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ABOVE:
UIW employees showed off their Cardinal spirit during the 2024 San Antonio Sports Corporate Cup, hosted on the Broadway campus on Saturday, June 1.

ON THE COVER:
Alyssa Ahorro, 2nd year UIWSOM medical student, and Kathleen Laran, OSF, principal of Holy Cross College, aid in providing health-care during UIW's inaugural medical mission trip to the Philippines.



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to the summer edition of *The Word Magazine*. This special edition, available exclusively online, considers our core value of service and the many ways it manifests throughout our Incarnate Word community. How do we uplift one another? How do we define servant leadership? How do we open doors of possibility?

In the coming pages, you will find more than a few answers to these questions and meet more than a few students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends who live the Mission all over the world. Our cover story takes readers to the Philippines where a cohort from UIW's School of Osteopathic Medicine and the Ettlting Center for Civic Leadership and Sustainability offered free medical care to more than a thousand people in need (p. 5). Our next story returns us to San Antonio, to an era of great change in our history and to our loving tribute to the life of a great leader, Sr. Margaret Patrice Slattery, CCVI. In the 1970s and 1980s, the University of the Incarnate Word was Incarnate Word College and led by the incomparable Sr. Margaret Patrice, who was committed to Mission-driven innovation and to moving our institution forward in ways that we continue to benefit from today (p. 9). Finally, we join alumna Roseann Sikora '84 and her husband Maj. Timothy S. Sikora (ret.) as they take us through their international careers and journey to establishing a nursing scholarship to help adult learners like Roseann find their own paths (p. 11).

While these community members and the stories they have inspired are all uniquely different, together, they prove that an Incarnate Word education is transformative. We are the Word in the World – exceptionally prepared to demonstrate Christ's love in our own communities and around the world.

Praised be the Incarnate Word!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas M. Evans". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Thomas M. Evans, PhD
President

Making Christ's Love Tangible

Inaugural Medical Mission to the Philippines

By Devin Castillo



In 1869, three Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word demonstrated how their love of God motivated them to serve those less fortunate when they traveled to San Antonio to minister to the sick and poor. Their selfless act and subsequent years of compassionate work still inspire the University to uphold service as one of the five core values of the institution's Mission, ensuring the curriculum promotes global perspectives and community service.

Throughout the years, the UIW community has continued to build upon the foundation the Sisters laid down all those years ago, finding ways to aid local and global communities with their own unique needs.



In this spirit, Dr. Karen Jaceldo-Siegl, then director of the Master of Public Health program at the UIW School of Osteopathic Medicine (UIWSOM), recently led

UIW's inaugural study abroad trip to the Philippines.

As a Filipina woman born in the municipality of Carigara and the daughter of a retired physician, she got to observe as her father played a major role in administering medical care to her home community. Now as a public health professional herself, she too gets to help make an impact by providing medical aid to those in need, including her family back in Carigara.

“My father told me when I returned to the Philippines in 2018 that I would meet some of the poorest people in the world and that I would be touched,” recalled Jaceldo. “I didn’t genuinely consider that statement until I got there and experienced it. My perspective of the Philippines changed every time I went, and I thought that this is where I could make a real public health impact and give back to my birthplace.”

Now a full-time UIW faculty member, she was encouraged by colleagues to utilize UIW’s

resources to coordinate the University’s inaugural study abroad and medical mission trip to the Philippines. She felt that this was the perfect opportunity to carry on her father’s legacy of serving Filipino communities, as well as welcome UIWSOM students and faculty to participate in a valuable service-learning experience.

She was advised by Sr. Walter Maher, CCVI, vice president of Mission and Ministry, to reach out to the Ettlting Center for Civic Leadership and Sustainability (ECCLS) to help develop her idea for the trip. Given that the Center often sponsors trips to help develop global leaders who promote social justice in partnership with members of the diverse global community, she found that the Center could be a resource to help make her dream a reality.

“When I got to speak with her (Jaceldo) to discuss what she was trying to do, we found that



this trip clearly aligned with the Mission of the Center and the University,” shared Teofilo Reyes Jr., assistant director for Leadership and Global Engagement of the ECCLS.

From there, the ECCLS sponsored the trip by aiding with the costs of lodging, food and more,



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affording students the opportunity to participate in the project without worrying about financial constraints.

In addition to the help of the ECCLS, collaborations with Worlds Apart – One Heart, a nonprofit healthcare organization, and Holy Cross College of Carigara also help to usher in essential resources such as healthcare practitioners, medical equipment, medicine, financial donations and more.

Jaceldo noted that in the last two months before the trip, her UIWSOM colleagues and other connections offered donations when she was falling short of her goal for supplies and supplemented student travel costs. Sheila Janek Boyle, PharmD and Dr. G. Richard Holt, UIWSOM professor contributed funds to support UIW student, Cecilia T.J. Siegl. Additionally, practitioners in pharmacy, psychiatry and gynecology donated resources such as medications from a recently closed pharmacy that would've otherwise been discarded dietary supplements, antidepressants, 300 speculums and surgical gloves.

“By the grace of God, everybody wanted this to be successful. I wanted to broaden my students’ perspectives on

what it means to have limited medical and health resources, and I wanted them to also understand how to work with the community,” Jaceldo shared, feeling touched and supported.

Dr. Rachel Pittman, assistant professor of pharmacology and four UIWSOM students in their second year (OSM-II) of medical school joined Jaceldo and the medical mission team to the Philippines: Madeleine Mitcham, Nichole Josue, Shayne Saborrido and Alyssa Aharro.

While visiting the Filipino municipalities of Carigara, Palompon and Limon, Jaceldo and her team were able to help 1,221 people during their four days of clinical work. Services that the team provided included circumcisions, surgical removal of cysts, dental care and extrac-





tions, pediatric care, medication and dietary supplement prescriptions, pap smears and treatment of chronic, cardiac and diabetic diseases.

Participating students were instructed to rotate throughout the majority of these medical tasks, allowing them to participate in admitting patients, dispensing medications, observing and assisting in minor surgeries, gaining first-person experience in a variety of consultations.

"We would have 400-500 patients waiting outside of our site, and a student asked me if we were going to be able to help all of them," shared Reyes. "Not in the sense that they felt obligated, but rather that they didn't want to leave knowing that there were

people that still needed help."

Some days were challenging, as rains, limited medical resources and a surplus of patients needing care added high levels of stress to both medical personnel and patients, but the medical team persisted forward and adapted to the challenges to provide the best possible care for all patients. Reyes even remembers one student cutting into their lunch break because their desire to treat their remaining four patients was more important to them.

"My ability to adapt and be patient was challenged since we were serving a community that lacked basic health care and we were only working with what we had," shared Shayne Saborrado, OSM-II. "It really motivated me to find ways to improve so that patients could obtain the care they deserved in an environment that's comfortable for them."

Reyes explained that the Ettling Center staff challenges students to not have transactional interactions, but rather be present to fully engage in

humane and compassionate interactions with the people they meet. This action of taking the time to know, empathize and see the people they treat in their entirety can help them become quality future healthcare practitioners.

"Sr. Walter and I had a conversation before this trip she researched about what the Mission of the institution is and how we live it. She explained it best. The Mission is to make God's love tangible and visible," shared Reyes. After having witnessed the patience, consideration, strength and integrity demonstrated by the students, faculty and other team members, he is confident that this trip was an undeniable representation of the University's Mission.

While reflecting on the results of this medical mission, Jaceldo remembers that during the early stages of coordinating this trip, she researched the CCVI Sisters and the work they had done. Their history of medical contributions, which included the establishment of San Antonio's first hospital, inspired Jaceldo as she led the first UIWSOM ECCLS-sponsored medical mission to the Philippines.

"This medical mission meant to me that we are following God's will. We provided free medical care and medications, and we did our best to ensure that patients were served because these services are necessary, whether for cultural or medical reasons," shared Jaceldo. "With compassion,

creativity and patience, we were able to provide these services so that people from all walks of life could receive the help they deserve. These actions align well with the teachings and mission of the CCVI Sisters."



Sister Margaret Patrice Remembered

A Legacy of Servant Leadership

1926-2024

By Michael Valdes



Ascholar, author and dedicated servant-leader, Sister Margaret Patrice Slattery served as the President of the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW), then called Incarnate Word College, from 1972 to 1985. During her tenure, Sister Margaret Patrice contributed to the University's growth and development in ways that forever changed the trajectory of UIW.

A remarkable scholar, she authored "Promises to Keep," a two-volume history of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, which received recognition from the Texas Catholic Historical Society for its outstanding contribution. Her exceptional

leadership and academic achievements led to her being acknowledged as one of San Antonio's brightest and best as well as one of the most outstanding women in the city.

Originally hailing from St. Louis, Sister Margaret Patrice completed her bachelor's degree at Incarnate Word College, her master's degree at Marquette University, and her doctorate at the Catholic University of America. She further pursued post-doctoral studies at the University of Edinburgh. Before becoming President, she taught and chaired in the English Department and later served as the College's Academic dean.

Sister Margaret Patrice's visionary leadership extended the University's reach through various initiatives, including the formation of a lay Development Board, the expansion of the Board of Directors to include lay membership and the first lay chairperson, and enhanced student participation in governance structures. Under her guidance, the University transitioned to a co-educational institution, marking a significant milestone in its history.

"I felt we were doing good things and moving forward and creating a very vibrant institution," said Sister Margaret Patrice in a previous interview. "We became co-educational. I interviewed the first young man to become a full-time student at Incarnate Word. The faculty changed as the student body changed as the curriculum changed – a lot of changes during that time."

Sister Margaret Patrice oversaw the development of the campus, including the establishment of the west campus for athletic fields. She also prioritized student support, allocating funds from her inaugural ceremony to start the President's Scholarship Fund. In the interest of transparency, she initiated open meetings with faculty and students to discuss campus changes and ensured that board decisions were communicated across the University.

During her tenure, UIW experienced unprecedented internal expansion, adding numerous undergraduate and graduate degree programs. New

undergraduate programs were introduced in diverse fields, including childcare, human relations, nuclear medicine, allied health science, fashion merchandising, interior design and fashion design. Additionally, changes to the business program and the introduction of computer information systems reflected Sister Margaret Patrice's commitment to academic innovation.

“I felt we were doing good things and moving forward and creating a very vibrant institution.”

From the earliest days of my presidency, I have continued to look to Sr. Margaret Patrice's leadership and vision as beacons of inspiration.”

After 13 years of transformative leadership, Sister Margaret Patrice resigned from her presidential role in 1985, emphasizing the evolving nature of education and the need for dynamic leadership. She then assumed the newly created position of Chancellor with a focus on external relations until her retirement, leaving behind a lasting impact on UIW's growth and academic excellence.

Through it all, she lived and led by a directive from one of the congregation's founders, Rev. Mother Pierre Cinquin: “The glory should be for God, the service for others, and the trouble for ourselves.” The University community is forever grateful to Sr. Margaret Patrice for her years of service, her dynamic leadership and her legacy of constantly striving to improve our institution.

Sister Margaret Patrice's legacy also includes the establishment of the Swing-In golf tournament fundraiser in 1977, which has raised multi-millions in funds dedicated to student scholarships and is still a signature event of the University today.

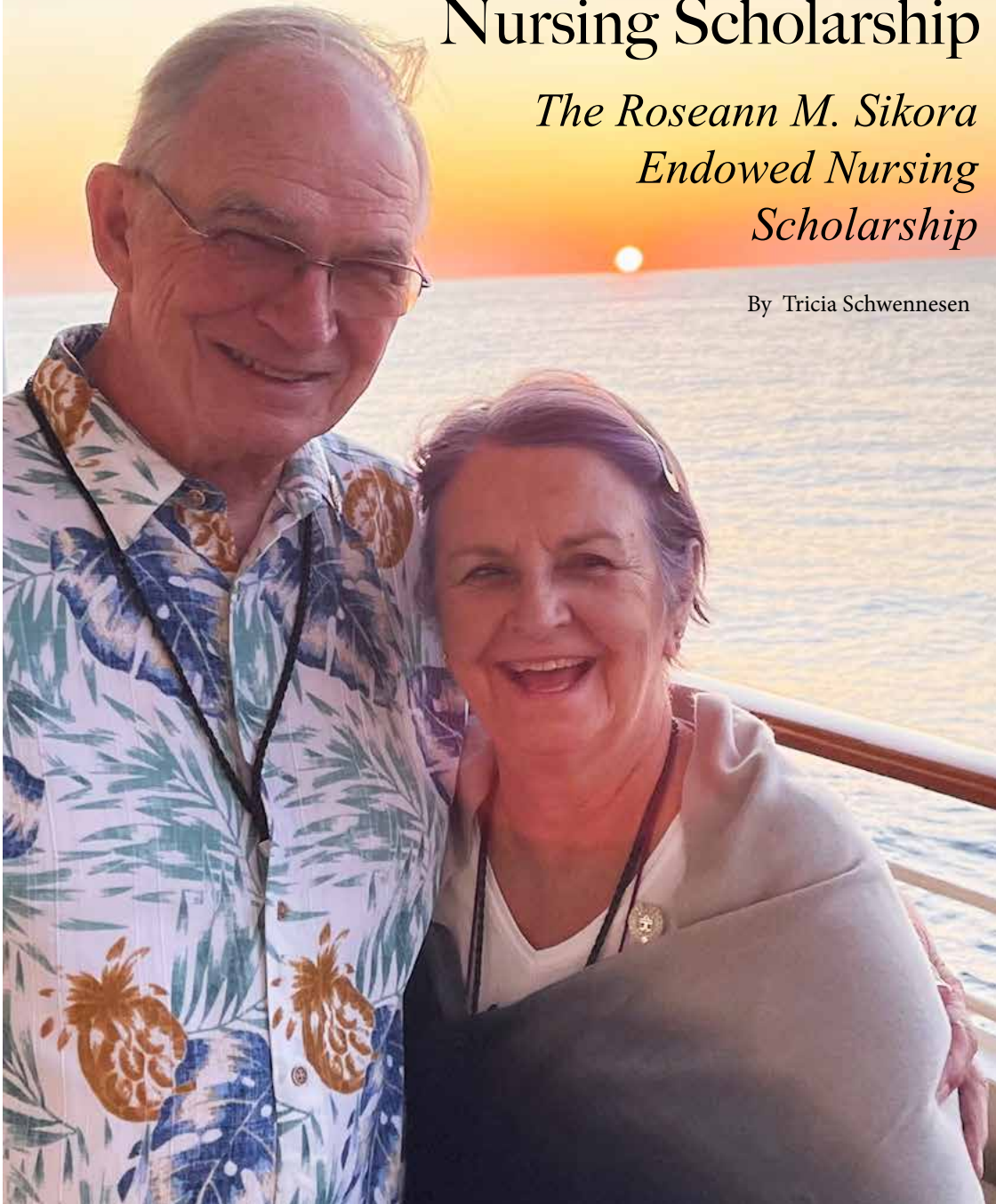
“Sr. Margaret Patrice Slattery was one of our University's most transformative leaders,” says Dr. Thomas M. Evans, UIW president. “The expansion of programs, development of campus and great care for student support are among the many ways she shaped what would become the University of the Incarnate Word.



Supporting Adult Learners Through Nursing Scholarship

The Roseann M. Sikora Endowed Nursing Scholarship

By Tricia Schwennesen



Roseann M. Sikora and her husband of 60 years, retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Timothy S. Sikora have led lives of adventure and service. They traveled and lived all around the world due to her husband's service, first as a U.S. Navy family and later in the Air Force. Both chose careers in nursing.

While her husband was stationed in San Antonio, Roseann Sikora earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of the Incarnate Word in 1984. Years later, their daughter Jean McLean also became a UIW alumna, earning her BBA in 2007 and her MS in Accounting in 2010.

In August 2023, Roseann Sikora and her husband pledged to establish The Roseann M. Sikora Endowed Nursing Scholarship as part of their estate. Mrs. Sikora said they intended to help adult learners further their nursing education with the scholarship fund.

"My husband and I are both retired nurses and we decided we'd like to help our fellow nurses," she said.

Ret. Major Sikora said, "We've been blessed through the years and our kids don't need it."

Mrs. Sikora, who grew up in Chicago, had an aunt who served in World War II as a nurse and her mother-in-law was also a nurse.

"I just thought it was something neat to do, to help people," she shared.

Mrs. Sikora said she was raised as part of a family with strong faith; attending Catholic school, which later became a boarding

school, and church. With that faith came a commitment to serve others.

"It was just a constant there, prayers at meals," she said. "My two grandmothers were especially strong in their faith. There was always something positive about it, whatever season we were in, Easter or Christmas."

Through many moves to new duty stations with her husband, Mrs. Sikora worked at hospitals and clinics and studied. She earned her associate's degree in 1972 through a special program for military members and their families at the University of Hawaii where she was able to take her two young daughters to classes with her. They later lived in Spain for three years where she volunteered as a nurse at a clinic.

Once in San Antonio, she worked nights at Santa Rosa Hospital and through a continuing education program she was able to earn her BS in Nursing at UIW by attending class one night a week. It was an experience Mrs. Sikora said



she never forgot.

One thing she appreciated about nursing, Mrs. Sikora said, was that she could try different things and as a career it was never static. Through the years, she worked in orthopedics, the adult intensive care unit, pediatrics and later in the operating room at the VA and organ transplants.

“You could do what you had talent in,” she said.

“When we were teaching, all the nurses in the transplant office I got to know, and you could see the gift of life and how it changed them and the families and those around them.”

Pediatrics was her first love and while in San Antonio she worked at the children’s hospital.

“The kids, they were positive,” Mrs. Sikora said. “They taught you about life and being in the now.”

The children always had a smile, or a kind word, a handshake or touch on the shoulder.

“As sick as they were, they always had a smile,” she said. “It fed the soul as well as the body and the mind.”

Mrs. Sikora said she also enjoyed a job she had with New Mexico Donor Ser-

vices where she worked to secure organs for donation including hearts, livers and kidneys.

“It was definitely independent,” she said. “You headed up everything, you took care of the patient. You took care of the family. You handled a lot of talking, a lot of coordinating during a critical time of death and dying. You went into surgery.”

It was rewarding work, she shared.

“When we were teaching, all the nurses in the transplant office I got to know, and you could see the gift of life and how it changed them and the families and those around them,” Mrs. Sikora said.

Ret. Major Sikora said his wife is too modest.

“She won’t admit she was one of the top requesters in the United States,” he said, meaning she worked with more families to secure more organ donations than other transplant coordinators.

“In one year I did over 20 requests,” Mrs. Sikora said. “That meant a lot because we had over some 40 donors that year.”

Some cases provided multiple organs to others and those included requests for other things such as tissue, bones, tendons and corneas.

The couple previously established at the University of New Mexico Hospital (UNMH), The Sikora Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disease Outreach Fund and The Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nurses Professional Development Fund.

That outreach fund will provide

specialized continuing education for nursing staff, as well as education for patients and their families, according to university communications. The other fund will support professional development for nurses caring for UNMH pediatric oncology, hematologic and hemophilia patients.

The Sikoras have demonstrated a sincere commitment to service and to car-

ing for others throughout their lifetimes and UIW is honored to be one of the programs benefitting from their passion for humanity.





BEFORE

WHAT'S NEW @ THE NEST



AFTER

The UIW Sky Bridge was recently given a long overdue facelift. During the first week of June, the Skybridge was painted to match the existing red and white colors on the horizontal supports of the bridge. The painting company worked day and night to ensure the project was completed on time, all the while without stopping traffic flow on Hwy. 281. Thank you to the UIW Planning and Campus Management, Facilities, EHS and University Police departments for a job well done.



THE UIW MILITARY AND VETERANS CENTER

invites all military-affiliated community members to attend the **Hiring Our Heros Career Summit.**

McCombs Center Rosenberg Sky Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Networking Reception
5 – 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Job Seeker Programming
9 a.m. – noon

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CLASS NOTES

Celebrate UIW success stories. Keep up with your class and be part of *The Word* in print and online! Send your achievements to alumni@uiwtx.edu.

Photos submitted for Class Notes may be included on the online alumni community site.



Eloisa G. Tamez RN PhD MSCJ FAAN, BNS '68 has been recognized as a Leader and Legend in Texas Nursing by the Texas Nursing Association. Tamez currently serves as professor and associate dean for Student Success and Engagement at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Nursing. Recognition as a Leader and Legend of Texas Nursing is an honor awarded every two years to a nurse whose contributions to health had local, statewide and national transformation effects.

1950s

Rita Shaw Reindl, BSN '58 having retired in 2000 after 40 years of nursing, was privileged to have her dad spend the last 10 years of his life in her home. In addition, Reindl is an active office volunteer at St. Matthew Catholic Church, charter Altar Society member, choir member and ACTS retreat member. Reindl is thankful to the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word for the Christian-based education, especially in her chosen nursing vocation.

1990s

Sophia Hebert, BS '98 left the public education system after almost 20 years to pursue a career in the corporate world. Hebert was hired as a curriculum manager for a science curriculum company in 2022. She is now the senior manager for Curriculum Development and Support.

2000s



Emma Santa Maria, BS '03, PhD '18 is extremely humbled to have been selected as the chief administrative officer for Harris County, Engineering, in Houston. In her role she will support a multi-billion dollar infrastructure and ensure its success. Harris County is the third most populous county in the United States. Its county seat is Houston, the largest city in Texas and fourth largest city in the country.

Santa Maria continues to support and care for the City of San Antonio through her partnership with the Sports Medicine Associates of San Antonio, collaborative efforts with various philanthropic initiatives, and other efforts that support underrepresented and undocumented populations.

2010s



Yvette D. Reyna, BA '12 who currently serves as the executive director of the Boerne Education Foundation & Boerne ISD Community partnership has been selected to join the 2023-2024 Spurs Community Leadership Academy.

Christianne Jimenez Sieras, BBA '12 will be moving to a new role as a project manager for the 787 Wing & Empennage program at The Boeing Company after five years of service with them.

Sarah M. Kory-Sutton, BBA '12 has worked as a marketing professional over the past 14 years, focusing on nonprofit fundraising and development for the last seven years with a local program.

Kory-Sutton met her husband, Nathan, back in 2019, and they married on January 22, 2022. While traveling the world together was always their biggest adventure, most recently they announced that they are expecting their first baby this fall, a baby girl!



Valerie Bustamante Johnson, BA '17 and her husband, Zachary Johnson, welcomed their second child, Elnora Valentina, at 9:13 a.m. on April 22.

Our community mourns the passing of two dear UIW friends.

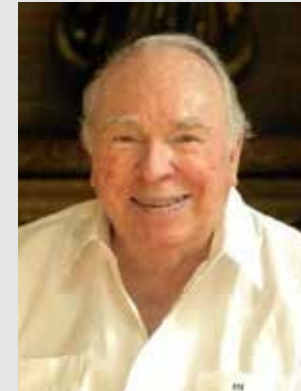
MR. ALAN WILLIAM DREEBEN



Mr. Alen Dreeben served the UIW community as a board of trustees member and was awarded an honorary degree in 2007. Dreeben and his wife Barbara supported UIW in various ways, including establishing two garden areas on the UIW Broadway Campus. The Friend-

ship Garden (at the oak tree next to the Agnese/Sosa Building) was established in 2012 to honor their lifetime friends Tena Gorman, the late Peggy Lewis and Ruth Eilene Sullivan. The Gorman Garden (on the side of the Mabee Library building) was established in 2014 celebrating their friendship with Jim Gorman. The UIW Dreeben School of Education was also named for the support provided by Dreeben and his family for the University and other educational institutions, locally and statewide. We extend our condolences to Mrs. Dreeben and the entire Dreeben family.

LT. COLONEL ROBERT EARL KELSO, U.S. ARMY (RET.)



Lt. Col. Robert Earl “Bob” Kelso (Ret.), and his late wife, Betty, have a long history of supporting UIW. The Kelsos made the single largest donation at it's time toward the Fine Arts Complex in renovation of the art building, now the Kelso Art Center. Their gift also established a permanent gallery, the Kelso Gallery, one of three in the center.

Additionally, Betty was a trustee emerita, serving two terms as a member of the board of trustees and on the Institutional Advancement and Education committees at UIW. The couple both received honorary doctorates from UIW in 2012.

The couple’s connection to the Incarnate Word community dates back to 1926 when Betty Kelso’s mother, Elizabeth Huth Coates Maddux, graduated from Incarnate Word High School and briefly attended Incarnate Word College.

The gifts shared by the entire family have made a lasting impact on UIW and we pray for the Kelso family during this difficult time.

WE WILL MISS YOU

Ms. Joyce E. C. Cheeves, '92 BA
Mr. Alan Dreeben, '07 Honorary Degree
Mr. John G. Gonzales, Jr., Former Employee

Mrs. Margaret Hickey, '63 BA
Lt. Col. Robert E. Kelso, Ret., Donor, Honorary Degree '12
Mr. Daniel T. Mokry, '96 MBA

Mrs. Dorothylee F. Nelson, '42 BA
Mrs. Joyce E. Nikolai, '56 BA
Mr. Nathan D. Weaver, '03 BBA

UNIVERSITY COLLECTIVE

Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

In this special edition of the University Collective, we recognize the 2024-25 retirees for all they have given the UIW Community throughout their many years of service.

Name	Department	Years of Service
Lorraine Ewers	Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences	42
Dr. Holly Cassells	Nursing & Health Professions	41
Elaine Hernandez	Admissions	38
Dr. Theresa Tiggeman	Business & Administration	36
Raymond Leon	Facilities Management	30
Dr. Renée Moore	Optometry	30
Dr. Joseph Bonilla	Math, Science & Engineering	28
Raul Flores	Facilities Management	27
Andrea Cyterski-Acosta	Osteopathic Medicine	26
Ray Martinez	Facilities Management	26
Monica Roberts	Pharmacy	25
Martha Gutierrez	Legal Affairs & General Counsel	24
Alberto Oliva	Facilities Management	24
Paul Peters	Library Technical Services	24
Albert Guerrero	Printing Services & Graphic Design	23
Norma Gutierrez	Nursing & Health Professions	23
Roland Sul	Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences	23
Jose Arriaga	Facilities Management	22
Richard Martin	Facilities Management	22
Michael Mercer	Media & Design	22
Medina Mauro	Facilities Management	22
Rosalinda Villarreal	Accounts Payable	19
Dr. Renee Bellanger	Pharmacy	19
Emeterio Gonzalez-Dimas	Facilities Management	19
Leslie Todd	Library Services	19
Emilio Gonzales	Comptroller's Office	18
Cynthia Escamilla	Legal Affairs & General Counsel	17
Dr. Julie Nadeau	Nursing & Health Professions	17
Dora Garner	Academic Advising	16

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"What I loved the most about serving as an admissions processing specialist is that I contributed to a vital service to the growth and success of the University"

Elaine Hernandez, 38 years



Name	Department	Years of Service
Mark Guadiano	Facilities Management	16
Roberto Munoz	Facilities Management	16
Dr. Maria Felix-Ortiz	Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences	16
Diana Balderas	Optometry	14
Dell Davis	Library Services	14
Jill Mohr	Optometry	14
Luis Macias	Optometry	13
Francisco Sanchez	Facilities Events Management	13
Jessica Serbantes	University Police	13
Dr. Cathryn Studak	Media & Design	13
Edward Conlee	Vehicle Operations	12
Dr. Charles Connor	Optometry	12
Gracie Zuniga	Research & Graduate Education	12
Guadalupe Atienzo	Optometry	11
David Stein	Institutional Effectiveness	11
Bruce Coleman	Vehicle Operations	10
Linda Dalton	Nursing & Health Professions	10
Duncan Hayse	Research & Graduate Education	10
Norma Trevino-Stoudt	Vehicle Operations	10
Dr. Ronald Washington	Business & Administration	10
Dr. Forrest Aven	Business & Administration	10
Samuel Scheideman	Vehicle Operations	10
Jesse Martinez	Education	9
Douglas Leaman	Vehicle Operations	8
Rosemary Vasquez	Library Technical Services	7
Dr. James Dasher	Pharmacy	5
Ms. Cheryl Marshall	Vehicle Operations	5
Valentin Chapa	Vehicle Operations	1

UIW thanks these recent retirees for leaving their mark on its history, inspiring future generations and making the University a part of their journey.



“It’s easy to take for granted something that has been a part of you for many years. At UIW, I met great friends who will remain in my life. You don’t need to retire to appreciate this. That’s my lesson learned,”

Andrea Cyterski-Acosta, 26 years

Your UIW National Champions
Artistic Swimming



The first national title for UIW Athletics was clinched by the incredibly dedicated women of the Artistic Swimming team. The USA Artistic Swimming Collegiate Championship was held in Lewisville, Texas from March 22-23.

The 22 student-athletes from eight countries combined their efforts to demonstrate exceptional skill and determination. Ultimately, they proved victorious over strong competitors such as Ohio State University and Stanford University.

"These exceptional student-

athletes have excelled academically with UIW's highest cumulative team GPA and have also made a significant impact in the community," shared Richard Duran, athletic director. "Today, we proudly present our program as national champions in competition! I commend the entire program and thank them for representing UIW at the highest level."

In addition, UIW Head Coach Alyson Haylor was named Collegiate Coach of the Year. Haylor became the head coach of the Cardinals' artistic swimming program in 2022. She boasts an

impressive personal track record, having competed twice in the United States Olympic Trials. She and the stellar student-athletes who made up the championship teams were later recognized at an on-campus celebration in their honor. The UIW SEC Mezzanine level was overflowing with students, faculty, staff and supporters cheering for the team and their remarkable achievement.

UIW President Dr. Thomas Evans addressed the crowd, expressing his admiration for Haylor's transformative influence on the team's trajectory, and

their dedication and resilience. He praised their relentless work ethic and commitment, emphasizing how their remarkable journey epitomized the spirit of perseverance ingrained in the UIW community.

Their historic win not only secured a championship title but also reaffirmed UIW's position as a beacon of excellence in athletics and beyond, on the national stage. Congratulations to these incredible student-athletes and

their inspiring coaching staff. The UIW community is so proud of you.





CALENDAR

ALUMNI EVENTS

TAILGATE FOR UIW VS. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO FOOTBALL GAME
Saturday, Aug. 31
Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium

TAILGATE FOR UIW VS. NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL GAME (HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION)
Saturday, Sept. 21
Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium

TAILGATE FOR UIW VS. MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL GAME (MILITARY APPRECIATION)
Saturday, Oct. 19
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HOMECOMING WEEKEND EVENTS SUNDAY, OCT. 27 – SUNDAY, NOV. 3
Learn more about Homecoming 2024.

TAILGATE FOR UIW VS. HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL GAME (HOMECOMING)
Saturday, Nov. 2
Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium

MILITARY EVENTS

HIRING OUR HEROES NETWORKING MIXER AND JOB FAIR
Aug. 7 & 8
McCombs Rosenberg Sky Room
Military/veteran alumni, as well as military spouses, are encouraged to attend! **Register now!**

MISSION & MINISTRY

WELCOME MASS
Sunday, Aug. 25
Chapel of the Incarnate Word, 11:00 a.m.

MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Wednesday, Sept. 4
Our Lady’s Chapel, Noon

HOMECOMING MASS
Sunday, Nov. 3
Chapel of the Incarnate Word, 11 a.m.

BACCALAUREATE MASS
Friday, Dec. 13
Chapel of the Incarnate Word
Celebration of Mass for the Fall 2024 graduates.

Please check the UMM Events Calendar for updates and information on additional services, times and locations.

ARTS, MUSIC AND THEATRE PERFORMANCES

MARCHING CARDINALS PREVIEW DAY
Saturday, Aug. 24
Maureen Halligan-Ronald Ibbs Theatre and Dance Center Plaza, Time TBD

UIW THEATER PRESENTS “BETRAYAL” BY HAROLD PINTER
Friday, Oct. 4 – Saturday, Oct. 12
The Cheever Black Box Theater

NOCHE DE MARIACHE
Wednesday, Oct. 9
Diane Bennack Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

CARDINAL CHORALE & CARDINAL SINGERS
Sunday, Nov. 10
Diane Bennack Concert Hall, 3 p.m.

UIW THEATER PRESENTS “DANCING AT LUGHNASA” BY BRIAN FRIEL
Friday, Nov. 15 – Friday, Nov. 22
UIW Broadway Campus - Coates Theater

UIW CHAMBER WINDS
Tuesday, Nov. 26
Diane Bennack Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

LIGHT THE WAY
Saturday, Nov. 23
UIW Broadway Campus

GRADUATION
Saturday, Dec. 14
Celebrate the 2024 graduates at Freeman Coliseum

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When you think about being a leader, being "on top," being where the buck stops," what goes through your mind? What if I told you that being a true leader is not about having power over others, benefiting personally (financially or otherwise), or getting recognition? What if I told you that true leadership is about self-sacrifice and selfless service to all, even those who are difficult and disagreeable? Would you still do it?

There are many books and media resources that talk about servant leadership. From the 7 principles to the 4 C's of servant leadership, everyone seems to have an idea as to what servant leadership is all about. The most striking example of servant leadership in action, however, is described in chapter thirteen of the Gospel of John (vv. 1-20).

According to the text, the Incarnate Word of God, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, knowing that "His hour had come to pass from this world to the Father, loved his own in the world, and He loved them to the end." During the Passover supper, "fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power ... He rose from supper and took off his outer garments; took a towel and tied it around his waist; poured water into a basin; and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist."

When He had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, He said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet." And

Jesus continued, "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

Fast-forward to the year 1869. St. Madeleine Chollet, Sr. St. Pierre Cinquin, and Sr. Agnes Buisson) arrived in San Antonio in March, at the invitation of Bishop Claude Dubuis, to take care of the sick and infirm who sought relief at their hands. And like Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God did, the Sisters rolled up their habits' sleeves and went to work. Now, let us pause here for a moment and consider what both actions truly mean.

At face value, Jesus' washing of the disciples' dirty and dusty feet was a demeaning and condescending action. However, at a deeper level, Jesus' action was a lesson about loving the unlovely and unloving. Keep in mind that Jesus washes the feet of all of his disciples, including those of the one who denied him and those of the one who betrayed him.

The first Sisters of Charity who came to San Antonio arrived with the same attitude and willingness in mind, heart and action. In other words, they fully embraced the caring of the sick and infirm in all its dimensions, regardless of the person needing their loving care. A brief passage would suffice to describe what that looked like:

The Sisters helped doctors bandage wounds, amputate damaged limbs, and administer calomel, quinine, opium, ipecac, and other drugs to combat fever and relieve pain. Bloodletting was a common form of treatment, especially for those afflicted with the fevers associated with infectious diseases. People who rejected bloodletting or who could not afford a doctor utilized various home remedies, including green gourd tea as an emetic and willow-bark pills as a cathartic. Runoff from outhouses

and animal shelters contaminated drinking water, contributing to the raft of infectious diseases that killed half of all kids before they were ten years old. Broken bones, falls, and cuts were all prone to being fatal in a time before modern surgery. And death in childbirth or from a postpartum infection was common. Women typically became pregnant about every two years, and they risked their lives each time.

Servant leadership is all about washing feet, bandaging wounds (physical or otherwise), healing the body, mind and soul, and sitting with people who are literally or figuratively hurt or dying. Servant leadership is another word for sacrificial love. Servant leadership is about being another Christ in the world, especially for and with those who seem less deserving of our love.

Last month, we said goodbye to some of our long-standing members of the University of the Incarnate Word community in the context of the Eucharist. We acknowledged their servant leadership, and in doing so, we recommitted to embrace and exercise servant leadership in all our deeds. Why do we do so? Because, as true members of the University of the Incarnate Word, we find our ultimate reason for being only in service and love.



Servant Leadership

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