ALL-OUT ZAG EFFORT

Campus unites to accommodate largest incoming class

Gonzaga staff and faculty have stepped up in a big way to accommodate the largest incoming freshman class in Gonzaga history. Projecting between 1,325 and 1,340 freshmen and 135 transfer students, Gonzaga’s overall enrollment should push 7,400.

Housing, dining, classroom scheduling, teaching, security, health center and student development are all impacted by the large class.

As President Thayne McCulloh suggested in his talks to faculty and staff last school year, the climate of recruiting high school students is changing dramatically. Demographics indicate fewer students coming of college age, and greater competition, particularly from colleges and universities in the northeast, is changing the yield formulas Gonzaga and others have used for some time. What’s predictable now is that everything is unpredictable.

Gonzaga Admission Office had set out to enroll 1,150 new freshmen this fall. Applications were down 434 from last year at this time. But the yield (percent of applicants who actually enroll) will be considerably higher than the normal percentage, based upon deposits paid.

No problem. Gonzaga answered the call.

Housing

“We are fortunate that our sophomore class is one of our smaller classes,” says Dennis Colestock, housing director. “We are renting the entire east building of Red Lion River Inn and housing 134 freshmen there. And we repurposed Rebmann House for 35 first-year men.”

River Inn has been used ten times in the last 15 years, and rooms are bigger than in our residence halls. They include bathrooms and air conditioning. “River Inn has always been popular with our students,” Colestock said. In addition, sophomores have been offered housing in GU off-campus properties and in Corkery and Burch apartments to give freshmen more beds in the traditional quarters on campus.

Dining

Sodexo’s Nancy Keller reports dinner hours in the COG are extended until 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Double service lines are in play at all six Hemmingson dining platforms at peak service times, and the new COG has 25 percent more seating than in the old COG.

“We have increased the number of retail locations on campus, expanded menus at the current ones, and we are keeping the Cataldo lunch option open,” she says. “We are telling students they’ll find shorter lines at the bottom of the hour, and student ambassadors will encourage students to share tables and make new friends.”

Other provisions

The Office of Academic Advising has coordinated all new student registration to ensure they receive the classes they need for their major preferences and core curriculum. Deans and department chairs have added class sections to ensure sufficient spots in the university core, in the College of Arts and Sciences – particularly in the science disciplines, says Assistant Vice President/Registrar Jolanta Weber.

Campus Security hired an additional officer to address the bigger class, an additional physician is serving at the Health and Counseling Center, and an extra case worker joins Student Development.

Class of 2019

By the Numbers

- 1,330 new freshmen
- 135 transfer students
- 92% retention freshmen to sophomores
- 26% students of color
- 19 student body presidents
- 44.2% from Washington, followed by California (24%) and Oregon (9.6%)
- 3.73 high school GPA

*These projections on Aug. 14, 2015 may change slightly as this class enrolls.
HEMMINGSON UNCOVERED

The John J. Hemmingson Center officially opens for business Aug. 28. Open will be all offices, Starbucks, Einstein Bros Bagels, The Bulldog, the Marketplace, Next Gen Tech center, Gonzaga Outdoors, U.S. Bank and the COG. For a video fly-through and hours of operation, visit www.gonzaga.edu/hemmingsoncenter. To schedule meeting rooms, contact Tere Graham, ext. 6854.

Health and Counseling Services, 704 E. Sharp, directed by Libby Skiles. This new structure allows all students to seek care, both physical and emotional, in one confidential setting. Fernando Ortiz will oversee clinical counseling and Dr. Trevor McCrorey will continue as medical director.

Biology assistant professor Carla Bonilla is the recipient of a $59,859 award from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust. She and her students will study responses to environmental, oxidative stressors which allow bacteria to survive stressful conditions using the model bacterium, Bacillus subtilis. In collaboration with Cornell and Old Dominion, Biology associate professor Joey Haydock received a $410,387 National Science Foundation award to study impact of structural damage inflicted by acorn woodpeckers in the California oak woodlands, while mentoring/training a postdoctoral associate, a Ph.D. student, and 12 undergraduates per year.

The School of Business received a $2,500 ACCU research grant to study the distinctive nature of business education, and mission-related outcomes assessment, in Catholic higher education.

Julie Beckstead, Biology professor, is a recipient of the INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine 100 Inspiring Women in STEM Award. “She inspires students to do science, generously mentors them, and empowers them by creating opportunities to demonstrate their abilities,” says Arts and Sciences Dean Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwik.

This summer 218 Gonzaga student athletes were named on the West Coast Conference Honor Roll, easily outdistancing its closest classroom competitors Loyola Marymount and Portland with 153 each.

Gonzaga is ranked by Money magazine as the best value among private universities in the Pacific Northwest and the 109th best value among all four-year public and private schools in the nation. GU is among the best 321 U.S., Canadian and British colleges featured in the Fiske Guide to Colleges 2016.

Andy Goldman, associate professor of history and chair of classical civilizations since 2007, is serving a three-year term as the Alphonse A. and Geraldine F. Arnold Distinguished Professor. The Archaeological Institute of America awarded Goldman the Kershaw Lectureship for 2015-2016. Goldman is starting a new archeological project in the ancient city of Sinope on the Black Sea coast of Turkey.

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education has granted initial accreditation to Gonzaga’s Doctor of Nursing Practice Program for five years.
Westfield helping solve world issues

Alan Westfield loves Sam Adams beer (naturally, he’s a Boston guy) and golf. But he has little time now for either as he is on deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan. There he is assisting friends and West Point classmates Gen. John Campbell, and Maj. Gen. Mark Rocke, collaborating with the National Security Adviser’s staff to help create a strategic plan to bring sensible alignment between the U.S., NATO and the Afghanistan government.

“We want to forge a long-term strategic partnership between our three parties that will help bring stability to this region,” says retired Lt. Col. Westfield. He had a similar deployment to Iraq in 2010. The military science instructor, Ranger Challenge coach and chief recruiter is on six-month leave from Gonzaga, where he’s worked in ROTC for 15 years.

“I’m honored to have been asked to assist with this important mission, Resolute Support,” Westfield says. “There are many positive things happening over here. We are truly looking out for the interests of our men and women, of those who served and came back, as well as those who did not, and their families and loved ones. There needs to be meaning to their sacrifices, and this is it,” he says.

“Here we are making sure kids are going to school, neighborhoods are secure, insuring girls can go to school (not many girls were going to school under Taliban control), and restoring the economy.”

“As a member of this Civilian Expeditionary Workforce, you will be among a select group of Americans who will help promote security and stability worldwide,” wrote CEW’s Terri Grocott in Westfield’s appointment letter.

Meanwhile, in April, Wesfield was awarded the Distinguished Citizens award by Daughters of the American Revolution, a surprise that made him uneasy, says Marnie Rorholm, ROTC administrative assistant.

“I think his brain is an absolute alumni database,” she continues. “He remembers everyone, cadre and cadet, who passed through here, and he keeps in touch with them, as they do with him. He absolutely embodies servant leadership, and never wants any accolades for himself.”

Zambezi is a small northwestern town in Zambia, Africa, about the size of Clarkston, Washington, population 7,000. But it has nary the resources. However, through its Gonzaga connections and seven years of planning, it launched and built a new library at the Chilena Basic School. This community resource consists of a technology center and far more books than residents, 20,000, thanks to fundraising efforts by Gonzaga and others.

The program, led by Josh Armstrong, director of GU’s Comprehensive Leadership Program, aims at forming productive relationships between Gonzaga students and the Zambezi community. Successful student-run partnerships like Zambia Gold – Zags marketing Zambian-grown honey in the U.S. – have helped fund the project. GU partnered with Books for Africa, the largest shipper of donated library books to the African continent.
CAMPUS SHUFFLE: WHO, WHAT & WHERE

The opening of the John J. Hemmingson Center spurred a flurry of office relocations and repurposing across campus. Here's where you'll find offices and services located in new spaces.

LEGEND

1. John J. Hemmingson Center
2. Crosby Center
3a, 3b. Center for Cura Personalis (CCP)
5. Women’s & Gender Studies
   Environmental Studies
6. Catholic Studies
7. Christian Life Communities (CLC)
8. Health and Counseling Center
9a, 9b. Philosophy (Campion Hall)
   Philosophy (Campion Annex)
10. Rebmann Men’s Residence
11. Arts and Science Annex
12. Office of Academic Advising
    and Assistance

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JOHN J. HEMMINGSON CENTER
- Center for Community Action & Service Learning
- Center for Global Engagement
- Center for Leadership Development
- Dining COG (Circulus Omnium Gonzagaorum)
- Einstein Bros Bagels
- Gonzaga Student Body Association
- GUEST Services
- GU Outdoors
- International & Scholar Services
- LGBT Resource Center
- Marketplace
- Starbucks
- Study Abroad
- Student Involvement & Leadership
- The Bulldog
- Transfer, Veteran & Returning Adult Services Office
- U.S. Bank
- Unity Multicultural Education Center
- University Ministry
Crosby Center
- Center for Career & Professional Development
- Office of Community Standards
- The Crosby Café
- First Year Experience Programs Office
- Housing & Residence Life
NOTEWORTHY

NEW Hires

Jason Allread, custodian, Plant Services; Raul Alvarez, Blackboard/web services developer, ITS; Orville Angle, assistant VP, Center for Career and Professional Development; Molly Ayers, director, CCASL; Steven Bjerkne, IT asset and applications release administrator; Cortney Brewer, conduct specialist, Student Development; Luke Cairney, graduate admissions program specialist, Education; Taylor Case, custodian, Plant Services; Rubena Cela, admissions counselor, Virtual Campus; Teah Chadderdon, development officer, Foundation Relations; Younghoe Choe, accounting assistant II, Accounts Payable; Jeff DeGon, custodian, Plant Services; Emma Dolcetti, student-athlete life skills coordinator, Athletics; Megan Falcon, assistant women’s tennis coach; Victoria Faligren, assistant women’s golf coach; Ricardo Fois, men’s basketball analytics/operations; Brandon Forster, custodian, Plant Services; Quinton Geis, residence hall director, Housing; Tere Graham, university scheduler/office coordinator, Hemmingson; Scott Griffith, tech bar program/event coordinator, ITS; Dan Harris, operations manager, Hemmingson; Mike Hart, basketball video coordinator; Megan Hewins, student service coordinator, Virtual Campus; Liz Higgins, marketing/public relations/digital media manager, Hemmingson; Olgema Hoxha, student services coordinator, Virtual Campus; Juanita Jimenez, employee relations officer, Human Resources; Quinn Kesselring, program assistant, Nursing; Krista Mather, coordinator, Student Activities; Margaret McGuire, student services coordinator, Virtual Campus; Leah Moczulska, assistant coach, Debate; Derik Monahan, custodian, Plant Services; Sabrina Nelson, residence hall director, Housing; Krystine Nowak, lecturer-AT, Foley; Yang Ouyang, program assistant, ISS; Jenna Parlin, associate director, Wellness & Prevention Education; Luis Perez, IT support central technician II; Deena Presnell, controller; Joel Schroeder, custodian, Plant Services; Raquel Smith, receptionist/office admin coordinator, Hemmingson; Scott Snider, director, Security; Paul Steuck, custodian, Plant Services; Julie Tibbs, admin assistant, ITS; Matthew Trumble, assistant system administrator, Engineering; Stephanie Whaley, title IX coordinator; Mark Wilson, professor/supervising attorney, Law School Foundation; Esther Wilson, sophomore academic adviser, Business; Vivi Windsor, operations manager, Hemmingson; Hikaru Yamaguchi, admissions counselor, Admissions; Cody Zietz, groundskeeper, Plant Services

GOODBYES

Dmitry Aleksandrov, custodian specialist, Plant Services; Barbara Anderson, program coordinator, Law; Fr. Robert Araujo, professor, Law; Duane Armitage, lecturer-AT, Philosophy; David Armstrong, lecturer-AT, English; Abdul Aziz, distinguished research professor, Engineering; Sandra Barone, sophomore academic adviser, Business; Abby Bennett, administrative secretary II, Athletics; Steve Bennett, assistant baseball coach; Rebekah Bennett, assistant director, Rudolf Fitness Center; John Berg, coordinator of student engagement, CCASL; Marnie Broughton, student services coordinator, Professional Studies; John Burke, professor, Math; Carly Carpenter, program assistant, DREAM; Fr. Richard Case, chaplain in residence; Wai Chan, lecturer-AT, Math; Daniel Chase, lecturer-AT, Chemistry; Meredith Coleman, student services coordinator, Virtual Campus; Steven Cowen, lecturer-AT, Physics; Amy Dowell, psychiatrist, Counseling Center; Betsy Downey, professor, History; Theresa Dryden, Institutional research data analyst, AVP; Todd Dunfield, director, CCASL; Brian Dunn, lecturer-AT, Biology; Alice Dupler, associate professor, Nursing; Senada Durgutovic, housekeeper, Jesuit House; Scott Ekstrom, user services technician, Computer Support Services; Al Fein, professor, Education; Sarah Gill, financial aid counselor; Robin Gleneden, custodian services assistant, Plant Services; Mary Gorski, associate professor, Nursing; Nicholas Grainger, residence hall director, Housing; Kimberly Griffin, lecturer-AT, Chemistry; Lunell Haught, lecturer-AT, Organizational Leadership; Alex Hernandez, men’s basketball administrative assistant; Katherine Hoffmann, assistant professor, Chemistry; Joanne Huffstutter, lecturer-IR, English; Patricia Hutchings, scholar-in-residence, Center for Teaching & Advising; Keith Kelley, case manager, Student Development; Kirk Kimberly, lecturer-IR, Sociology; Laura Kleinjan, admissions counselor, Virtual Campus; Lisa Koch, lecturer-AT, Psychology; Jerry Krause, director of men’s basketball administration; Kelly Lepo, lecturer-IR, Physics; Caroline Lilley, assistant women’s tennis coach; Jasmine Linane-Boeoy, admissions counselor, Admission; Marty Martin, executive vice president; Zoe Mayhook, library technician III, Library Services; Mike McBride, associate professor, Psychology; Patrick Metoyer, lecturer-AT, Psychology; Kevin Michels, visiting associate professor, Law; Lisa Miklush, assistant professor, Nursing; Veronica Navarro, lecturer-IR, Nursing; Jennifer Nelson, professor, Teacher Education; Marilyn Nelson, assistant to vice president, Student Development; Sung-Bae Park, associate professor, Sport and Physical Education; Aaron Parlin, program assistant I, DREAM; Andrea Parrish, communications specialist, Law; Kevin Pratt, director, Career Center operations; Chris Rehwald, administrative secretary, Student Development; Jane Rinehart, professor, Sociology; Ericka Rose, security officer; Joey Sammut, coordinator, Student Activities; Christian Santa Maria, coordinator, University Ministry; Steven Schaubel, coordinator of music, University Ministry; Justin Schmidt, technical director, Theatre & Dance; Kathryne Shearer, director, DREAM; Jon Shuford, director, Institute for Hate Studies; Shaun Sorensen, lecturer-AT, Theatre & Dance; Timothy Spaulding, lab technician/TV classroom, AVP; Myron Steckler, custodian, Plant Services; Shelley Story, associate dean, Gonzaga-in-Florence; Gretchen Stoup, assistant director of employee relations, Human Resources; Jon Sunderland, associate professor, Physical Education; Jeff Taylor, network engineer, CCNSS; Joshua Teppes, residence hall director; Mark Thomas, lecturer-AT, Philosophy; Anthony Via, director of development, Gonzaga-in-Florence; Valerie Vissia, E-file/Event Coordinator, Career Center; Kefei Wang, lecturer-AT, Computer Science; Shawn Washington, Act Six & UMEC programs specialist; Larry Weiser, associate professor, Law; Steven Whitfield, lecturer-AT, Biology; Kathryn Zeidler, student-athlete affairs coordinator; Xiaofei Zhang, lecturer-AT, Chemistry; Lei Zhao, lecturer-IR, Engineering

CHANGES/PROMOTIONS

Jennifer Akins, senior lecturer-AC, ESL; Sajti Alljagic, building coordinator, Hemmingson; Lindsay Bailey, learning system management administrator/data analyst, Virtual Campus; Christopher Becker, Windows systems admin II; Rajah Bose, senior photographer & videographer, Marcom; Nicole Bucher, program assistant II, Community Standards; Katie Burrow, lead concierge, Hemmingson; Randi Cadena, assistant to vice president, Student Development; Cathy Carter, enrollment specialist, Virtual Campus; Ana Chavez, program coordinator, Nursing; Lisa Corigliano, program assistant II, Student Development; Roger Cummings, project manager & business analyst, ITS; Heidi Doolittle, senior lecturer-AC, ESL; Kelly Dunham, admissions operations specialist, Admission; David FauntLeRoy,
event manager, Hemmingson; Rachael Flores, communications specialist, Law; Whitney Franklin, director of special events, University Advancement; Laura Gatewood, senior director of donor relations, University Advancement; David Gilbert, assistant director of outdoor programs; Deborah Harmon, senior admissions operations specialist, Admission; Cara Hoag, senior marketing specialist, Marcom; Athlyn Hose, admissions operations specialist, Admission; Theresa Kappus, associate professor, Foley; Kristen Kavon, manager, general activities program, Education; David Kingma, associate professor & archivist, Archives; Colleen Kinney, senior admissions operations specialist, Admission; Inga Laurent, associate professor/director, Law Externship Program; Andrew Main, facilities manager, Hemmingson; Theresa Malarkey, admissions operations specialist, Admission; Daniel Marx, multimedia & AV technician, ITS; Sean Meade, custodian lead, Plant Services; Christine Miranda, admissions operations specialist, Admission; Kim Pearson, associate professor, Law; Bethany Prince, office coordinator/administrative assistant to associate vice president, Marcom; Christine Purviance, assistant director of equity & inclusion, HR; Jeffery Ramirez, associate professor, Nursing; Judy Rogers, senior director, Planned Giving; Angela Ruff, academic events manager, AVP; Jennifer Sevedge, senior lecturer-AC, ESL; Dori Sonntag, assistant vice president of development, University Advancement; Sarah Sullivan, info technology trainer, ITS; Therese Thompson, program assistant III, Parent Programs; Lori VanHook, desktop publications specialist I, Campus Printing; Kelly Wentz, senior financial aid counselor, Financial Aid; Rachel Young, academic support coordinator & analyst, Nursing; Mischelle Zabinski, staff accountant, Hemmingson

CRADLE CALL
Dmitriy Aleksandrov, custodian, Plant Services, and spouse Nadja had a baby girl, Ellen. Danny Evans, associate head baseball coach, and spouse Kellie had a baby boy, Graham. Jeff Populus, HVAC technician, Plant Services, and wife Courtney had a baby boy, Andrew. Helen Smith, lecturer, Biology, and spouse Flores had baby girl, Maria. Rob Tomlinson, enterprise web developer III, and spouse Marisa had baby girl, Iris. Jill Yashinsky-Wortman, director, Center for Curricular Personalis, and husband Roy had a baby girl, Elin. Holly Jones, development communications, University Advancement, and spouse Billy had a baby girl, Irene.

ANNIVERSARIES

Steve Hertz, associate athletic director, Major Gifts; Larry Perkins, data networking manager, Central Computing/Network Services

Fr. Ken Kral, senior lecturer-AT, Classical Languages

Lorie Engle, buyer, Plant Services; Mary Heitkemper, director, Career Center; Thayne McCulloh, President; Julie Claar, office manager & assistant to director, Law Clinic

Katherine Fairburn, custodian, Plant Services; Mac McCandless, architect, Plant Services; Janet Snowder, custodian shift supervisor, Plant Services; Murlaine Steckler, supervisor, Mail Services; Einar Thorarinsson, head men's soccer coach, Athletics

Thomas Buck, assistant director of central services, ITS; Stacey Chatman, assistant director of graduate program, Business; Catherine Dieter, lecturer-IR & director of field experience, Teacher Education; Maureen Duclos, budget officer/special events coordinator, Business; Gail Hammer, assistant professor/interim director, University Legal Assistance; Ann Murphy, professor, Law; Richard Smith, HVAC control technician, Plant Services; Robert Thomas, chemistry lab specialist; Molly Wood, clinical coordinator specialist, Nursing

Upendra Acharya, associate professor, Law; Stacey Avery, reporting assistant, University Advancement; Sajt Alljagic, building coordinator, Hemmingson; Patrick Baraza, senior lecturer-AC, Religious Studies; JoAnne Bruce, buyer, Plant Services; Gary Chang, associate professor, Biology; Heather Easterling, associate professor, English; Bob Finn, director, Alumni Relations; Suzann Girtz, assistant professor, Teacher Education; Vikas Gumbhir, associate professor, Sociology; William Hayes, associate professor, Sociology; Jared Hertz, assistant athletic director for advancement; Kara Hertz, director of regional engagement and alumni operations; Brooks Holland, associate professor, Law; Kristen Kavon, manager, general activities program, Education; Sara Kern, associate professor, Accounting; Marzena Kosinski, senior director for budget & operations, Virtual Campus; Ellen Maccarone, associate professor, Philosophy; Peter MacDonald, men's tennis coach; Vivek Patil, associate professor, Marketing; Cindy Perry, office coordinator, University Ministry; Adrian Popa, associate professor, Organizational Leadership; Ron Prindle, associate professor, Integrated Media; Ingrid Ranum, associate professor, English; MaryAnn Rinderle, office coordinator/state registration specialist, AVP; Chuck Salina, associate professor, Education; James Sutterman, locksmith, Plant Services; Janell Williams, communication officer, Switchboard; Dan Xu, associate, Finance; Steven Zemke, professor, Mechanical Engineering

Kay Bachman, director, Information Technology Project Management Office; Christopher Becker, windows systems administrator; Rajah Bose, senior photographer, Marcom; Scott Burnham, professor, Law; Randi Cadena, assistant to vice president, Student Development; Deron Duncan, custodian, Plant Services; Senada Durgutovic, housekeeper, Jesuit House; Jason Gillmer, professor, Civil Liberties; Shanea Giroux, assistant to the vice president for Mission; Kathy Gustafson, marketing assistant, Virtual Campus; Cari Johnson, program assistant III, Counselor Education; Nermina Kekic, custodian, Plant Services; Mary Kelly, administrative secretary II, CCASL; Patricia Killen, academic vice president; Inga Laurent, associate professor/director, Externship Program, Law; Patricia Leahy-Charles, program coordinator, Law; Yevgeniy Leksunkin, general maintenance, Plant Services; Renee Massicotte-Vezeau, digital collections supervisor, Foley; Deborah Ortega, secretary, University Legal Assistance; Kim Pearson, associate professor, Law; Jeffrey Populus, HVAC technician, Plant Services; Katrina Rambo, senior state work study program specialist, Student Employment; Christine Ryman, internship manager, Career Center; Jason Schnagl, computer systems analyst/systems administrator, Engineering; Richard Thompson, general maintenance, Plant Services
POPE FRANCIS,  
GONZAGA

Catholic in a Jesuit Idiom

Habemus Papam! (We have a pope!) From the moment those words were proclaimed over St. Peter’s Square in 2013, Pope Francis has never ceased to surprise – even startle – the Church he shepherds. Whether by his refusal to live in the papal suite, or washing the feet of a Muslim woman in prison, Francis has done the unexpected. He has broken long-established protocols, leaving many to wonder, “Is the Pope Catholic?”

Catholic indeed! After decades in which his predecessors emphasized rigorous uniformity in doctrine and practice, Francis reminds us of truths about Catholicism that can easily be forgotten. Three in particular stand out: 1) the faith that unites us has always come to expression in diverse ways, and its vitality requires this; 2) the Church must not close in on itself, narcissistically preoccupied with self-perfection but instead must find itself by going into the world to share the Gospel; and 3) if the Church is faithful to its mission, it will change, reshaping itself and being reshaped by encounters as it labors to present the Gospel.

These easily forgotten truths can make many in the Church (and beyond) very uncomfortable. Those who have idealized an earlier expression of what it means to be Catholic will be challenged by Francis’ freedom with respect to protocols and traditions that they hold dear. How can he act this way and really be Catholic?

The question is important. I think we can answer with the analogy of language. People write grammars to present the rules operating within distinctive languages, but the language does not live in the grammar. It lives in the people who speak it. Speakers of the language impress distinctive qualities appropriate to their diverse conditions. Dialects develop – they are the same language, but with a variety of expression.

The catholicity of Pope Francis reflects such a dialect. We can speak of it as the Jesuit Idiom. Built upon the experience of Ignatius of Loyola and lived out by his companions and followers over 475 years, this idiom is missionary at its core. As Pope Benedict reminded us in 2008, Jesuit charism is to labor at the frontiers, in those places where the Spirit of the Gospel has not yet transformed hearts and minds, to bring forth the life and justice of the Kingdom of God.

To those immersed in the Jesuit Idiom, the actions of Pope Francis are not so surprising. They fall within the standard vocabulary of missionary dialect. He approaches his responsibilities in a spirit of discernment, seeking that which will better (magis) serve the promotion of the Kingdom of God. He demonstrates care for persons (cura personalis) in their wholeness, but with a special dedication to advocacy for those who have no one to defend their cause: the poor, refugees, orphans, the infirm. He lives simply in the midst of an affluent culture (the Church and Western Europe). His whole person is oriented toward his mission.

Gonzaga’s Catholicity reflects this same Jesuit Idiom. It, too, is directed toward transforming the world to advance the Kingdom of God. But it does so in ways appropriate to its nature as a Jesuit university. Catholic in the Jesuit Idiom, bringing together the insights and wisdom of scholars from diverse religious and cultural backgrounds to explore the challenges of our times, Gonzaga is a missionary at the frontiers. It is a place where the Church can encounter the larger world. Through that encounter, played out day by day on our campus, Gonzaga transforms the minds and hearts of students and the larger community in light of gospel values. All this Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (For the greater glory of God). Catholic indeed!

– By Fr. Jim Voiss, S.J., Rector, Gonzaga Jesuit Community

Editor’s Note: Pope Francis makes his first trip to the USA since becoming pope, Sept. 22-27, visiting Washington, D.C., New York and Philadelphia. Religious Studies Instructor Kathy Finley and husband Mitch will participate in the World Meeting of Families in Philly and attend the papal Mass.

OUTreach to Zambian teachers showed GU’s institutional heart and intentional effort to help those with great need.

IN SERVICE OF MISSION

Chris Rehwald (Student Development) and Kevin Pratt (Career Center) were recipients of the spring Mission Awards, presented by the Staff Assembly. (Right) Paula Foster was last fall’s recipient but was unable to attend the presentation as she was battling cancer. She is back to work at Foley Center and feeling much improved. Pratt also received the Harry Sladich Award for his long and loyal service to Gonzaga. He served 35 years, Rehwald 16 before both retired this summer.

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