PILGRIMAGE: When You Pray, Move Your Feet

Its tradition is rich and storied, and the 50th year of Pilgrimage on Sept. 14 will add to that legacy.

The spiritual 3.5-mile trek along gravel roads of the north Idaho wilderness is something the Gonzaga community has been experiencing since 1970, when it was an overnight affair with camping. Two Pilgrimage teams were held that year, one in the spring and one in the fall. The current format begins on campus early in the morning and returns late in the evening.

The route begins near Interstate 90 and ends at the Historic Mission of the Sacred Heart – or Cataldo Mission – in Idaho. After arriving at the Mission, participants will join tribal members for lunch, followed by celebration of the Eucharist. The Mission is the site of the oldest standing building in Idaho and was the headquarters of the region’s first Jesuit missionaries.

Gonzaga students, faculty, staff, alumni, family and friends are invited to take part in the milestone trek. Registration is available at: https://commerce.cashnet.com/GUMI/Pilgrimage.

“When we walk the route of Pilgrimage we embrace a long-standing tradition of pilgrimage on feet,” says Luke Lavens, director of the Office of Mission and Ministry. “The land teaches each of us its sacred story by truthfully revealing an encounter of indigenous peoples and Jesuits and the founding of Gonzaga University. It is a wonderful chance to learn from the land, its original peoples, and this holy place that most of us come to as visitors.”

Many of the humanistic values the Jesuits espoused have evolved to today’s world. For any one who attended those spring events in the MWPAC, the productions were staged seamlessly, or so it appeared.

“For the past decade I have been working with Jesuit initiatives internationally. These relationships have evolved to form a network of social activists across several continents. It was from these Jesuits, like Father Paul Doss, Brother Joseph Tukusang and educators like Yi Yi San, who are working with young people in Myanmar; and Yonal Alpórtovás, who are working with refugees, that I learned how the spirit of the Jesuits is alive in the lives of people. It was the Jesuit mission and the reputation of GU that attracted me to the position. It is the spaces of love and justice that made it easy to say yes!”

I believe with all of my heart that I was led to Gonzaga for this new season of my life. God has a way of bringing us into these seasons and here I am. I have been searching for a university that aligns with my faith, values and abilities – and the School of Nursing & Human Physiology and Gonzaga are the places where this all comes together. I am excited about building on the excellent reputation of the School and University and of working alongside everyone to greatly impact the health and well-being of our campus, communities and beyond.

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BEHIND THE SCENES: Colossal Effort by MWPAC Staff Creates Seamless Opening

During a special performance of the opening show, “A New Season,” on April 26, 10 a.m. for 675 school children from the area, the house lights failed to dim during the show. .. which probably worked out OK for the teachers keeping an eye on their school kids.

“The marketing manager also found himself trying to arrange for show ushers for 10 performances without much lead time, and finding it difficult to recruit volunteers to hand out programs and seat guests so late in the game. University Advancement event organizers helped provide ushers from a service they use, and saved the day.

“Surprisingly, I thought the great attraction to our new theater would be the Magistrate itself,” Rossing says, “but when I talked to people on campus, the big buzz was over the replicated rooms from Miss Woldson’s home.

“She got out and about in the community. It was her desire to give back,” Sims says. “This facility allows the community a chance to see great productions at an affordable price. Miss Woldson would have liked that.”

Some have asked, “Why not wait until fall to stage the dedication and grand opening events?” But it was clear in Sims’ and her crew’s minds that they owed it to the GU 2019 graduating seniors to give them a chance to perform in this beautiful space.

Mision accomplished, thanks to some extraordinary backstage theatrics. See Fall Season Lineup at the Myrtle Woldson, p. 2.
OFFICE IMPROVES CAPACITY TO SUPPORT KEY PROGRAMS

Zag Relationship Management Better Connects University to its Constituents

For many of its 31 years at Gonzaga, Raymond Reyes has been a voice for equity and inclusion on campus before the title of chief diversity officer (CDO) was created in higher education. "In Jesuit education, equity and diversity is animating the spiritual significance as well as the educational value of human difference," says Associate Provost Reyes. "Inclusion and equity is the pedagogical aspect that shapes deep critical thinking. Being able to critically see the student and their experiences across diverse social identities - raises our IQ as a community in service to the Greater Good."

At a time when his peers are retiring, Reyes is still passionately motivated with plans to recreate himself, but not rebuilding. Perhaps someday returning to teaching. However, President Thayne Green and the university’s commitment to diversity beyond any one person’s story. This year, the president established the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) to provide services under the provost model. The DEI office is located in College Hall 113. Reyes is joined by Office Manager and Communications Coordinator Najmeha Sharaei. Reyes plans to hire an interim associate CDO for the fall 2019 semester, and search for a permanent CDO to begin spring 2020 semester.

"A central diversity office will enable us to document our progress, programmatic and technical support to sustain programs and initiatives throughout the University addressing diversity-related issues and needs," Reyes says.

The DEI office will be a central place helping students, faculty and staff appreciate the value and importance of diversity. Students have asked for more communications, better transparency and accountability, says Reyes who will office the student work, Spirit is their connection to the rest of this campus community. "All the conversations mentioned most often are..."

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FALL SEASON LINEUP AT THE MYRTLE WOLDSON PAC


Guest Artists Residency Showcase – Fortun – Oct. 4. "We are an ensemble of classical, neoclassical and modern music with a focus on a variety of instruments..."

Singer Caroline Carter, Sept. 26. Hear, see and smell by the Cake Baby's show that has spun through theaters, restaurants and installments from flowery lyrics to songs of faith. "This show is all about..."

Jazz Senior Concert, Oct. 4, 6 p.m.

Calendar Chair, Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m.

Post Comedy Theatre, Oct. 19. "With a change of hat or wig, comedian Robert Post switches characters in a character-filled and mystery-paced show..."

Das Hip: The Story of Ernest Tubb, Oct. 17. Actor artfully portrays Tubb and then explores the outlaw character's many relationships..."

CalicoGuitar Trio + Montreal Guitar Trio, Nov. 14. Two notable guitar trios combine for a free fall festival in the Henningson Ballroom. "Meet the two guitarists for a fall show..."

Dance Presentals...Fortun + Rome and Klimmbutt Dance. Nov. 22.

"It's a show that's a unique new sound..."

The Night Before Christmas Carol, Dec. 2. "This carol is the beginning of the holiday season..."

"The ride will be fantastic..."

"It is clear that Christmas continues to provide an important vocal communications vehicle for our..."

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CROSSING PATHS
Science, Engineering Facility is Revolutionary in Scope

Perched on the bank along Cataldo Way, just south of Hughes Hall and west of PACCAR Center, imagine this three-story building with large windows overlooking Lake Arthur and the Spokane River. Envision the buzz of science, engineering and students from many other disciplines converging there, exploring integrative learning strategies in a facility unlike any other on campus. That is a picture University officials say is part of the Integrated Science and Engineering facility, providing Gonzaga’s students and faculty a welcome approach to education in the near future.

Gonzaga received approval from the Board of Trustees in July to begin construction this fall. With occupancy projected for fall 2021, this new facility is necessitated by the increase in STEM majors and our students’ drive to be competitive in the global market space,” said Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences Matt Bahr.

“This is exceptionally important as it relates to diversity and inclusion in STEM disciplines — where women and underrepresented minorities are more likely to be engaged when they experience collaborative, interdisciplinary, hands-on learning with demonstrated real-world applications of what they are learning,” says Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences Matt Bahr.

Details on the new building will be revealed during the official groundbreaking ceremony Sept. 26.

An architect’s rendering of the proposed integrated science and engineering facility, which is due to begin construction this fall.

Gonzaga MOVING UP
Now ranked as a “National University”

Gonzaga will be ranked in the National University category alongside institutions ranging from Princeton to Arizona State when U.S. News & World Report releases its 2020 annual rankings this September. GU is currently ranked in the West Regional category. U.S. News made this change as a result of the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education moving GU and several other universities, including Santa Clara and Seattle U, from the ‘Master’s University’ category to a new ‘Doctoral/Professional University’ category in response to the number of graduates conferred doctoral degrees by each institution.

Gonzaga has been ranked in U.S. News among the top 4 regional universities in the Northwest for decades. The University’s National category ranking will likely change when compared to the vast array of public and private colleges and universities that comprise the National University category.

The U.S. News National University category includes Gonzaga and 153 other Doctoral/Professional Universities; 131 Doctoral Universities: Very High Research Activity (“R1”) Universities; and 35 Doctoral Universities: High Research Activity (“R2”) Universities. Northeastern Institutions include Washington, Seattle Pacific, Boise State, Concordia and Pacific Forest Grove, Ore. Loyola Marymount, Pepperdine, Santa Clara and University of the Pacific. The Pac-12 West Coast Conference are also included. Creighton, Georgetown and Marquette are among other Jesuit universities in this category. Spanning the country, schools like Harvard, Princeton, MIT and Florida State are also ranked in this category.

For more information, including an FAQ, please search “Carnegie” on Gonzaga’s news website.

FOCUS ON … ANOTHER GONZAGA FULLBRICK SCHOLAR

Ann Ostendorf rising in Japan

Talking with History Professor Ann Ostendorf is a little bit like chatting with one’s kids just before Christmas. She is embarking on a grand academic adventure, and she can’t wait to get started.

Ostendorf received a Fulbright Scholar grant to teach this coming year at the University of Tokyo and Japan Women’s University. The Fulbright Program, which aims to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries, is the flagship international educational-exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government.

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Staff Members’ Service, Innovation Recognized

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Sara Clarkson, assistant director II, Accounts Payable; RyAnne Jones, infrastructure engineer II, Engineering; Stephen May, digital content producer, Virtual Campus; Genevieve Mann, assoc professor, clinic supervising attorney, Law; Patricia Helmers, assoc professor, Social Work; Iryana Macias Valeria Arias, digital content producer, Virtual Campus; Colleen Vanderboom, assoc dean, Learning Commons; Robert Lyons, assoc professor, English; April Bazzel, assistant professor, English; Kayla Cartell, manager, Student Media; Shane Florence, assoc dean, Intellectual Property & Innovation; Jordan Davis, assoc professor, Biology; Jeff Weipke, assoc professor, History.


CRADLE CALL

Brock Slavin, groundskeeper, Plant, and wife Danielle had a baby boy, Easton. Eric Ganino, assoc athletic trainer, and wife Megan had a baby girl, Taryn. Bonnie Dionche, assoc, professor, CCE, and husband Paul had a baby girl, Georgia. Luke Caimin, director, graduate admissions, Education, and wife Kate had a baby girl, Sinba. Charles Monte, assoc professor, Education; Tim Olsen, custodian, Plant; husband Rocco had a baby girl, Julian. Bryce Thomas, assoc director, Center for Student Academic Success, and wife Emily had a baby girl, Evolution. Alvarado-Young, director, First-Year Experience, and husband, Matt had a baby boy, London.
Hikaru Yamaguchi, dean, Student Well Being; Marketing & Communications; academic support coordinator/analyst, Nursing; budget/personnel officer, Enrollment Mgt; Giving; assoc professor, Physics; professor, Math; professor, Education; Equity & Inclusion; Bar Programs; Studies; Cura Personalis; Delgado event operations, Athletics; services coordinator, Virtual Campus; Lindsay Smith, student conduct; operations specialist, Graduate Enrollment, admin asst, Education; director, Graduate Enrollment Management; assoc provost, Enrollment Management; Michaela Vue, director, Purchasing; residences Housing director; operations specialist I, Technology Education Services; Libby Skiles, student conduct; operations specialist, Plant; Custodial lead, Plant; Matt Bafus, Erick Biddle and Todd Ullrich, students in Residence; Sarah Schwingr, sr. director, Marketing & Communications; Jim Simon, director, Sustainability; Michelle Wilson, Cheerleading coach, Athletics; Hugh Bol, counselor, Financial Aid; Brad Student, counselor, Student Affairs; Richard Cangemi, professor, Math; Megan Ciesta, assoc professor, English; Emily Clark, assoc professor, Religious Studies; Ellie Sanders, sr. recruitment partner, Human Resources; Chuck Franklin, director, Auxiliary Services; Kem Gamble, assoc professor, Leadership Studies; Peter Harris, asst professor, Music; Mary Kearney, asst professor, Theatre; Danielle Lay, assoc professor, Philosophy; Kevin Meuser, lecturer, Biology; Tim Olen, asst professor, Business; Charles Peplin, assoc professor, Theatre & Dance; Raymond Rast, asst professor, History; Matt Bade, assoc professor, Art; Alan Scruggs, lecturer, Philosophy; Lisa Silvestri Wehr, assoc professor, Communications Studies; Leslie Stallsworth, asst professor, Theatre & Dance; Ashley Sundin, head Librarian, Chastek Library; Tyler Tripp, assoc professor, Philosophy; Ted Zeidler, atl. athletic director; Becky Wilkey shares laughs with colleagues at Matt’s Halloween party this year. Faculty & Staff bring the Spirit of our Mission to Life

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Carine Cunningham is opening eyes to leadership opportunities for women.


**POsITION CHANGES/PROMOTIONS**

Erika Johnson, professor Economics; Timothy Olsen, assoc professor, Business; Gary Weber, professor, Accounting; Shawn Bowes, professor, Computer Science; Tallian Chen, professor, Engineering; Ryan McColloch, assoc professor, Human Physiology; James Smith, assoc professor, Education; Matt Creemere, assoc professor, Chemistry; Lisa Silvestri Wehr, assoc professor, Communications Studies; Amir Casaul, professor, English; Megan Clea, assoc professor, Philosophy; Math; Michelle Ohlert, assoc professor; Math; Adam Fridrich, assoc professor; Physics; Nicole Moore, assoc professor; Physics; Emily Clark, asst professor, Religious Studies; Annette Dowsett, asst professor, Planned Giving; Elizabeth Kennedy, specialist, Planned Giving; Ivette Godwin, budget per persoal office, Enrollment Mgt; Matt Baker, asst director, Student Conduct; Luis Delgado, coord/Assistant, Human Resources; Nadine Rogers, program asst II, Financial Aid; Jamie Johnson, assoc professor, Marketing & Communications; Candice Newksilk, coord/Lead, Plant; Sarah Guzman, director, alumni engagement & strategic initiative; Law; Kate VanSickle-Bunch, or, director, content strategy & publications; Marketing & Communications; Rachel Young, academic support coordinator/analyst, Nursing; Cara Hoag, director, admissions; Ana Cazares, asst professor, Computer Science; James Smith, assoc professor, Education; Matthew Tipton, assoc professor, Philosophy; Jessica Salas, assoc professor, Philosophy; Arianna Lujan, assoc professor, Psychology; Hannah Johnson, asst professor, English; Grace Celona, assoc professor, Psychology; Morgan Butt, assoc professor, English; Karen Gainford, assoc assistant, Nursing; Bianca Hartman, assoc professor, Psychology; Thomas Connolly, asst professor, Psychology; Jasmine Dwyer, asst professor, English; Matthew McPherson, assoc professor, English; Monica Bras, assoc professor, Biology; Michaela Vue, asst professor, Biology; Sarah Willshire, assoc professor, Biology; Anthony Phillips, assoc professor, Communication Studies; Mike Ziegler, assoc professor, Biology; Joseph Zavala, asst professor, Education; David Fague, assoc professor, Philosophy; Alexandria Boeckman, assoc professor, Communication Studies; Katie Anderson, asst professor, Psychology; Steve Nowak, assoc professor, Business; Steven Schwartz, assoc professor, Philosophy; Alex Liptak, assoc professor, Mathematics; Robert Aikten, sr. lecturer, Nursing; Patricia Thompson, director, Taps Athletic; Hal Strickland, professor, Engineering; William Blais, asst professor, Engineering; Heather Gores, assoc professor, Computer Science; Matthew McPherson, asst professor, Philosophy; June Moore, assoc professor, Psychology; Ryan O’Connor, assoc professor, Philosophy; Johnathan Williams, assoc professor, Philosophy; Robert Aikten, sr. lecturer, Nursing; Sarah Schwingr, sr. director, Marketing & Communications; Jim Simon, director, Sustainability; Michelle Wilson, Cheerleading coach, Athletics; Hugh Bol, counselor, Financial Aid; Brad Student, counselor, Student Affairs; Richard Cangemi, professor, Math; Megan Ciesta, assoc professor, English; Emily Clark, assoc professor, Religious Studies; Ellie Sanders, sr. recruitment partner, Human Resources; Chuck Franklin, director, Auxiliary Services; Kem Gamble, assoc professor, Leadership Studies; Peter Harris, asst professor, Music; Mary Kearney, asst professor, Theatre; Danielle Lay, assoc professor, Philosophy; Kevin Meuser, lecturer, Biology; Tim Olen, asst professor, Business; Charles Peplin, assoc professor, Theatre & Dance; Raymond Rast, asst professor, History; Matt Bade, assoc professor, Art; Alan Scruggs, lecturer, Philosophy; Lisa Silvestri Wehr, assoc professor, Communications Studies; Leslie Stallsworth, asst professor, Theatre & Dance; Ashley Sundin, head Librarian, Chastek Library; Tyler Tripp, assoc professor, Philosophy; Ted Zeidler, atl. athletic director; Becky Wilkey shares laughs with colleagues at Matt’s Halloween party this year.

**GooDByES**

Caril Biford, recruitment partner, Human Resources; Libby Skiles, asst dean; Amanda Bunch, sr. dean enrollment; Sam Bas, residence housing director; Hilary Yamaguchi, sr. coordinator, Academic Support; Amanda Bunch, sr. dean enrollment; Shari Kart, asst Dean Financial Aid; Sharon Mahon, program asst, Admission; Katie Herzog, asst director, Leadership Development; Linda Leonard, coord/Assistant, Plant; Ken Wessling, asst director, Plant; Karen Hertz, sr. dir. Marketing.

**RokuHIRE**

Jared Askooff, professor, Political Science/Environmental Studies; Lada Kupri, professor, Business; Matthew McPherson, professor, Business; Lisa McPherson, assoc professor, Nursing; Kevin O’Connor, professor, History; Eric Stubbins, assoc professor, Plant; John Traynor, assoc professor, Education; Steven Warren, assoc professor, Chemistry.

**AnnOrtiz**

Terrance Ortiz, director, Counseling Center; Samantha Scott, technical analyst, Student Accounts; Josh Coe, director, Athletic Development; Deborah Wiseman, sr. faculty, asst Biology, Shane Bowes, assoc professor, Computer Science; Barbara Boyer, assoc professor, Modern Languages; Taisen Chen, professor, Engineering; Stephen Conant, sr. lead and technical specialist, Human Physiology; Patrick Ferns, professor, Engineering; Richard Goodrich, asst professor, History; Toran Haakenson, assoc professor, Modern Languages; Ryan Herzog, assoc professor, Business; Kristine Hoover, assoc professor, Political Science; Staci Tanenchov, assoc professor, Political Science; Annie Voyer, assoc professor, Business; Julie Weipolt, assoc professor, History.

**SaraClarkson**

Sara Clarkson, assistant, II Accounts Payable; RyAnne Jones, infrastructure. engineering II, Engineering; Stephen Moy, digital content producer, Virtual Campus; Genevieve Mann, asst professor/principal, utilizing video in the classroom; Jack Howard, professor, Philosophy; Martin Valencia Arias, digital content producer, Virtual Campus; Colleen Vanderboom, asst dean, Arts Education; Robert York, assoc professor, Psychology; Audrey Argyle,ancellor, Taylor Hall; Kayla Cartalt, asst manager, Student Media; Shane Floare, assoc specialist, Plant; Kyle Myers, case manager, Student Development; Wade Croft, tech. professional, Engineering; Jennifer DeDonato, provost III, Education; Joseph Hirst, officer, Security; Gena Hacho, clinical experience coordinator, Nursing; Kevin Kinter, temp housekeeper, Mission & Ministry; Julia Larsen, program asst III, Community Engagement; Brand Prater-Markers, youth programs director; Jeri Santisi, asst director humanities; Matt Bafus, Erick Biddle and Todd Ullrich take pride in keeping campus beautiful and safe, always with a smile.
CROSSING PATHS
Science, Engineering Facility is Revolutionary in Scope

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Gonzaga has been ranked in U.S. News among the top 4 regional universities in the Northwest for decades. The University’s National category ranking will likely change when compared to the vast array of 458 public and private colleges and universities that comprise the National University category. The U.S. News National University category includes Gonzaga and 153 other Doctoral/Professional Universities; 131 Doctoral Universities: Very High Research Activity ("R1") Institutions; and 135 Doctoral Universities: High Research Activity ("R2") Universities. Northwest Institutions include Washington, Seattle Pacific, Boise State, Concordia and Pacific Forest Grove, Ore. Loyola Marymount, Pepperdine, Santa Clara and University of the Pacific. The Pacific Coast Conference are also included. Creighton, Georgetown and Marquette are among other Jesuit universities in this category. Spanning the country, schools like Harvard, Princeton, MIT and Florida State are also ranked in this category.

For more information, including an FAQ, please search “Carnegie” on Gonzaga’s news website.

Staff Members’ Service, Innovation Recognized

Katrina Rambo, Joey Sammut and Hikaru Yamaguchi are similar in a lot of ways—they care for and inspire our students, are innovative, and serve our mission in all they do. Yamaguchi and Sammut were recognized as recipients of Staff Assembly’s Service in Support of Mission Awards—Yamaguchi for continuing to build relationships with, and support students after she recruited them to come to GU; and Sammut for his many late nights and weekends assisting clubs and organizations. Rambo received the Innovation Award for finding ways around technical glitches in making sure all Work Study students found jobs to further their education and fulfill their interests. Awards were presented at the May 16 Open Meeting.

ANNIVERSARIANS HONORED FOR LIFETIME CONTRIBUTIONS

President Thayne McCullough recognized the following longtime employees for their dedication and service to the University, on the occasion of milestone anniversaries (FE=faculty emeritus): Front row: John Beck, 30; Ron Large, 30; Mia Bertagnoli, 25; Anne Thomas, 25; Carol Huston, 25; Jalanta Weber, 30; Julie McCullough, 25; Jane Hession, 35; Heather Turbrewe, 25; Walter Tests, FE; Kathy Yee, FE; Linda Pierce, FE; John Capato, FE. Back row: Randy Bender, FE; Teshome Tewolde, FE; Allen Albano, 35; Ken Sammon, 50; Linda Scharing, 25; Angela Ruff, 30; Dakan Neiner, 35; Sean Larson, 35; Millie McFadden, 25; Tina Thomas, 30; Barbara Wamenn, 35; Sally Rasmussen, 40; Chuck Murphy, 40; Not pictured: David Cleary, 25; Beth Cooke, 35; Mike Grabowski, 25; Carolyn Hodd, 35; Paul Nowak, 35; Carolyn Beigel, 35; Noel Bormann, 50; Matt Bazo, 50; Raizena Dvonch, 25; Bud Barnes, 45; Amy Kelley; FE; Sam Leipold, FE; Peter Fore, FE.

GONZAGA MOVING UP

Now ranked as a “National University”

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This 82,679-square-foot building will connect to the PACCAR Center to the east, and Hughes Hall to the north. It will provide a number of both open and walled student spaces in hallways that connect the engineering and natural science discipline laboratories—students from multiple disciplines will be working in the same areas. The design also provides common laboratory prep space among the engineering and natural science disciplines and will contain offices for faculty from across these programs. This represents a trend at Gonzaga to work more interdisciplinarily.

“This is exceptionally important as it relates to diversity and inclusion in STEM discipines—where women and underrepresented minorities are more likely to be engaged when they experience collaborative, interdisciplinary, hands-on learning with demonstrated real-world applications of what they are learning,” says Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences Matt Bahr.

More details on the new building will be revealed during the official groundbreaking ceremony Sept. 11.

Focus on …

Another Gonzaga Fulbright Scholar

Talking with History Professor Ann Ostendorf is a little bit like chatting with one’s kids just before Christmas. She is embarking on a grand academic adventure, and she can’t wait to get started.

Ostendorf received a Fulbright Scholar grant to teach this coming year at the University of Tokyo and Japan Women’s University. The Fulbright Program, which aims to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries, is the flagship international educational-exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government.

“Like our students who study abroad, I’m excited to go abroad and see what I learn about other people and cultures,” says Ostendorf, whose only international experience living abroad was for one year in Southeast Asia, although she is a frequent traveler to other countries.

She’ll be teaching classes on Native American studies and U.S. history and culture, crafted specifically for the international students attending her two Japanese universities.

“I’m most excited to see how students respond to my material. What questions they bring that are different than the questions often posed by our students. That will help me see where they are coming from,” Ostendorf says.

She’s also excited to learn more about Japan’s own history, daily life and customs. “I’ll be amazing to live there for 10 months. I don’t know what I’m going to learn. But I know it will be very healthy for me,” she says.

“I’m curious to see what insights and hang ups my Japanese students bring to the table. They might make different assumptions than what American students might have. What does immigration mean to them, for example?” Ostendorf says, thinking out loud. “I’m curious how I treat resonates with them.”

The unprecedented Ostendorf is honored to receive this Fulbright award. “Frankly, I’m still in shock,” she says. She’s particularly appreciative of the help her colleagues in the history department offered, including former Fulbright Scholar Julie Weiskopf (Tanzania), “who helped me with my application drafts. Eric Cunningham, our Japanese historian who wrote a letter of support for me. Laurie Arnold wrote a letter for me and spoke to my ability to navigate with different cultures. “My colleagues here are pretty dear to me.”

Perched on the bank along Cataldo Way, just south of Hughes Hall and west of PACCAR Center, imagine a three-story building with large windows overlooking Lake Arthur and the Spokane River. Envision the bounty of science, engineering and students from many other disciplines converging there, exploring integrative learning strategies in a facility unlike any other on campus. That is a picture University officials paint of the Integrated Science and Engineering facility, providing Gonzaga’s students and faculty a welcome approach to education in the near future.

Gonzaga received approval from the Board of Trustees in July to begin construction this fall. With occupancy projected for fall 2021, this structure will integrate the natural sciences, computer science and the engineering disciplines.

“With more and modern space and equipment, we can serve our growing student body to make them competitive in the global market space,” says Engineering and Applied Science Dean Karl Hoen. “We can attract research-minded faculty along with a higher quality and more diverse student body, and enable Gonzaga to take the next step in its STEM journey.”

This new facility is necessitated by the increase in STEM-related majors over the past five years by 122.

An architect’s rendering of the proposed integrated science and engineering facility, which is due to begin construction this fall.
A summer of momentum continued in the 2020-21 academic year at the University of Washington School of Medicine-Gonzaga University Regional Partnership (GURP). Among the milestones celebrated this summer, the partnership’s first joint hire, five opportunities for GU undergraduates in UW research labs, graduation of 30 new physician assistants, and a new leadership pathway for GU students, are contributions to the understanding of the health effects of climate change.

Jake A. Deckert, who holds multiple degrees from the University of Kansas, is joining the faculty of both GU and UW as the first joint hire for the Partnership. He recently completed a postdoctoral research program at the Feinberg Institute for Medical Research in Manhattan, N.Y.

Deckert will focus on teaching and supervising UWGON first-year medical students during fall term, then move to teaching and advising GU graduate human physiology students during spring term.

Deckert’s research experience is in acute and chronic lung disease and the immune system from exercise. He is recognized as an experienced teacher and mentor.

Meanwhile, five Gonzaga undergraduates have had the privilege of working in scientific research labs at a number of institutions, including the NHL-enHeart Human Physiology ’21, Megan Glamis (Biology ’20), Holly Ebel (Nursing ’20), Ana Oroshwsky (Biology ’20), and Gianna Sciamanna (Politics ’20) have worked alongside researchers in Rhetoricology, Genomics, Global Health, Neurology, and the Diabetic Institute. A recent GU News Story service hours highlight of these five students: the story will present their work and share the value of this extra-curricular experience during the Booth Poster Session from 4-6 p.m. in the Hemmingson Ballroom.

As many of these students were advancing their studies, 30 new physician assistants graduated from MEDEX Northwest, a part of the Regional Health Partnership, at ceremonies held in the Hemmingson Ballroom in mid-August. And coming up this fall, 150 new medical students will have the option to explore a specialized leadership pathway developed by GU School of Leadership Studies, working in conjunction with UW Faculty. Classes begin the end of September. The trailblarking this project is looking for community mentors to get involved. For more information, contact Carol Weigand at ext. 7905.

Finally, the Partnership has announced the fall 2021 Next Generation Medicine Lecture featuring Kristie Ebi, who will address “The Health Effects of Climate Change” on Oct. 3, 6:30-8 p.m. in Hemmingson Ballroom.

Raymond Reyes and Raymond Reyes are building a structure to support the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and the task force of increasing the percent of diverse faculty and staff is high on their priority list.

For many of its 31 years at Gonzaga, Raymond Reyes has been a voice for equity and inclusion on campus before the title of chief diversity officer (CDO) was created in higher education. "In Jesuit education, everything is animating the spiritual significance as well as the educational value of human differences," says Associate Provost Reyes.

"Inclusion and equity is the pedagogical approach that furnishes deep critical thinking. Being able to critically see the self in all cross culture, across many diverse social identities - raises one’s IQ as a community in service to the Greater Good."

At when his peers are retiring, Raymond is still passionately motivated with plans to recreate himself, but not retire. "Perhaps someday we’ll retire to teaching. However, President Calise says the need is to institutionalize and sustain the DEI’s mission and its commitments to diversity beyond any one person’s stay. Earlier this year, the president established the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) or the provost under the provost model. The DEI office is located in College Hall 113. Reyes is joined by Office Manager and Communications Coordinator Nahnagama Sheraria. Reyes plans to hire an interim associate CDO for the fall 2019 semester, and search for a permanent CDO to begin spring 2020 semester.

"A central diversity office will enable us to offer a more comprehensive and technical support to sustainable initiatives and partnerships throughout the University addressing diversity-related issues and needs."

The DEI office will be a central place helping define Vision and goals for the University. Students have asked for more communications, better transparency and accountability, says the office will honor the student voice as well as respond to many of the campus climate assessment research study by Sue Rankin & Associates.

Reyes says “We are similar to Mission Spokane in that the Office of Institutional Research, in working across the entire University, is one of the best ways to look at all our colleges and departments and see how we are more effective with communicating across differences. Our office will support trying to fulfill our tasks of the mission as it pertains to DEI.”

Reyes says we can’t lose sight of the educational value of human differences. "We are here to educate future leaders, and it’s going to be highly diverse and extremely challenging by globalization. We will leverage the value proposition of global diversity and intercultural fluency.

We want to see all of us at the University as ambassadors for our Admission enterprise. Recent reports are indicating that we have a 95% retention rate, and that’s unheard of across the country. We’re all doing this together and we’re succeeding making our warm, welcoming and welcoming for our parents."

What is the equivalent of going to see the DEI office for GU? What is the equivalent DEI metric for a 95% retention rate? These are questions that the DEI office will attempt to answer as we venture forward, and help our student and support our faculty and staff and administrative team effectively in how they serve our students and each other, Reyes says.

Gonzaga is among the 323 "best and most interesting" U.S. Canadian, British and Irish college and universities and unnamed in the "Pike Guide to Colleges 2020."
PILGRIMAGE: When You Pray, Move Your Feet

Its tradition is rich and storied, and the 50th year of Pilgrimage on Sept. 14 will add to that legacy. The spiritual 11.5-mile trek along gravel roads of the northern Idaho wilderness is something the Gonzaga community has been experiencing since 1970, when it was an overnight affair with camping. Two Pilgrimage was held that year, one in the spring and one in the fall. The current format begins on campus early in the morning and returns late in the evening. The route begins near Interstate 90 and ends at the historic Mission of the Sacred Heart — or Cataldo Mission — in Idaho. After arriving at the Mission, participants will join tribal members for lunch, followed by celebration of the Eucharist. The Mission is the site of the oldest standing building in Idaho and was the headquarters of the region’s first Jesuit missionaries.

Gonzaga students, Jesuits, faculty, staff, alumni, family and friends are invited to take part in the milestone trek. Registration is available at: https://commerce.cashnet.com/GUMisMin.

"When we walk the route of Pilgrimage we embrace a longstanding tradition of praying on feet," says Luke Lawes, director of the Office of Mission and Ministry. "The land teaches each of us its sacred story by truthfully revealing an encounter of indigenous peoples and Jesuits and the founding

BEHIND THE SCENES:
Colossal Effort by MWAPC Staff Creates Seamless Opening

Perhaps as amazing as the grand opening performance in the Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center by music, theater and dance students last spring, was the monumental effort behind the scenes by the small Myrtle Woldson staff to make sure the building was ready to roll for the April 11 dedication and the April 25–May 5 events.

MWAPC Director Laura Sims and her staff didn’t move into the building until April 4 as contractors and other university entities worked feverishly to complete the project.

"When we finally took over the facility, we had just one week until the official dedication of the building and three weeks until the opening show," Sims says.

And to think, three months prior to that, the building was just a shell.

Folks from Plant Services, Digital Humanities, Sodexo, University Advancement, and Campus, Security & Public Safety all did their parts to make sure the building was ready for its April engagements.

Sims hired marketing manager Peter Rosson, production manager Jon Carlson and program assistant Michelle O’Connell in January, and ticketing service supervisor Noah Max in March. That group undertook quite a chore to put all the pieces together before the MWAPC opened.

Carlson got a slight head start on assembling the stage and its mechanicals and props as musicians and choir members performed on stage for acoustic testing in March, at the end of the construction day. "We did all the acoustic testing during their practice sessions, and worked hard to make sure the orchestra shell was placed in just the right position," Carlson says. "During this time we also got training in working the freight lift, using the telescopic seating, and testing the sound and lighting equipment."

Meanwhile, Max couldn’t print tickets for the many late April and early May performances because the printers were USG. And we couldn’t market these events until an on-sale date was set and a box office had been set up, at first in a makeshift office in Robinson House before the MWAPC opened April 4.

To Max’s credit, tickets were printed a week after he arrived March 8 and were on sale a week after that.

For anyone attended those spring events in the MWAPC, the productions were staged seamlessly, or so it appeared.

"Our biggest challenge happened unexpectedly during the Gonzaga Symphony Orchestra concert on April 29 when the elevator broke and we had to carry everyone," Carlson reflects. "The symphony normally performs at the Martin Woldson Theater, and the elevator was fixed before the conclusion of the show.

Speaking of the ‘other’ Woldson theater, some folks attending those springtime shows on campus first went to the Martin Woldson Theater at the Fox before realizing the show was here. Rosson says.

During a special performance of the opening show, "A New Season," on April 26, 10 a.m. for 675 school children from the area, the house lights failed to dim during the show... which probably worked out OK for the teachers keeping an eye on their school kids.

The marketing manager also found himself trying to arrange for show ushers for 10 performances without much lead time, and finding it difficult to recruit volunteers to hand out programs and seat guests so late in the game. University Advancement event organizers helped provide ushers from a service they use, and saved the day.

"Surprisingly, I thought the great attraction to our new theater would be the acoustics and seats. But the buzz was over the replicated rooms from Miss Woldson’s home."

"She got out and about in the community. It was her desire to give back," Sims says. "This facility allows the community a chance to see top-notch productions at an affordable price. Miss Woldson would have liked that."

Some have asked, "Why not wait until fall to stage the dedication and grand opening events, but it was clear in Sims’ and her crew’s minds that they wanted it to the 2019 graduating seniors to give them a chance to perform in this beautiful space."

Mission accomplished, thanks to some extraordinary backstage theatrics. See Fall Season Lineup at the Myrtle Woldson, p. 2.