UIW’s new president in demand

The $30-million-plus Student Engagement Center formally opens Monday, Aug. 28 – the first day of classes on Main Campus – with a grand-opening ceremony, blessing, dedication and all-day tours.

The center project began under the administration of then-president Dr. Louis Agnese Jr. More than two years of construction has taken place on the site of the old Marian Hall Student Center which housed the main dining hall, campus life offices, a gymnasium, a ballroom and on its second floor literally some students.

In its place has risen a three-and-a-half level building featuring plenty of glass and space that includes a pub, ballroom and Help Desk in the basement, the relocated bookstore and main dinning from McCombs Center on the first level, a much larger and flexible ballroom on the second level as well as multipurpose conference rooms; student-organization complex dots on the second level; and the relocated Campus Life and Student Success offices as well as the Academic Advising Center and Writing and Learning Center on the third level.

To note the center’s grand opening, a ribbon-cutting will take place at 10 a.m. outside the main entrance followed at 11 a.m. in the afternoon with a blessing and dedication inside the lobby.

At 7 p.m. Monday, the concurrent will be the setting for the annual River Jam featuring three DJs.

UIW’s new president, Dr. Thomas M. Evans, wrote to the UIW community on Aug. 1, he said, “the beginning of the fall semester is always an exciting time on university campuses. “That is even more so at UIW this year. Beginning of the fall semester is always an exciting time on university campuses. When classes begin on Aug. 28, new and returning students will be able to enjoy the many amenities and services at the new Student Engagement Center that will serve as the hub of student life on campus.”

Student Engagement Center set for grand opening

A standing-room-only crowd watched several University of the Incarnate Word administrators, congregational officials and local politicians cut the ribbon July 20 officially opening the School of Osteopathic Medicine. The $10 million state-of-the-art facility is located at 2510 Kennedy Circle, formerly home to Brooks AFB and referred to in recent years as Brooks City Base on the south side of town.

The 155,000-square-foot facility spread out among four buildings is currently home to 45 faculty, 40 professional staff and 150 students comprising the school’s inaugural class.

The school features large interactive learning studios, a simulation suite consisting of four simulation rooms, and a demonstration kitchen for medical education and community education.

It also features a 12-room CIELO (Clinical Inter-professional Experiential Learning and Observation) which includes both the simulation suite and the clinical area where standardized patients present with various symptoms to medical students.

The school is training primary care osteopathic physicians to meet the health needs of Central and South Texas, particularly underserved and vulnerable populations. It is the only faith-based osteopathic school in Texas and the only faith-based medical school in Texas. It is the only Catholic medical school in the United States.

Several speakers spoke in the auditorium from a lectern that President John F. Kennedy used on Nov. 21, 1963, when JFK came to Brooks AFB to dedicate the School of Aerospace Medicine and Aerospace Medical Center. The next day, JFK was assassinated.

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These hunts continue on an international scale and is a now booming market. 

Why scientists want AI regulated now before it’s too late
Elio Musc, chief executive officer of Tesla, believes artificial intelligence (AI) should be regulated before it goes too far and tries to destroy mankind.

Opinions differ concerning how to regulate AI. Some believe scientists should be able to push the limits of AI while others think AI should be regulated like people.

Superheroes strive for stage lights
Some aspiring actors are dressed head-to-toe in superhero costumes.

Persons such as Iron Man, Superman, Bumblebee and SpongeBob SquarePants have been posing for selfies with tourists along the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Hollywood Boulevard.

One aspiring actor saw this as an opportunity to make someone smile and another appreciated the flexible schedule in case an audition opens up.

Turkeys become best friend and advocate
The family couldn’t have been more surprised when the turkey turned out to be man’s best friend. Albert is a turkey that was given to Brant Pinvidic by his friend for Thanksgiving 2011. Albert the Turkey has more than 12,000 followers on Instagram (run by Pinvidic of course) in which he advocates for sheltering animals of all sorts.

Quick Facts: UIW School of Osteopathic Medicine
- Open date: July 2017, first class of osteopathic medicine students enters.
- Degrees offered: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.); Master in Biomedical Sciences, Master in Physician Assistant Studies (begin in 2020).
- Total Enrollment: Six hundred medical students (150/150); Master in Biomedical Sciences; Master in Physical Therapy (D.O.); Master in Biomedical Sciences; Master in Physical Therapy.
- Health Tradition: UIWSOM is UIW’s sixth health professions school.
- Partnerships: High-need school districts, federally funded Health professions.
- Staff: Seventy-five faculty plus 60 professional staff.
- Economic Impact: UIW and the medical school combine for at least $1.5 billion over 10 years.
- Focus D.O.s in practice in all medical specialties, but primary care-focused initiatives.
- School of Physical Therapy.
- The medical school’s opening “continues the mission of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word which began so long ago,” said Dr. Denise Doyle, who served as president between Agnese and the new president, Dr. Thomas Ennis, who said Doyle was watching the ceremony via streaming. “It is in the culmination of years of hard work from members not only in the UIW community but from throughout San Antonio and South Texas.”
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Work-study, part-time job fair set for students
The fair will be in the Ballroom of the new Student Engagement Center.

“Officers from our University are excited to work with employers to employ any students for work-study positions,” said Andrea Beltran, an advisor in the Career Services and First Year Engagement offices. “We also have employers looking for internships and part-time positions to fill. Students are encouraged to bring their resumes.”

Cont. Med School welcomes first class
ed in Dallas.

Edmond Van Brandy, who then worked for the School of Aerospace Medicine, built the lectures used by JFR. The Air Force donated the lectures and chairs used by JFR along with archival video, photographs and documents relating to his visit to San Antonio to the Witte Museum in May 2011. UIW borrowed the lecture from Witte for the medical school’s grand opening. The medical school was conceived during the administration of Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., who served as UIW’s president more than 30 years. Agnese, who received a standing ovation after he spoke, said UIW’s Board of Trustees at first was in disbelief when he proposed the medical school.

However, Agnese said opening Rosenberg School of Optometry was like starting a “mini-medical school” and was a natural progression for other professional schools opened during his tenure: Rosenberg, John and Rita Feik School of Pharmacy, and the School of Physical Therapy. The medical school’s opening “continues the mission of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word which began so long ago,” said Dr. Denise Doyle, who served as president between Agnese and the new president, Dr. Thomas Ennis, who said Doyle was watching the ceremony via streaming. “It is in the culmination of years of hard work from members not only in the UIW community but from throughout San Antonio and South Texas.”

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Faithful, thankful and persistent describes a University of the Incarnate Word graduate student who received an opportunity of a lifetime interning with NASCAR.

Jorge Jones, majoring in bilingual communication arts, said while he was growing up in Mexico he had always been involved with racing and had a passion for automobiles. But he recognized opportunities to work in the motor racing industry are rare.

But he’s gotten a closer look at America’s passion for following the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing — better known as NASCAR. He’s realized a childhood dream of working with NASCAR not once but twice during his collegiate career.

As an undergraduate, Jones studied communication arts with a concentration in bilingual communications, and came across the opportunity for an internship with NASCAR. He raced to put in an online application for NASCAR’s Diversity Internship Program (NDIP) which offers opportunities in numerous fields from communications to engineering.

His first summer, Jones served in Charlotte, N.C. His second summer was in Daytona Beach, Fla. This is the 18th year NASCAR has offered NDIP. This program serves as a channel for identifying and hiring top-of-the-line talent across the motorsports industry.

NDIP is a 10-week, paid summer internship targeting multicultural undergraduate and graduate students with high academic standing. This program has introduced hundreds of students from diverse backgrounds to professional opportunities in NASCAR and their partner companies including Rev Racing, Roush Fenway Racing, Phoenix Racing, Toyota and the International Speedway Corp.

This past summer the NDIP class included 10 Hispanic students contributing to the motorsports industry. NDIP intern works on hands-on projects, network with industry leaders and volunteer throughout the program.

This year, 14 former NDIP interns — who currently work full-time in the industry — helped mentor the students. These mentors included Lauren Houston, a manager of NASCAR Multicultural Development, and Richard Petty Motorsports engineer Pedro Mojica.

Jones said the internships gave him hands-on training, helping him in building his network of contacts and gave him a truly unforgettable experience.

“My most memorable time with NASCAR was working in the Integrated Marketing Communications team in the media center of the Daytona International Speedway during the Coke Zero 400 when I got to meet NASCAR legends like Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Richard Petty,” Jones said.

“Another time was meeting human rights activist Dr. Richard Lapchick and finally having the opportunity to provide ideas and feedback during NASCAR meetings with leaders from the company,” Jones said.

Jones said building on experience helps forge the tools necessary for future success.

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Chavez, a communication arts major from El Pato, emphasized in media production, will be assisted by Vice President Natalie Dominique Salazar, a government major from San Antonio.

“This year I look forward to a more innovative and creative Senate that will focus on educating our student body and making them more aware of what we do,” said Salazar. “Our goal is to make SGA officers more visible and to make sure students know who we are.”

Student Government Association officers will meet periodically with their University of the Incarnate Word constituents in a variety of ways to address their 2017-18 needs and concerns.

They will be meeting in the new Student Engagement Center starting with a “Senate in the Center” session from 5-6 p.m. Sept. 26. Officers and senators will stand in the entryway of the center and ask students what they would like to see on campus (add your name, email, phone number, etc.)

Students can also email their questions or concerns to the Senate at senatesenate@gmail.com.

The officers this year – listed by their position, major, and home-town – also have specific goals for the year.

President Aaron Chavez

“The Senate will have four main goals for this year: co-curricular engagement, community service, a multisensory experience, and student demands.

“Students should feel comfortable coming to us with any issues or concerns. We want to be able to express not only my opinion, but the opinion of all students at UIW.”

And the SGA General Assemblies will offer yet another opportunity to hear student voices at 6 p.m. Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Feb. 13, March 13 and April 4 in the center. Chavez also said the annual Golden Harvest drive to collect non-perishable food items for needy families will begin Oct. 30 and end Nov. 17. He added a 5K race is planned Nov. 19.

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Trip targets service-learning in Peru

By Monica Hernandez  

The Vincentian-influenced Inca HearttrAde The Inca Heart was established in Chimbote, Peru, in 2013 as an affiliate of the Vincentian Missionaries. The primary purpose of this organization is to provide educational and health services to the community. In 2017, a group of students from the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) participated in a service trip to Peru, organized by the Women's Global Connection (WGC). The trip aimed to provide hands-on educational and community service opportunities for the students.

The trip began in Lima, Peru, on May 15, where the group visited various cultural and historical sites. They also had the opportunity to engage in service projects at schools and hospitals in Chimbote, a city located in the northern coast of Peru. The group worked on educational initiatives, painting educational murals, and conducting workshops on English language and basic computer skills.

One of the highlights of the trip was visiting the ancient city of Cuzco, located in the Andes Mountains. The group had the opportunity to see the Incan ruins and learn about the history and culture of this ancient civilization.

The trip also included visits to the Water Project in one of the schools in the rural outskirts of Chimbote. This school, like many others in the region, was facing challenges with water quality. The group worked on water filtration systems and taught the students how to maintain them.

The trip continued with a visit to the Water Project in the city of Chimbote. The group worked on installing water filters and teaching the students how to use them. They also conducted workshops on basic hygiene and sanitation.

The trip concluded with a visit to the Water Project in the city of Lima. The group worked on building solar-powered water purification systems and teaching the students how to use them.

The trip was a success, and the students were able to make a positive impact on the communities they visited. The trip ended on May 31, and the students returned home with a sense of accomplishment and a desire to continue their work in Peru.

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The day before we left for the Hill Country, three ill as the senior class. Staffing and I was reunited with the theology teachers as safe to say the volunteers and children shared in much joy. Together we played with the children of Las Milpas. In 110 F and sleeping with seven ladies whom I had friends I knew. I spent a week talking, cooking, eating, cleaning, sweating in for the retreat and the retreat took place in the middle of nowhere with no cell phone reception. Could God care about you? But throughout the weekend not a single retreatant felt alone. Heartfelt testimonies, delicious food and contagious smiles were shared. All glory to God. The time between moments, from the Valley to the Hill Country, went just as impactful. Around the time of ARSE, my mom was diagnosed with stage one colorectal cancer. Not too serious, but serious. She had surgery at M.D. Anderson in Houston to remove the mass and will be having preventive chemotherapy done in the coming months. To you the reader, odds are you know someone who has been affected by cancer. You probably understand the anxiety it causes within a family. But I hope you have felt the love that blooms within the family. Family and friends will reach out to help the ill family member, but also help you. We asked so many people to pray for our mom and they said yes, what else do you need? Some stopped in their tracks to say a prayer at that moment. While my family from Oklahoma was on vacation in Corpus Christi, they went with my mom to her doctor’s appointment rather than sleeping in or reading a book. My sister, Jessica, and brother-in-law, Alex, live in Houston and had us stay with them while my mom was recovering at M.D. Anderson. Jessica even missed work to sit with us in the waiting room for a couple of days. While in Houston many of my relatives and friends wanted an update on my mom – some of those being ill themselves or having relatives who were ill. People who have their own concerns to deal with want to help carry our load. When my mom came home from Houston, the law of life is life and changes happen. But throughout the transitions hold to hope. I didn't expect to experience the Valley with complete strangers, but I ended up befriending women amazing. I didn't expect to go hide and not come out. I don't like noise – especially loud music – and I have never played out. I had never been the kind of person to get involved in anything or be adventurous by any means. But I have surprised myself. This is the time to learn and grow. Get involved, make friends, go to class and enjoy your time here. Welcome to UIW. E-mail Ramirez at qaramire@student.uiwtx.edu.
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By Elena Valenzuela

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Dear Students,

Greetings! I am pleased to welcome you to the 2017 school year at the University of the Incarnate Word. We will do our best to ensure you have a meaningful experience as a member of the UIW community.

This past summer was eventful, especially for me as I began my journey as the 10th president of UIW. My wife, Lisa, and our two sons are excited about returning to South Texas. We are especially looking forward to reacquainting ourselves with some of the things we missed while living in Montana. Breakfast tacos and queso come to mind immediately!

One of the most significant events in UIW’s 136-year history occurred in July – the opening of our new School of Osteopathic Medicine at Brooks City Base. Hundreds of people turned out to help us celebrate this important milestone, including San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg and Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Calvert. It may interest you to know that of the nearly 200 Catholic universities in the United States, just six have medical schools, a prestigious group that now includes UIW.

You will also be pleased with our new Student Engagement Center, which is nearly three times the size of the building it replaced (Marian Hall). The SEC features an array of student-related services, including an expanded bookstore and two dining facilities. It will significantly impact the life of our campus community and, in particular, the support services designed to enhance student success.

Looking ahead to the new school year, I am reminded of the term “challenge by choice” that I heard a few weeks ago at the outset of Cardinal Camp, a weekend-long set of activities for first-year students. Those words resonated because they capture what the college experience is all about – a challenge by choice. It is a choice I encourage you to embrace, especially when things become more trying.

Always remember that life is about finding balance, so have fun, and get involved in campus activities! You will meet people from all over the world who will become lifelong friends.

On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration, I wish you every success this year. Go Cardinals!

"Praise be the Incarnate Word!"

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas M. Evans
President

SGA President: ‘Every single Cardinal has a voice’

Welcome Back Cardinals!

I am excited to be serving as your student body president for the 2017-2018 academic year.

This year, the UIW Student Government Association (SGA) will embark on a new adventure, rebranding and reintroducing itself to the Cardinal community by focusing on making a positive impact on our campus and the surrounding San Antonio area.

Every single Cardinal has a voice that carries a strong and valid power. SGA welcomes the feedback and ideas of the student body to make more memorable experiences for every single student. SGA could not fulfill its duty to accurately represent the interests of the entire student body without your participation.

We, collectively, look forward to sharing our ideas and collaborating with you, the students, as we embark on this brave endeavor to enrich what it means to live the Cardinal experience.

Being uncomfortable is what it really means to be alive. It’s in those moments that we actually push ourselves to follow our fears and do things we never thought we’d ever try. As a great lyricist once sang, “Life’s what you make it, so let’s make it rock.”

Sincerely,

Aaron Chávez
Student Body President
The University of the Incarnate Word’s new director of athletics shares a bit of his five-year plan to make UIW nationally competitive in Division I while making sure student-athletes graduate.

“We have great people here,” Dr. Brian Wickstrom said at an Aug. 16 news conference where he was announced as UIW’s new Athletic Department leader following a national search. “Get a chance to know me and my vision.”

Part of that vision will be realized by “growing the operating budget,” building another practice facility to reduce scheduling issues in the gym at Alice McDermott Operations Center, and increasing student-athletes’ summer-school enrollment, Wickstrom said.

The new director said he also plans to “deliver a top student-athlete experience and compete for championships.”

UIW is banking on Wickstrom’s reputation as a fund-raiser and academic proponent to get these things done. He is a builder and ‘student-athlete first’ athletic director,” Dr. David Jaunemo, UIW’s vice president for enrollment management and student services, said at the conference before bringing Wickstrom to the podium.

“In the university’s continued pursuit of excellence in Division I athletics, we are thrilled to welcome the talent and experience of Dr. Wickstrom to lead Cardinal Athletics,” Jaunemo said in a prepared statement for the media. “Brian’s vision and fundraising ability will, no doubt, help catapult the UIW program and brand to a level of national prominence.”

Wickstrom, who succeeds interim athletic director Mark Papich, joins the Cardinals after spending the past four years as director of athletics at the University of Louisiana-Monroe.

Administrators said Wickstrom is widely acknowledged as a ‘student-athlete first’ athletic director,” Dr. David Jurenovich, UIW’s former UIW’s head coach for women’s basketball, Angela Lawson, senior associate director of athletics for academic affairs at UIW, will be among eight inducted administrator will be enshrined next spring in the Texas

A veteran University of the Incarnate Word sports administrator will be emulated next spring in the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame

Angela Lawson, senior associate director of athletics for academic affairs at UIW, will be among eight inducted from 1984-1988, scoring 1,210 points and pulling down former UIW’s head coach for women’s basketball, Lawson, 51, was a basketball standout at Longview High School, where she led the program to a pair of state tournament appearances, including an undefeated 39-0 record and a state title in 1984. She was named Miss Basketball in Texas that season. Over her high school career, she scored 3,011 points, hauled in more than 900 rebounds and had a part in more than a thousand assists.

Lawson is among one of the “strongest classes ever” to enter the hall, TABC Director Rick Sherley said.

These men and women represent sportsmanship and success, leaving a lasting positive impact on the game of basketball in Texas,” he said.

Following high school and receiving several athletic scholarship offers, Lawson signed with Louisiana Tech’s University’s Lady Techsters in Ruston, where she lettered from 1984-1988, scoring 1,210 points and pulling down 450 rebounds. In her senior season, Lawson helped lead the Lady Techsters to the 1988 NCAA title, hitting the game-winning shot in a 56-54 victory over Auburn. After earning her bachelor’s degree in health and physical education at Louisiana Tech, Lawson chose to get her master’s in physical education with a concentration in human performance and sports studies from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. While there, she served as a graduate assistant to the nationally ranked women’s team under its lead coach, Pat Summit.

At UTK, she spent three years as assistant in the Southwest Texas State (now Texas State in San Marcos), then six years at Baylor University in Waco before becoming head coach of the Texas Lady Bears. When she was coaching the women’s basketball team at UIW, Lawson won more games than any other coach before deciding to move into administration.

UIW sports leader to join Texas Hall of Fame

UIW swimming and diving has been very fortunate with Ruvalcaba Cruz, who was born in Guadalajara, Mexico, but hails from Tijuana in Baja California, was named the Most Outstanding Male Freshman and as well as Scholar All-America by the College Swimming & Diving Coach-ES Association of America (CSCAA). He was a two-time champion at the conference championships 400 Fly (3:52.90) and 200 Fly (1:46.33), while finishing second in the 200 IM (1:49.18). He finished first overall in the men’s 200 Butterfly at the CSCAA Conference Championships last February with a time of 1:47.00. Earlier in the season, Ruvalcaba Cruz led all swimmers in the men’s 400 IM with a time of 4:02.00 against Texas A&M on Oct. 19. He also posted the second-best time in the men’s 200 IM with a 1:53.36 at the Little Rock (Ark.) Invitational.

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“Hector is very close to being in the ‘A standard’ as being in the Top 50 in the world,” said Davis. “That would give him access to any meet, including the Olympics. UIW swimming and diving has been very fortunate to have two student-athletes on the Mexican National Team. Daniel Torres was the first in 2015-16, but Hector is the first student-athlete in program history.

Forgive Hector Ruvalcaba Cruz for missing the first day of class next week. He’s got a good excuse.

Ruvalcaba Cruz is representing his native Mexico in the 2017 World University Games that end Wednesday, Aug. 30, in Taipei, Taiwan.

In July, Ruvalcaba Cruz, a sophomore engineering major, qualified in the 200 IM – a competition set Saturday, Aug. 24, at National Taiwan Sport University Arena. And he also might be competing earlier in the 200 IM.

“I am beyond glad that I got an opportunity like this,” Ruvalcaba Cruz, 20, said in a statement before leaving. “I am very proud to represent UIW and my country at my first big international competition. I am excited to see what I can do.”

Ravalcaba Cruz, a sophomore engineering major, demonstrates his race-winning strokes.

Spanish to the Logos

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The University of the Incarnate Word hired three new head coaches—one of them a UIW Hall of Fame—over the summer under the leadership of Mark Papich, then-interim director of athletics. Jonas Andersson, a 1997 graduate who was inducted into the university’s Hall of Fame for his outstanding national championships in tennis, took over the men’s team.

“I’m excited to be back in San Antonio, and an opportunity to lead the tennis team at UIW,” Andersson said in a prepared statement. “I am eager to be here and look forward to coaching the team in this competitive division.”

Andersson joins John Patrick, who played tennis at UIW from 1994-97, during which time he won three national titles. Patrick, who led the Owls to an NCAA Division I berth, now leads the baseball program under his leadership.“Basketball has provided so much for me over my life—everything I’ve done, from college basketball at Louisiana Tech. Having the opportunity to be a head coach is a dream come true,” said Mark Papich, who stepped into the role in 2014 to lead the Lady Pirates to a 22-win season in his first season with the squad in 2015.

The Owls also made three consecutive conference tournament appearances during his tenure. “We are very excited to be named the new head coach at UIW and look forward to the opportunity to help continue the traditions started by Coach Lawson, and build upon the success of the women’s basketball program,” said John Patrick.

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Synchronized swimming team member Natalia Vega competed with Team USA in an international competition in Budapest, Hungary, in mid-July. Vega, a native of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, participated July 14 in the Federation Internationale de Natation (International Swimming Federation). Vega also has been named to the Senior National Team 1, which will be preparing for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Last season, Vega, a criminal justice major, was a big part of the nationally ranked Cardinals repeating at Regionals and earning a spot in the U.S. Nationals in Columbus, Ohio. She was one of four Cardinals to be named Academic All-Americans.

Before coming to UIW, Vega was a member of the Loyola Athletic Club and Tonawanda Aquettes in Puerto Rico. She moved to Santa Clara, Calif., in 2014 to join the Santa Clara Aquamaids. In 2015, she was part of an open team and combo champions team competing in Chiba. In 2016, she was captain of the Junior Worlds national team and placed second in duet for team and combo competition. Her father, Rey Vega, played for Puerto Rico’s water polo team at the Pan Americas, Canada. One of her siblings, Christopher, plays basketball for St. Joseph’s University, and the other, Valeria, is a member of Puerto Rico’s synchronized swimming team.

“We are very proud of Natalia,” Elizabeth Gerlin, UIW’s synchronized swimming head coach, heaped praise on Vega.

“She did great work for us as a freshman and to have her competing on the world’s largest stage for synchronized swimming is invaluable experience,” Gerlin said.
Lecture, reception highlight ‘Shakespeare in Prague’

A lecture and reception on Friday, Sept. 8, will spotlight an art exhibition — “Shakespeare in Prague: Imaging the Bard the Heart of Europe” — at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Dr. Joe Brandesky Jr., noted author and curator, will lecture 5-6 p.m. in Ingrid Seddon Recital Hall of the Linda Bernard Music Center. Brandesky serves as the Martha’s Vineyard Farmer Endowed Professor in Theatre at Ohio State University in Lima.

Following Brandesky’s lecture, a reception will be conducted 6-8 in Kalo Art Center’s Sennies and Student Gallery.

Until Sept. 29, the “Shakespeare in Prague” exhibit will be available for viewing 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. It displays the history and depth of Shakespearean productions in central Europe and highlights the work of scores of central European theater artists and designers, said Roland Sul, director of the art gallery.

From the Machiavellian rise and fall of Richard III to the fantastical world of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” this exhibition explores the proliferation of Shakespeare’s work. His live sets and has released many of his tracks to post-modern references to popular culture are represented and underscores the significant contributions of these Czech and Slovak artists and designers to world culture and to the continued proliferation of Shakespeare’s work.

Joint auditions set for fall plays

The Department of Theatre Arts is holding point auditions 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, for two fall productions at the University of the Incarnate Word.

An audition sign-up sheet will be posted Monday, Aug. 28, in the Green Room of the HIT (Halligan-Ibbs Theatre) Building, for actors aspiring to be in “Lemons Lemons Lemons Lemons Lemons” and/or “Missalliance.”

Those auditioning in Elizabeth Hath Coates Theatre, according to the department, should prepare two contrasting monologues (one comedic and one serious). Each monolog should be no more than 60 seconds in length and time limits will be enforced.

“Lemons Lemons Lemons Lemons Lemons” by Sam Steiner will be presented Oct. 6-8 and Oct. 12-14 in Chevron Theatre. UWU theatre arts alum Omar Loss will direct the play whose only description at this time is this: “The average person will speak 123,605,780 words in a lifetime. But what if there were a limit? Bernadette and Olaf are about to find out.”

George Bernard Shaw’s “Missalliance,” which is set Nov. 10-12 and Nov. 15-17, is billed as a “witty look at courtship and the thin line between who is the pursuer and who is being pursued.”

Mark Stringham, an associate professor, will direct.

Stringham also will direct “Godspell” in the spring. Based on the book by John-Michael Tebdals and music by Stephen Schwartz, the production described as “an uplifting modern musical” will be Feb. 23-25 and March 1-3.

Both “Missalliance” and “Godspell” will be staged in Coates.

River Jam to feature DJ trio

This year’s River Jam, an annual back-to-school musical bash that’s part of Welcome Week at the University of the Incarnate Word, will feature three notable DJs.

DJ EGHA of San Antonio will open the three-hour show at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, in the concourse of the new Student Engagement Center. DJ Noel Sanger of Miami and DJ Kenneth Thomas of Detroit.

The River Jam event is put on every year for UWU students to come enjoy some live music and mingle with their fellow classmates,” said Paul Ayala, director of events and student programs.

Sanger reportedly has done hundreds of shows over the last 20 years while Thomas features mostly his original production with his live sets and has released many of his tracks to his imprint, LAMPHORISX.

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Until Sept. 29, the “Shakespeare in Prague” exhibit will be available for viewing 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. It displays the history and depth of Shakespearean productions in central Europe and highlights the work of scores of central European theater artists and designers, said Roland Sul, director of the art gallery.

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Beginning Monday, Aug. 28, the first day of classes, the center will send “The Monday Morning Mentor” to every faculty member’s inbox, said Dr. Susan Hall, director of the center in AD 212 where the reading groups and workshops will meet.

She said the link — for a good week — allows the participant to view a 20-minute presentation addressing one question about college teaching. Each time a faculty member completes the presentation and sends a certificate of completion, that person’s name will be entered in a drawing for an I-Pad mini.

Blackboard walk-in training will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 29-30 at the center. And each Wednesday, faculty members can expect to find “Wednesday’s Teaching Tip” in their inboxes.

“Each one is short, evidence-based, and easy to implement in a variety of disciplines, Hall said. Teaching tips will be archived on the CTL website; they are courtesy of the POD Network Teaching Tips Consortium.

Hall said CTL’s “new and expanded” website now contains resources for developing汽車, resources to use with students, and some of the materials supporting various teaching approaches at http://uiw.edu/ctl.

The director also said there will be two full reading groups where participants will receive a free copy of the book. One is “Make It Stick: The Science of Successful Learning,” a book by Peter Brown, Henry Roediger and Mark McDaniel. Hall said the “Make It Stick” authors use recent research to outline strategies “to help it all become more productive learners.” The authors also “clearly and engagingly summarize important studies, and they apply those findings to a fascinating array of situations. And to make their book even more compelling, they discuss why certain effective study strategies are so often feel lefty while evidence-based strategies frequently feel counterintuitive.”

The second reading group, “Learning,” a book by Peter Brown, Henry Roediger and Mark McDaniel, will explore the “Laudato Si” excerpts and Berry’s book, which lays out a universally applicable framework for understanding what sustainable solutions have been and practical guidelines for sustainable decision-making,” Hall said.

In addition, the group will explore readings selected by participants that focus on connections between daily efforts to live more sustainably and the flourishing of the whole person, Hall said, adding that the co-facilitators – Dr. Chris Edelman in psychology and Dr. Ann David in education – will give a short presentation on some topic related to this teaching approach, Group leader: Dr. Nash.

“Reflection: Increasing the Learning in Experimental Learning,” 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sept. 29 and 8 a.m.-9 a.m. Oct. 2, a gift card will be given at each session, which is cosponsored by the Ettling Center for Civic Leadership. Presenter: Hall.

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UIW joins the IYC which believes “college students, supported by their campuses can be the interfaith leaders needed to make religion a bridge and not a barrier.”

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