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UIW Celebrates Academic Excellence at End-of-Year Gatherings

~The first **Presidential Teaching Award** with a stipend of \$5,000 went to Dr. Roger Barnes, Professor of Sociology.

~This year's **Moody** scholar is Dr. Dorothy Etting, CCVI, from the Dreeben School of Education and the Women's Global Connection.

~**The McNair Scholars Program** honored its graduating scholars and welcomed incoming scholars and mentors on Friday, April 29th.

~**The Amy Freeman Lee Awardees**, hosted by Dr. Doyle, received congratulations on their academic and service achievements.

~All schools held **Honors Convocations** on April 24th to recognize a multitude of achievements, including those who attained Dean's list status, scholastic and service society membership, special awards and scholarships from outside agencies.

~Sister Martha Ann Kirk, CCVI received a \$15,000 **Worship Renewal grant** from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship.

~**At Commencement** on May 7th, UIW's successful graduates crossed the stage to receive well-earned diplomas and good wishes for what lies ahead of them.

Archbishop Jose Gomez Visits UIW

Rev. Jose Gomez, newly appointed bishop of San Antonio Archdiocese, visited UIW for lunch and a campus tour on April 27, 2005.

Dr. Agnese entertained Archbishop Gomez, a native of Monterrey, at the historic Brackenridge Villa, home to many Mexican bishops who were forced to flee the revolution.

During the luncheon, Drs. Agnese, Doyle, Dicianna and Sr. Audrey updated the Archbishop about UIW, its history, programs and vision for the future.



Archbishop Gomez was joined by Dr. Agnese, Dr. Dicianna, Sr. Kathleen, Dr. Doyle and Sisters Eilish and Audrey (not pictured)

The Archbishop expressed his concern and support for education in the Archdiocese and his desire to meet with the higher education community, particularly the theologians. He was born in what is now CHRISTUS Mugarza hospital.

The Archbishop has ties to Incarnate Word

Five Faculty Receive "Mission Continues" Awards

At the Faculty Appreciation Luncheon on April 1st, five faculty members received the "Mission Continues" awards, named after five CCVI's:

Dr. Mary Ruth Moore—Sr. St. Pierre Cinquin FAITH award.

Basil Aivaliotis—Mother Columkille Col-

bert SERVICE award.

Dr. Joseph Bonilla—Sr. Margaret Rose Palmer EDUCATION award.

Dr. William Thoman—Sr. Eleanor Ann Young TRUTH award.

Eloise Stoker—Sr. Maria Goretti Zehr INNOVATION award.

These awards recognize faculty for their outstanding commitment to UIW core values, for their ability to engage students in the learning process, for seeking truth through their scholarship, for their service to the community, for their creativity and their embrace of academic excellence in a context of faith.

Mission in Action: Students Reflect on Relationship of UIW Mission to their Goals

Dr. David Foglesong routinely asks his students to describe the relationship of the UIW Mission to their vocational goals. The following excerpts from representative responses illustrate student integration of the Mission values into their lives:

Being a concerned and enlightened citizen is to be aware of your knowledge, capabilities and how their application can benefit the world around you.

I have decided that one of the things that gives me satisfaction is serving others.

I can honestly say that before I enrolled here at Incarnate Word, I was narrow-minded and ignorant of differ-

ent people and their religious beliefs.

The first Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word were...extremely brave and full of passion for what they did. They came to the frontier of a new world and brought their service to God and their fellow man where it was needed the most....In a different sense we are doing the same today. The primary difference between the Sisters and us is our frontier. Our frontier is not a region of new undeveloped land, but the undeveloped understanding of science and biology.

To be an enlightened citizen is to be active in the betterment of your community, as well as the global community. I never want to lose sight of who I am, the role I play in society, and what I have to offer the world.

Our mission statement...focuses on how students can responsibly balance their lives around truth, innovation, faith, service, and, of course, education. I have found that in my everyday activities here at school. I encounter all these dimensions of our mission and try to devote my time to them equally.

The University's insistence on finding truth and communicating that truth has encouraged me, and will continue to encourage me, to be a better pharmacist evaluating constant innovations within the field and subsequently reporting those findings and recommendations to patients and others.

My goal is to change lives forever by selflessly giving everything I can to the community.

I am learning far more than just biology at UIW. I am developing greater concern for my fellow human beings, recognizing the presence of God in them.

I will be going on to dental school this coming July and after that I plan on doing mission work overseas.

I want to spend my life doing something meaningful, learning about ourselves and the mechanisms that drive us. As a physician, I would be privileged to study the latest discoveries in medicine and use my understanding to make a healthier difference in people's lives.

CCVI General Administration Invites UIW Community to Open House at Generalate



R. Sister Helena Monahan, Congregational Coordinator and Esther Ng, General Treasurer, welcome UIW members to the CCVI Generalate "Meet and Greet."

Dean of Alumni Honored for Over Forty Years of Faithful Service

On April 27, UIW celebrated forty-one years of Richard McCracken's ministry as English teacher, Public Relations Director, Assistant to every Incarnate Word President since his arrival on campus, mentor to students and alumni, and even Dean of Men.

Sister Margaret Patrice Slattery, Mendell Morgan, Caroline Spana and Maureen Halligan reminisced about Dick's arrival and early days on cam-

pus while Dr. Agnese recounted how he adopted and helped the Agnese family to integrate smoothly into the Incarnate Word family.

Dick will leave his position as Dean of Alumni in June to serve part-time in the Institutional Advancement's Capital Campaign Office.

Vincent Rodriguez signs the congratulatory poster for Dick at the community reception.

