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Get a unique viewpoint of the Onofrios' love for mountain climbing.
**New Hires**

Brian Gaul, sports information director, Athletics; Sharon Young, nurse manager, Health & Counseling Services; Devin Watkins, marketing law student, School of Law; Mike Melwinski, painter, Plant & Sustainability; Jason Swain, administrative assistant, Accounting; Michael Hart, senior program assistant in the College of Arts and Sciences; Brian Gaul, admissions counselor in the College of Arts and Sciences; Melissa Jones, financial aid counselor in the College of Arts and Sciences; Alan Reed, support technician in Nursing & Human Physiology;

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Michael Hart, men’s basketball video coordinator; Joshua Wilson, manager of grants & collaboration; Lauren Nelson, academic advisor; Timothy Spalding, lab tech/TV classroom, Agriculture; Alyssa Tallman, program assistant; Rachel Zach, science outreach coordinator, Plant; Patricia Miller, plant lead; Brianna Fisher, custodian lead.

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Melissa Blake, assistant professor in the School of Education; Riccardo Fois, science outreach coordinator, Biology; Eric Gunning, technology specialist, Hemmingson Center.

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Rodriguez-Coss and his students have put more effort into her teaching skills, and she, in turn, demands spending more time preparing for classes and focusing on helping students explore learning experience more beneficial for them.

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“Everyone was very responsive to reach out if we have needs, questions, or things we need to bring to the table,” Rodriguez-Coss says. —

**New Centers, Initiative, Addressing Local, Global Issues**

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Cradle Call

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The students here have been pretty proactive. They participate in classes...and are very engaged.

“Coming from a large state school where everything is kind of pre-packaged, it's a really nice fresh air of being to teach in small classrooms where students are more engaged,” Abeyta says.

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CARING ABOUT WAYS IN WHICH WE DIFFER

When GSBA President Caleb Dawson and Jeffrey Dodd, who directs the Center for Teaching and Advising, sat down last summer to get to know one another, they found an immediate connection. Dawson shared his experiences being an African-American student on a predominantly white campus, and Dodd recalled being a kid from meager means among very affluent peers at his small undergraduate school.

As a result of that conversation, the pair has partnered to initiate a learning community focused on culturally and affirming inclusive and aiming environments. They are passionate about how these students and staff examine how questions of race, class, and cultural identity shape us as a community. They’re especially invested in knowing how our teaching and learning spaces can be better suited to exploring those questions, and how we can all benefit from the tensions that arise as we explore these new relationships.

The learning community will meet about once per month throughout the academic year. Our goal is to really want to do this; we don’t want to fall back to big, class discussions, and no one’s primary work is to support faculty as they strive to deliver high-quality teaching and learning at Gonzaga. As like any place, Gonzaga will probably always face tensions around these issues, but we will and should work for the betterment of all students on our campus. And that will depend on constructing knowledge and reality together.

Dawson found community at GU, and he is committed to that experience being meaningful and integrated in the way he life and is open six days a week.

Central to who we are, I want Zags to be known and cared for in the ways for which we differ as well as those in which we have in common,” Dawson reflects on curricular designs and an invitation to intentionally develop the whole person with respect to culture. At the Lunch and Learn workshop sponsored by CTA in September, Dawson expressed his own quest for a formative academic experience in a question: “How am I being prepared to be Black in the world?”

Everyone has experienced the United States seems ominous, Dawson believes Gonzaga must model equity, inclusion and affirming inclusive and aiming experiences at Gonzaga. The point of the learning community is to ensure that every learning environment is experienced as one in which students belong, learn about who they are, and are growing to mean more across each other.” Dawson believes such a formation is essential to Zags being for and others.

Dawson and Dodd are not alone. Dozens of students, faculty, and staff across University divisions, departments, disciplines and offices are joining the learning experience.

Anyone interested in joining this learning community can contact dodd.gonzaga@gsba.com or gsba-president@ragmaz.gonzaga.com.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT - FELLOWSHIPS

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Karen Berlat, MD, associate professor of OB/GYN and rural health initiatives, recently gave a talk at the annual meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and was awarded a grant to help create a Women’s Health Access and Support Program in West Africa.

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“But the most important focus of this building are those last two pillars,” says Deputy Athletic Director Chris Standiford, who has played a major role behind the scenes in elevating Gonzaga’s national athletic acclaim.

“The 52,000-square-foot building will house student-athlete support services, currently crammed into the former training room, a new weight room, nutrition center, basketball practice court, hall of fame and multiple meeting areas.

“The $34 million project is being entirely funded through benefaction. “Our benefactors have responded to the fact that what our student athletes do in the classroom and in the community is what makes us – and this project – unique,”

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The Volkar Center for Athletic Achievement is projected for completion in fall 2017.

SEASON OF LIGHT

Song, mission, tree-lighting kick off Advent in Hemmingson, Nov. 29

It is that time of year when our spirits are renewed by friends and families coming together, giving thanks, honoring our faith, singing and dancing – and for Christians, celebrating the birth of our Savior, Christ.

So as we begin Gonzaga’s second Season of Light, we invite the community to the Hemmingson Center Rotunda, Nov. 29, 5:30 p.m. to launch this celebratory festival.

The 30-minute program includes music by Gonzaga’s Concert Choir and Big Bing Theory, a moment for mission by Fr. Brad Reynolds and Michelle Wheatley, comments by presidents Thayne McCulloh and Caleb Dunsmore, a ceremonial tree lighting in the Rotunda and a Silent Night singalong. The show will be streamed live throughout the world, www.online.gonzaga.edu/streaming.

Cookies and hot chocolate are offered along Main Street, and Zig Dining offers 8 festive holiday meals in the COC. In addition, Season of Light focuses on religions around the world which will be celebrated with display and music throughout Hemmingson for the next 18 days leading up to Christmas.

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“She was not an outdoors person when we started climbing together 12 years ago,” Greg recalls. “But she rapidly became addicted to the sport. Since then, we have climbed 7 of the 53 ‘4ers’ – Colorado mountains stretching higher than 14,000 feet – together. We’ve just handful away from becoming ‘grand slammers,’ (a term climbers pin on people who have climbed all 53 summits). What’s special to me is that Carol and I have done it as a married couple. And God willing, we’ll finish those last six together.”

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