and Fresno State and UIW's Southland Conference competitors such as Sam Houston and Southeastern Louisiana.

"It was a good opportunity for our athletes to see some competition that they ordinarily wouldn't see," Riedel said.

The Cardinals wasted no time in introducing themselves to their new and old competition, going on to break eight school records, almost matching what they accomplished in Oklahoma the weekend prior.

One of those school records was set by sophomore jumper/sprinter Sarea Alexander, an athletic training major.



Sarea Alexander





## 101 student-athletes earn Southland academic honors

The University of the Incarnate Word had 101 student-athletes named to the Southland Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll from last fall – 15 of whom earned perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

The roll acknowledges participants in all fall sports sponsored by the league and its member institutions. The honor roll is released within 30 days at the conclusion of the fall and spring semesters, recognizing student-athletes who maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Student-athletes, nominated by their respective academic advisors, must have been eligible to compete in a conference sport during the academic year in which the nomination occurs.

The five sports represented in the conference for fall 2015 include football, men's and women's cross country, volleyball and women's soccer.

Listed by sport, GPA and major, the honorees include:

### Football

Michael Allen, 3.70, criminal justice; Jawara Beasley, 3.51, computer information systems; Trent Brittain, 4.0, criminal justice; Isaiah Carrizales, 3.38, nursing; Cyril Clarke, 3.35, business administration; Trey Colbert, 3.1, communication arts;

Padyn Giebler, 3.51, engineering management; Jamari Gilbert, 3.52, business administration; Jordan Hicks, 3.06, psychology; Sam Hines, 3.38, history; Sean Hoeferkamp, 3.33, business administration; Taylor Hudson, 3.15, business administration;

Daryl Irby, 3.67, business administration; Alex Jenkins, 3.63, computer information systems; Austin Jennings, 3.22, business administration; Devyn Jensen, 3.6, business administration; Jawun Jiles, 3.19, nursing; Clint Killough, 3.35, business administration;

Blake Klumpp, 4.0, business administration; West Lambert, 3.40, business administration; Troy Lara, 3.50,

kinesiology; Roberto Limon, 3.04, kinesiology; Dillon Manz, 3.68, communication arts; Anthony Marciano, 3.20, business administration;

Trevor Mason, 4.0, sports management; Matthew McCarthy, 3.35, business administration; Tim McCoy, 3.33, history; Noah McMeans, 3.51, vision science; Dallin Muti, 3.1, communication arts; John Myers, 3.8, business administration;

David Nader, 3.94, business administration; Jamaal Ojo, 3.46, criminal justice; Shane Piatnik, 3.14, communication arts; Tyler Preston, 3.01, kinesiology; Broderick Reeves, 3.0, business administration; George Schwanenberg, 4.0, rehabilitative sciences;

Cody Seidel, 3.26, business administration; Gabriel Taylor, 3.26, biology; Nathan Thompson, 3.12, kinesiology; Cole Wick, 3.79, business administration; Taylor Woods, 4.0, business administration; and Josh Zellars, 3.14, business administration.

### Men's Cross Country

Garrett Cortez, 4.0, business administration; Jairo Cruces, 3.8, business administration; Sam Farrell, 3.76, business administration; Deion Hardy, 3.35, athletic training; Mario Mora, 3.34, business administration; Cesar Moreno, 3.57, rehabilitative sciences; Jorge Quintero, 3.31, rehabilitative sciences; James Rodriguez, 3.10, athletic training; and Chris Winski, biology, 4.0.

### Volleyball

Sarea Alexander, 3.08, athletic training; Brianna Blagowsky, 3.58, interdisciplinary studies; Kaitlyn Brooks, 3.68, communication arts; Brittani Dear, 3.81, pharmacy; Shaina Garza, 3.52, kinesiology; Claudia Hernandez, 3.94, fashion management; Hope Kelley, 3.17, community health;

Autumn Lockley, 3.49, rehabilitative sciences; Taylor McClelland, 3.29, nutrition; Brittany Muller, 4.0, biochemistry; Jordan Reifsteck, 3.28, business

administration; Maddie Slaughter, 3.66, business administration; Angelique Vidaurri, 3.0, business administration; and Madison Williams, 3.18, English.

### Women's Cross Country

Dominique Allen, 3.78, rehabilitative sciences; Rainy Castaneda, 3.84, government; Stephanie Diaz, 3.33, nutrition; Lindsey Frost, 4.0, fashion merchandising; Kathleen Hoffman, 3.80, interdisciplinary studies; Danielle Martinez, 3.38, biology; Katelyn Mead, 4.0, sociology;

Damallie Ortiz, 3.42, kinesiology; Katherine Ramirez, 3.46, nutrition; Christina Rivera, 3.43, music education; Keila Rodriguez, 3.64, vision science; Karina Velez, 3.86, business administration; and Emily Wilson, 4.0, biology.

### Women's Soccer

Kylie Allison, 3.78, communication arts; Alyssa Amaya, 3.42, rehabilitative sciences; Addie Bachle, 4.0, biology; Megan Baker, 3.50, nutrition; Marina Bermea, 3.76, art; Karly Brightwell, 4.0, Spanish; Kailey Burton, 3.49, biology; Allison Crabbe, 3.62, biology;

Ashley Crabbe, 3.47, nursing; Emily Halal, 4.0, rehabilitative sciences; Carly Hankins, 3.73, nursing; Sydney Huntsinger, 3.6, art; Abigail Koenigs, 3.38, biology; Heather Kowalik, 3.75, psychology; Shelbie Letzer, 3.86, history; Sabrina Martineau, 3.98, rehabilitative sciences;

Heather McKinney, 3.8, business administration; Shelbi Miller, 4.0, rehabilitative sciences; Mikaela Noriega, 3.14, business administration; Nikki Popa, 3.88, rehabilitative sciences; Alexis Santos, 3.33, kinesiology; Megan Stokes, 3.25, biology; and Karey Tylman, 3.79, business administration.

## Track-and-field set records cont.

Alexander broke her school records in both the triple jump and long jump and after the invitational was ranked No. 1 in the conference in the long jump and No. 4 in the triple.

"That was a fantastic meet for her," said Riedel. "It wasn't a surprise that she did that, but she was kind of what I would say, the MVP of the meet."



Jasmine Waring

Other notables of the Cherry & Silver Invitational Riedel mentioned were sophomore middle-distance runner, Deion Hardy, an athletic training major; freshman sprinter Clint Cole; and senior sprinter/high jumper Jasmine Waring. Cole and Waring are rehabilitative sciences majors.

"Cole, a freshman sprinter, ran really well at New Mexico," Riedel said. "He ran a good 200m and ran for the first time the 4x400m B team, and ran a solid leg there. Then Deion Hardy ran really well. He elevated himself to fourth in the conference in the 800m at that meet and he also ran the 600m. Jasmine Waring jumped 5-07 in the high jump and that put her tied for second in the conference at that meet."

Those notable performances stood out in Riedel's mind, but again he quickly reiterated what he had said before

"But again we broke eight school records."

Things were no different a week later at the Howie Ryan Invitational hosted Jan. 29-30 by the University of Houston.

Hardy and senior Rainy Castaneda, a middle-distance runner and government major, set new school records in the mile. That now has Castaneda ranked second in conference.

Both the men and women's DMR (distance medley relay) also set school records. The



Ryan Haese



Rainy Castaneda

"We (UIW) can offer a very high-quality education, a beautiful campus, a good school and now they (recruits) can compete at the Division I level," said Riedel.

Up next for the Cardinals: the Southland Conference Championships in Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 15-16.

"We're going in motivated, we're 99 percent healthy and all of our main athletes are healthy, motivated and ready to go," said Riedel. "Forty-eight athletes will make the trip."

On March 18-19, UIW will host its own Quadrangle Invite meet with local nearby universities. Then after a string of relays and invitationals they will host the UIW Invitational April 8-9.

"It's an opportunity for our athletes to compete on the track here at home and have their friends, family and classmates come watch them without having to travel," Riedel said.



Deion Hardy

## Soccer pair goes pro

Two former University of the Incarnate Word men's soccer team players have signed professional contracts this winter.

Vinny Bailey, a former NCAA Division II All-American who played for the Cardinals from 2010-13, signed with Chorley Football Club of the National League North in Great Britain on Christmas Eve. And Jonathan Camarena, a Division I Second Team All-West Region performer who played from 2012-15, signed with the Ocelots of the Mexican Second Division.

Bailey and Camarena, who were teammates on the 2012 UIW team, both previously played for the San Antonio-based Corinthians FC club. In 2012, the two men helped lead a team that was NCAA Division II West Region and Lone Star Conference champions and advanced to the Elite Eight.

The Cardinals are currently a member of NCAA Division I and the Western Athletic Conference.



Vinny Bailey



Jonathan Camarena

## Cardinals host tourney, place second

The University of the Incarnate Word could not overcome Lamar University in the final round of a men's golf tournament Tuesday the Cardinals held at Republic Golf Course.

The Cardinals had to settle for second place in the James S. Litz Memorial Tournament.

The Cardinals were the only team of 11 competing that broke 300 in all three rounds, but they finished nine strokes behind Lamar which posted a 308-286-291=883 to win the tournament. The course played as a par-71, 7007-yard layout and had perfect weather for the final round. UIW finished with a 299-296-297=892 total and had three starters finish in the top 11 overall players.

UIW senior Austin Wylie led the team with a 72-72-76=220 to finish in sixth place on his 22nd birthday.

"I'm pretty happy with the way I hit the ball yesterday," said Wylie. "I got myself in a position to win and I really wanted to get that win today, but I just couldn't get anything going."

Freshman Chase Rios and senior Myles Dumont each finished tied for 11th place with 225 strokes for the Cardinals. Rios opened with a 79 and then finished with a 71-75 while Dumont fired three consecutive 75's. Another freshman, Cole Solis, was actually the top finisher for the Cardinals playing as an individual medalist. He finished in fourth place after carding a 70-73-75=218, two strokes back.

## Coach: Softball team will 'surprise' league



Coach Mandy Gamboa

team is expected to finish last this spring in the Southland Conference, according to a preseason poll released in January.

But Cardinals Coach Amanda

"Mandy" Gamboa begs to differ with the polling of the league's head coaches and sports information directors who only have last year's 12-39 overall record and 4-23 conference mark as reference points.

In fact, Gamboa believes the league is going to be surprised by UIW's team.

"Winning only four conference games we really didn't prove ourselves to the conference last year, which

of course resulted in the last-place standings," said Gamboa, who's in her fourth year as head coach.

"It's unfortunate with standings/record, you don't see the whole picture," she added. "All you see is a number. It doesn't show the leaps and strides we have made over the past two years. The work our athletes have put in the weight room, classroom and (on) the diamond."

UIW returns 10 players who made at least 20 starts in 2015, including the team's top pitcher, Kristin Herbert, a junior biology major from Humble, Texas, who earned honorable mention all-conference honors last year.

"We are growing as a team and as a program we know we are going in the right direction," Gamboa said. "We have added 11 new Cardinals to our team

and we are 28 strong."

The team opens its season Feb. 11 on the road at the University of Texas-El Paso and won't play the first home game at Sullivan Field until March 11 against Northwestern State University.

"We are going to surprise a lot of opponents this year with our short-game, strong defense and depth in our pitching and hitting," Gamboa said. "If you are going to beat us, you're going to have work for it. The only great thing about placing us low (in the poll) is all you can do is go up, and I have complete faith in my team that we will go up."



Kristin Herbert





Dr. Victoria Risko



Dr. Stephanie Grote-Garcia



Dr. Jill Lewis-Spector



Dr. Donald J. Leu



Dr. Linda Gambrell



Dr. Jack Cassidy



Dr. Evan Orlieb



Guadalupe Garcia McCall



Marcie Craig Post



Jonathan Rand



Sonia Gensler



John Micklos Jr.



Dr. Estanislado S. Barrera IV

## Literacy Summit to draw hundreds

An estimated 300 educators, researchers and authors are expected to attend the 2016 Literacy Summit Feb. 12-13 at the University of the Incarnate Word, a planner said.

UIW's Dreeben School of Education is host for the gathering aimed at "celebrating 20 years of what's hot" in literacy research and practice.

Dreeben is a cosponsor of the national event along with the Texas Association for Literacy Education and Specialized Literacy Professionals, said Dr. Stephanie Grote-Garcia, an associate professor of education at Dreeben and one of the keynote speakers at the summit.

More than 130 presentations – keynote addresses, 30-minute sessions, roundtable discussions, and poster programs -- will take place during the summit beginning 1 p.m. Feb. 12 in McCombs Center Rosenberg Sky Room and 8 a.m. Feb. 13 in the Music Building.

Presentation topics will include the following:

- Literacy Coaches/Reading Specialists
- English Language Learners
- Academic Writing/Writing from Sources
- Comprehension
- Teacher Preparation and Evaluation for Literacy
- Informational Texts
- Implementing State Standards
- Close Reading and Text Complexity
- Struggling Readers
- Vocabulary
- Motivation
- New Literacies and Digital Literacies

Many of the keynote speakers are past presidents of the International Literacy Association and several have been inducted into the Reading Hall of Fame. Besides Grote-Garcia, other keynoters include Dr. Jill Lewis-Spector, Dr. Donald J. Leu, Dr. Linda Gambrell, Dr. Jack Cassidy, Dr. Evan Orlieb, Dr. Estanislado S. Barrera IV, Dr. Victoria Risko, Marcie Craig Post, and Guadalupe Garcia McCall, an award-winning children's author. In addition, the summit will feature children's authors Jonathan Rand, Sonia Gensler and John Micklos Jr.

Grote-Garcia is among the founding officers for the Texas Association for Literacy Education which held its first literacy summit in 2012 at UIW.

"That first (summit) marked the birth of a new state association for literacy teachers," Grote-Garcia said.

Now the Texas association has more than 400 members and is affiliated with the International Literacy Association, the largest literacy association in the world, she added.

"The Literacy Summit has been receiving national attention," she said.

### FYI

Visit <http://literacysummit.weebly.com/> to view the schedule, read the speaker bios, and to register.

For more info, contact Dr. Stephanie Grote-Garcia at (210) 832-2106 or [grotegar@uiwtx.edu](mailto:grotegar@uiwtx.edu).

## Expo showcases scary slashers

By Marco Cadena  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

From television shows, to scary movies and slasher films, fans of the horror genre gathered Jan. 22-24 at Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center for the first annual Terror Expo.

The convention gave horror and sci-fi fans the opportunity to meet, get autographs from and take professional photos with their favorite celebrities and participate in live Q&A panels.

The expo featured appearances by horror icons such as Robert Englund ("A Nightmare on Elm Street"), Tobin Bell ("Saw"), and movie vamp Elvira the Mistress of Darkness, as well as cast members from hit television shows such as "The Walking Dead's" Emily Kinney and Denis O'Hare from "American Horror Story: Hotel."

Among the crowd of fans, celebrities and sponsors, local artists showcased their horror-based art in forms such as paintings, T-shirts, posters and collectibles.

Leo Scaletta, a junior at the University of the Incarnate Word, was among the artists at the Terror Expo.

"Terror Expo was loads of fun," said Scaletta, who is double-majoring in fine art and psychology. "The artwork and the atmosphere was a lot different from many of the other conventions held in San Antonio mainly because of the 'terror' theme. This 'con' revolved around horror, so many of the artists and vendors catered to that theme, thus making the atmosphere more 'spooky.'"

This was not the first time Scaletta has put his paintings for sale at themed conventions, as he has been part of the Alamo City Comic Con ever since its first year in 2013.

"My art revolves around the horror theme, so it was only natural to be a part of the Terror Expo," Scaletta said. "It was also nice to be around people who share the same passion for horror as I do."

Armando Montelongo of Armando Montelongo Productions, Billy Madison and Fred Hernandez of "The Billy Madison Show," and Alamo City Comic Con creator Alfredo "Apple" de la Fuente founded the terror event.

The success of San Antonio's Comic Con, its urban legends, and the hopes of giving horror fans a "fantastic entertainment destination" were among the main inspirations to fund Terror Expo, Montelongo and de la Fuente said.

Terror Expo featured live panels with Elvira and the cast of "Sharknado," "The Walking Dead," "A Nightmare on Elm Street," and "The Devil's Rejects." Bell from "Saw" and the "American Horror Story" cast also answered fan questions during the last day of the expo.

"Do you wanna play a game?" Bell said as he was introduced at the panel. Bell touched on subjects such as donating blood as part of "Saw's" marketing campaign, his career as an actor, his favorite moments while filming the franchise, and horror as an underrated movie genre.

During the last panel of the expo, O'Hare and Naomi Grossman discussed FX's "American Horror Story." The duo talked about their roles throughout the seasons, the inspirations behind their characters, the latest season of "Hotel," and gave predictions regarding the sixth installment of the series.



Denis O'Hare, center, poses with Marco Cadena and JayJay Gonzalez.

"I think Season Six is going to be aliens landing on an aircraft carrier that crashes into a large building somewhere in Manhattan, and it's called 'Disaster.' That's all I know," O'Hare joked. "Ryan Murphy (creator of the show) likes to announce everything on his own timeframe and literally tells [the cast] nothing because he knows he wouldn't keep our mouth shut."

Despite Terror Expo's low turnout, there are hopes for a follow-up in early 2017; however, nothing has been confirmed yet. On the other hand, Alamo City Comic Con 2016 will take place Oct. 28-30 at Gonzalez Convention Center and will feature appearances from original "Darth Vader" David Prowse, Jason David Frank ("Power Rangers"), and Karen Gillan ("Doctor Who").

If Terror Expo returns, "I will for sure be back next year," Scaletta said. "I will always support the bizarre and the weird."

## Research Week spotlights studies

Undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty will share the fruits of their labor through podium presentations, poster sessions and live performances during the annual Research Week Feb. 23-24.

The week is sponsored by the Office of Research Development in the School of Research and Graduate Studies at the University of the Incarnate Word.

A light lunch will be served 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the foyer of J.E. and L.E. Mabey Library Auditorium before a series of 20-minute podium presentations representing many disciplines in the humanities and sciences runs in the library auditorium from noon to 2:35 p.m.

A "Tuesday Night Live" program featuring the fine and performing arts will be 5:15-8 p.m. in Ingrid Seddon Recital Hall of the Music Building. After the performances, the scholars will discuss the research process in the creation of fine and live performance before ending with a reception.

Formal poster presentations will be on display 3-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the McCombs Center Rosenberg Sky Room. The presenters will be standing by to answer questions

while refreshments will be available. From 5:30 to 7, a Graduate and Professional Student Session will take place in the same space while a light dinner is served.

"Students are encouraged to view posters before class and faculty whose classes are scheduled to meet (that) evening are welcome to meet, view posters, and discuss the posters with their classes as a community," according to a statement from the sponsor.

Podium presentations will return noon-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, to the Library Auditorium, preceded by an 11 a.m.-noon serving of a light lunch and refreshments in the foyer.

The week will climax with a 7 p.m. staging in Evelyn Huth Coates Theatre of Garcia Frederico Lorca's Spanish drama, "The House of Bernarda Alba" (see related story on Page 14 for details). Following the performance, patrons will be privy to a 30-minute "Talk Back" session where the audience will be encouraged to ask questions about the play, its performance, and "connections between Lorca's drama and the Spanish culture from which it emerged."



Dr. Kevin M. Salfen



Dr. Ken Metz



Christopher McCollum



Dr. Orit A. Eylon

### PODIUM PRESENTATIONS

Tuesday, Feb. 23

12:10 p.m.: Dr. Michael J. McGuire, "World Bank Tax Advice to Latin America: Does It Foster Inclusive Development?"

12:35 p.m.: Dr. Audra Skuskauskaite, Sandra Durden and Sadeq Sohrabie, "International Doctoral Students Research Learning Experience in a Ph.D. Program at University of the Incarnate Word."

1 p.m.: Olivia Almirudis, "Power Struggle: The Real Appeal of the Bennet Sisters."

1:25 p.m.: Joseph Flores and Dr. Eylon A. Orit, "Developing Definitions of Music Education in the High School Ensemble with the Application of Innovative Teaching Methods."

1:50 p.m.: Okan Caglayan and Dr. Alison F. Whittemore, "Study of the Use of Vernier Tools to Advance Concept Visualization in a Classroom Environment."

2:15 p.m.: Dr. Adrienne Ambrose, "Epic Catholicism: The 28th International Eucharistic Congress and the Coming of Age of an American wReligion."

Thursday, Feb. 25

12:10 p.m.: Dr. Narges Kasraie, "A New Way to Tackle Diabetic Macular Edema."

12:35 p.m.: John W. Hancock and Dr. Annette Craven, "Attitudes and Expectations Moving Beyond the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act."

1 p.m.: Dr. Karen Weis, Dr. Regina Lederman, Katherine C. Walker, Monika Valetin and Dr. Wen Chan, "Mentors Offering Maternal Support (M.O.M.S.): Findings from a Randomized Control Trial of Program Effectiveness."

1:25 p.m.: Isaac Garza, Dr. Raghunandan Yendapally, Cynthia Franklin, Dr. Helen Smith, Dr. Marcos Oliveira, Miranda Jarrett and Dr. Richard Lee, "Synthesis of Novel Fluoroquinolones with Staphylococcal Activity."

1:50 p.m.: Ramsey O. El Benni, Helia N. Sanchez, Tian Shen, Julia R. Taylor, Dr. Hong Zan and Dr. Paolo Casali, "Short-chain fatty acid histone deacetylase inhibitors produced by gut commensal bacteria modulate class switch DNA recombination and plasma cell differentiation to shape the antibody response."

2:15 p.m.: Dr. Shishu Zhang and Dr. Gregory J. Soukup Sr., "Social and Economic Factors that Significantly Impact the Educational Attainment of Students in Rural China."

2:40 p.m.: Dr. Audra Skuskauskaite, Melissa Gonzales, Alma Fernandez-Villanueva and Kimvy Calpito, "Co-constructing meaning through qualitative interviewing: Researcher and participant dialogic learning."

'TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE' PERFORMERS

"The Twelve Poems of Emily Dickinson" by Aaron Copland: Dr. Orit A. Eylon, primary author, and William Gokelman, co-author/co-performer.

"Scenic Model for 'The House of Bernarda Alba'": Christopher McCollum, primary author.

"Two pieces, Twelve years: A Reflection on Creative Development": Dr. Ken Metz, primary author, and Artina McCain, co-author/co-performer.

"Birding (super flumina) Babylonis": Dr. Kevin M. Salfen, primary author, and Dr. Richard Novak II and Gokelman, co-authors/co-performers.





## Celebrants mark ‘Year of the Monkey’

By Jay Perez  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word community celebrated the “Year of the Monkey” Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the annual Asian New Year celebration.

Sponsored by UIW’s Institute of World Cultures, this year’s event – normally held in Marian Hall Ballroom – moved to McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom.

Also called the Lunar New Year, the Asian New Year is the first day of a secular coordinated by the cycles of the moon. This celebration is enjoyed in many countries throughout Asia including China, Japan and Vietnam, and in parts of the world where the Asian custom is established.

The Skyroom was transformed into a venue with many Asian decorations to give participants a taste of the Asian culture. Red paper cutouts symbolizing good luck surrounded the place.

“I cannot believe that this is the Skyroom,” said Sophia Rodriguez, a sophomore international business major. “The decorations are real pretty throughout. It feels like I literally traveled to China with all of the red. It’s beautiful.”

The celebration showcased different performances and traditional Asian dances. Some performances included a Korean Fan Dance, Bollywood Dance, Hwagwanwn Korean Dance, and the Traditional Lion dance performed by UIW’s Institute of World Cultures Lion Dance Team. Along with performances, there were booths throughout the ballroom, some providing Asian culture information, serving Arabic and Chinese tea, and others selling small Chinese toys. The Study Abroad booth gave out samples of small colorful rice cakes and conversation about going to Japan.

This annual merriment is a time for students to come together, try different food and participate in Asian cultural traditions. Some food that was given free to students included sweet and sour chicken, rice noodles, and dumplings.

“This was my first time coming to the Asian New Year event, and it was quite nice, especially the food,” said junior interior design major Itzamara Machado. “I enjoyed the sweet and sour chicken and dumplings the most. It was my first time ever trying dumplings and they were so delicious.”



The University of the Incarnate Word community gathered in McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom Tuesday, Feb. 9, to celebrate the ‘Year of the Monkey’ for Asian New Year. Participants enjoyed a variety of Asian cuisine, booths providing cultural information and several dances.



# Red Dress Fashion Show promotes health awareness

By Stephen Anderson  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Fashion students got creative and showed off their original dress designs Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the 13th annual Red Dress Fashion Show and Health Fair.

Held in McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom after years of using the old Marian Hall Ballroom, the health fair gave way to the noon fashion show. Before and after the show, participants could go around to different stations to get educated on living healthy lifestyles. Several UIW students, faculty, staff and visitors showed support for the event by wearing the signature color – red.

“It gives me a sense of accomplishment to know that I am involved in an event that is providing what is needed to a great and important cause,” senior Stephanie Gamboa said. “It is exciting to see many of my fellow peers display their own fashion designs that they have worked so hard on. It is also a great opportunity for me to meet others in the same industry with the same vision and dreams as myself.”

The show and health fair are held each year to show support of the American Heart Association and its “Go Red” campaign during February, which is also National Heart Month. The event also promotes cardiac health and provides key information and tips to maintain a healthy life and a healthy heart.

“I was educated in the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle,” Gamboa said. “It was great to see fellow UIW personal friends providing health and vision screenings and fashion designers associated with the fashion show. We were all putting our skills to work firsthand.”

## RED DRESS DESIGNERS

Three juniors earned tuition credits after the audience at the annual Red Dress Fashion Show texted in their designs as the top ones on the runway.

First-place winner Nancy Reding earned \$1,000 in tuition credits. Placing second was Felisa Santillan with \$750 tuition credits. Third place and \$500 in tuition credits went to Olivia Willims.

Other designers included senior Alex Charles; juniors Natalia Hendrichs, Patrick Martinez, Shabnam Vaezzadeh, Breana Villa and Tiffany White; sophomores Emily Demmer, Alejandrina Sanchez, Kelsey Torres and Keer Wang; and freshmen Gianni Del Prado, Amanda Gaitan, Magaly Medina and Emily Nolan.



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Red Dress Pageant models and designers line up on the runway at McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom. The audience texted their top choice of designs. The event was a highlight of the fair to promote health.





## Theatre to stage Spanish drama

By Yael Garcia-Torrescano  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

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Students rehearse their roles in 'The House of Bernarda Alba' opening Feb. 19.

### FYI

"The House of Bernarda Alba" runs Feb. 19-21 and Feb. 25-27 in Evelyn Huth Coates Theatre at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Admission is free for UIW students, faculty and staff with ID. UIW card-holders also can purchase a ticket at a discounted rate. Otherwise, tickets are \$8 for non-UIW students with ID, \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and \$6 for groups of 10 or more.

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## 'The Choice' just in time for Valentine's viewing



By Nancy Benet  
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It seems like almost every year, a Nicholas Sparks novel-inspired movie comes out in February before Valentine's Day.

This year is no different in honor of all the couples, or single teenage girls, who go to the movies during Valentine's Day weekend hoping for a romantic night.

"The Choice," a movie directed by Ross Katz, hit theaters on Friday, Feb. 5.

Sparks' books/movies usually all turn out the same way. Two people who are complete polar opposites fall in love in a small town, hit a few bumps on the road, but eventually end up being happy. Until something extremely dramatic happens right when you think the movie is going to end, causing you to leave the theatre with tears running down your face, or your girlfriend's makeup all over your shirt.

This movie -- almost two hours long -- is no different from the other films inspired by Sparks' novels. The plot's a typical love story, at least during the first three quarters of it. The storyline kind of drags in order to fit the dramatic twist at the end, and I found myself waiting for it to be over. Although it is not the best movie I have ever seen, it is the typical movie to go watch on Valentine's Day.

In the film, Gabby Holland (Teresa Palmer) is a medical student trying to study for her exams, while dating a super-successful doctor with country-club parents. Gabby moves in next door to Travis Parker (Benjamin Walker), a local veterinarian who can't seem to settle down in his life. After the two meet, their lives change instantly for the sake of their love for one another.

I do not want to spoil the crazy twists in this story. However, I will say the last 30 minutes of the movie could have been a little more entertaining and a little less predictable. I felt as if most of the last quarter of the movie was somewhat unnecessary. There were a lot of pointless scenes that took the

place of other scenes that could have been more meaningful to the film.

"The Choice" is an adorable story. I probably will not be watching it again, but it is not a bad film to go watch with your valentine. While I will not reveal how the story ends, I will say I wept some tears while watching it.



Teresa Palmer and Benjamin Walker

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## Review: 'Quantico' worth watching



By Brenda Herring  
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

"Quantico," an American television show on ABC, examines the lives of FBI recruits who all have come to Virginia (Quantico base) for 21 weeks of training to become special agents.

The recruits are from all over the world with different backgrounds and lifestyles. Each person has something unique about themselves that sets

them apart from millions of people. Each one is considered the best and the brightest in the universe. However, the recruits have hidden secrets for wanting to be at Quantico, whether it's for political or personal gain.

But one recruit has the BIGGEST secret out of all of them. This recruit ends up being suspected of masterminding and planning one of the most deadly/horrifying attacks on U.S. soil since Sept. 11, 2001. The question on everyone's mind is which recruit decided to betray their own country for unknown reasons? Who can it be?

As a viewer of the show, you're always on edge because the first episode in the first minute,

you see the aftermath of the 9-11 attack in New York City but then there's always a constant flashback to show how we got to this event. So you start off at the end, which is this major unexpected attack that caught the FBI by surprise and work your way back to when the recruits arrive at Quantico together.

The recruits not only go through rigorous training, such as profiling each other, gun ranges, vigorous exercising, etc. They all live together, wake up before the sun comes out, and their day doesn't end until night.

Alex Parrish, who is portrayed as the protagonist, is the one person accused of doing something horrific based upon her being found under a pile of rubble. She was the "first person of interest" just because of her being found there, doing so well at Quantico, and also her ethnicity. Parrish was born to a Caucasian mother and Indian father.

From the beginning of the show the first thing, she declares her innocence. So, as the show goes on, she attempts to clear her name by contacting former FBI recruits and working with them by finding evidence.

Her father, Michael Parrish, was part of the FBI at one point. But here's the thing, as a viewer, the first thing I noticed is the character, specifically the show's main character is half-Indian. As a viewer, I believe full-heartedly, they did want to make a main character 100 percent Indian and accuse a character of a crime, because the show's creators knew there would be controversies left and right to the point they would have to rewrite the show or cancel it, period.

One thing audiences can take away from the show is that not everything is as it seems. An individual can be at a crime scene, but that doesn't mean the person perpetrated the crime. We can't jump to conclusions because that's how altercations, lawsuits, and controversies come across.

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## Clarinetist to give senior recital

The Department of Music at the University of the Incarnate Word has scheduled a music education major's senior recital 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, in Ingrid Seddon Recital Hall.

Jennifer Villarreal's recital is presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Music in Music Education.

Villarreal will be accompanied by Dr. Ara Kho, a department lecturer, on piano during the performance and on two selections by clarinetist Joseph Mora as well.

She is scheduled to perform "Clarinet Concerto in A Major, K.622," a 1791 piece by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; "Rhapsody for Clarinet" (1952) by Willson Osborne; "Concertpiece No. 2, Op. 114" (1833) by Felix Mendelssohn; "Introduction, Theme and Variations" (1819) by Gioachino Rossini; "Clarinet Concerto in A Major, K.622" (1791) by Mozart; "Rhapsody for Clarinet" (1952) by Willson Osborne; "Concertpiece No. 2, Op. 114" (1833) by Mendelssohn; and

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## Seven win faculty awards

Seven University of the Incarnate Word faculty members received special awards Jan. 5 at an annual preschool workshop and reception at McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom.

The awards given and the recipients included:

**Robert J. Connelly Faculty Leadership Award:** Theresa Tiggeman, professor of accounting in the HEB School of Business and Administration. This award is given to a tenured faculty member with 15 or more years of faculty service who has excelled in leadership service, mentoring, and peer counseling

**Piper Professor Nominee:** Dr. David Campos, an associate professor of education in the Dreeben School of Education, for “superior teaching at the college level.” Campos now is eligible to receive one of 10 possible \$5,000 awards in state Piper competition.

**Sister Maria Goretti Zehr Innovation Award:** M. Adam Watkins, professor of animation and game design in the School of Media and Design, received this award for being “open to thoughtful innovation which serves material and spiritual need.”

**Sister Eleanor Ann Young Truth Award:** Dr. Roger Barnes, professor of sociology and criminal justice in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, because he “searches for and seeks truth in scholarship and in the classroom.”

**Sister Margaret Rose Palmer Education Award:** Dr. Stephanie Grote-Garcia, associate professor in the Dreeben School of Education, because she “engages students in the learning process.”

**Mother Columkille Colbert Service Award:** Dr. Craig McCarron, an assistant professor of mathematics in the School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering, for being one who “embraces a global perspective and emphasizes social justice.”

**Sister St. Pierre Cinquin Faith Award:** Dr. Brian McBurnett, professor of chemistry in the School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering, for being “committed to educational excellence in the context of faith and fosters the values of the University.”

## Center plans teaching workshops for faculty

Six University of the Incarnate Word professors will share with other faculty what they learned at the Lilly Conference on College Teaching in a March 31 session.

“What I Learned at Lilly: 20 x 20 x 6” is the focus of the session sponsored by UIW’s Center for Teaching and Learning.

The presentations, which be 4:30-6 p.m. in the Special Collections Room on the second floor of J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library, will feature Dr. Melinda Adams, an associate professor of fashion management; Dr. Rochelle Caroon-Santiago, a professor of psychology in the School of Extended Studies; Dr. Sherry Herbers, an associate professor of graduate studies adult education in the Dree-

ben School of Education; Dr. Craig McCarron, an assistant professor of mathematics; Dr. Jennifer Penn, an assistant professor in the School of Physical Therapy; and Dr. Tanja Stampfl, an associate professor in the Department of English.

One participant at the session will win a Kindle Fire.

The Center for Teaching and Learning also has other faculty development workshops left this spring, many with incentives such as a stipend, book or drawing for a prize.

They include:

“Student Reading: Can’t They? Don’t They? Won’t They?” Presenter: Dr. Ann David, an education professor in the Dreeben School of Education. Times: Noon-1

p.m. Feb. 17 (includes lunch) in AD 155 or 8-9 a.m. Feb. 18 (includes breakfast) in AD 212.

“Backchannel Communication: Maybe the Rest of the Class Will Talk.” One participant at each session will win a Kindle Fire. Presenter: Dr. Lucretia Fraga, a professor in the Dreeben School of Education. Times: Noon-1 p.m. Feb. 23 (lunch) in AD 155 or 4:30-5:30 p.m. Feb. 24 (wine and cheese) in AD 212.

“Rubrics 101.” First 10 full-time faculty who teach at least one undergraduate course to sign up will receive a \$100 stipend. Presenter: Dr. Amanda Johnston, director of the Writing and Learning Center. Times: Noon-1 p.m. March 2 (includes lunch) in AD 155 and 8-9 a.m. March

3 (includes breakfast) in AD 212.

“Quick and Easy Classroom Assessment Techniques.” The first 10 to sign up will receive a copy of “Classroom Assessment Techniques: A Handbook for College Teachers” by Angelo and Cross. Presenter: Dr. Susan Hall, director of the Center for Teaching and Learning. Times: 8-9 a.m. March 7 (includes breakfast) in AD 212 and noon-1 p.m. March 7 in AD 155 (includes lunch).

“Making Time for Teaching.” The first 20 to register will receive a copy of “Making Time, Making Change: Avoiding Overload in College Teaching.” Presenter: Dr. Brian McBurnett, a professor in the Department of Chemistry. Time:

Noon-1:30 p.m. (includes lunch) in AD 212.

“Work-Shopping Student Papers: Tales of Success.” First 10 full-time faculty who teach at least one undergraduate course to sign up will receive a \$100 stipend. Times: 4:30-5:30 p.m. April 5 and April 6 (wine and cheese at both sessions) in AD 212. Presenter: Dr. Amanda Johnston.

“Lightning Rounds: Using Blackboard Tools to Build Student Engagement.” In a session that borrows from speed-dating, participants will have the opportunity to see four different Blackboard functions at work and discuss ways they might help build student engagement in their classes. If a tool seems useful for your course, there will be an opportunity

to sign up for a training session, access an online tutorial or arrange for some personal coaching. One participant will win a Kindle Fire. Presenters: Dr. Alicia Rodriguez, an assistant professor of finance in the HEB School of Business and Administration, on inline grading; Dr. J.T. Norris, an assistant professor of accounting in the HEB School, on Kaltura; Dr. Tim Greisdorn, an assistant professor of finance in the HEB School, on achievement tools; and Dr. Reid Fisher, an assistant professor of athletic training in the Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing and Health Professions, on Study Mate flash cards. Time: 12:30-1:30 p.m. April 15 in Gorman 109.

## Reality: Physical, cognitive, augmented or virtual?



By Phil Youngblood

Donald Hoffman, a cognitive scientist, gave a TED talk on March 2015 about the nature of reality. He revealed that a third of our brain is engaged in processing visual images. We do not need all this thinking power just to process the images caught by our eye, which acts like a 130 megapixel camera. Rather, that is just the beginning. For when we then close our eyes, we still see what we “saw,” but much more and also much less (see information-processing and sense-making theories for details).

Consider that we not only have selective “seeing,” that is we can only sense a limited number of objects and relationships at any time (typically five to seven elements), we also “see” what we consider important, and often see what we want or expect to see. Therefore, I would argue the “real world” is a construct of our minds that differs for all of us. We might all agree on parts of it, such as walking in front of a moving car is not a healthy choice, an agreement validated by physical reality, but largely, “We all live every day in virtual environments, defined by our ideas” (one of my favorite quotes, by Michael Crichton, author of “Jurassic Park”).

The remainder of that third of our brain that is involved with seeing interprets shapes, creates a 3D image and fills in the parts we cannot see, associates relationships among the objects, associates and compares memories of past or similar views, plus adds smells, sounds and emotions, and predictions of where the objects in the image will be next. This added information helps us to survive and to live in the world.

However, the implication of the world as a construct of our mind is that we do not need physical “reality” to create the world or interact in it. Our constructed world may lack some of the richness that multiple senses provide or validate, but people who are blind, who cannot hear, or who lack other senses are perfectly capable of functioning, making friends, and working and living their lives in the world they create. It also means we may fill in the missing senses if we have ever experienced them or can imagine them. A member of the advisory board for a weight-management program designed for women with mobility impairments shared a blog at <http://momentumblog.bcm.edu/2016/01/29/losing-real-weight-in-a-virtual-world/> in which she wrote that a workout in a virtual world “created a strong message through my neural pathways,” enabling her to “see” possibilities and keep motivated to succeed in the program.

Psychologists also have used the same mechanism in virtual worlds to cure people of phobias such as fear of heights (acrophobia). In a recent article, at <http://www.wareable.com/vr/second-life-project-sansar-beta-2016>, the CEO of Linden Lab shared with us about an elderly woman with Parkinson’s who dances, swims and socializes with her family and friends, all in virtual reality, finding that her virtual experience has helped her to improve her physical mobility in the “real” world. Constructing the world in our minds also means that augmenting what we see physically through overlaid images that provide information about what we see (called augmented reality), and sharing this with others as we experience our “reality,” may be a yet unexplored way we will be able to enrich our life experiences in the near future. It will be interesting to see how computer technology now and in the future shapes our concept of reality.

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Does a tree falling in a forest make a sound if no one is there to hear it? Of course it does/does not ... select one ... only if you are reading this!

Brought up in the scientific approach to life, my answer would be of course it does! How could I be so egotistical as to think otherwise? Taken to its extreme, thinking otherwise would imply the universe came into being when I first perceived it and will disappear after I am gone, depending on whether or not I believe I can actually disappear, or still perceive, after I die. Philosophers have tossed around these questions since long before I was even a thought.

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Caytlinn Johannik and Andrea Melendez are studying at UIW's European Study Center in Heidelberg, Germany.

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Daniela Camacopa is studying at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy.

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