Virtual classroom challenges amid pandemic for future teachers

By NATALIE REITZ

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Gonzaga University students enrolled in special education classroom placement and courses in special education management courses have had to face a delayed classroom placement within schools local to the Spokane area. This setback has given students and teachers significant challenges faced by students and teachers within the special education classroom as a result of the pandemic.

Before receiving their placement, students were required to complete virtual modules, where they observed classrooms, students, and teachers as they interacted within schools local to the Spokane area. This set-back has required students and teachers to observe different classrooms and different students. This has caused delays in the time students and teachers were introduced to online teaching.

With a mix of students placed in in-person and remote-classrooms, students have been able to reflect on the effects the pandemic has had within special education classrooms in a result of the pandemic.

Gu grad, Lexi Rutherford, student teaches a second grade classroom at St. Aloysius Catholic School in 2016.

SOPHIE CROSBY

‘Fulbrighters’ put GU mission into practice around the world

By ALEX BHAVANI

Gonzaga University has hosted multiple professors from the prestigious Fulbright Scholarships program, a cultural exchange initiative of the United States Department of State in which American students, academics and other professionals earn grants to travel abroad and share their passions with colleagues and students.

Fulbright scholars come from different cultures. Citizens of foreign countries come to the U.S. for the same purpose.

Reymund Lara is a fifth-grade and sixth-grade teacher in Berlin, a city in the central Philippines where he attended West Visayas State University and completed his Bachelor’s degree in 2012.

Lara is teaching Elementary English within GU’s Modern Languages and Literature Department. In addition, Lara has shared other aspects of his Filipino culture with colleagues and students.

“Fulbright is a full scholarship program for only caucasian English-language teachers to work as Filipino-language teachers,” Lara said.

“I continue to be flexible and resilient,” Lara said. “I am teaching remotely [from my home in Berlin] for the last year and am only planning to travel to the US to visit my family in July. This is not the first time I have to travel to the States.”

Gu grad, Katie Day, beat Non-Hodgkin lymphoma cancer after months long battle.

Opinion

Harry Styles made the cover of Vogue Magazine in style, by wearing a dress.

A&E

Spokane has a plethora of concert venues. Which ones have survived COVID-19?

SPORTS

The hype might not be in the Kennel this season but it’s still with the cheer team.
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For the time being, Matt Baldwin is in charge of all student
contacts and placements.

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Freshman Katie Ochoa felt her first semester of college, spent at home, mirrored her high school routine.

I feel like I’ll definitely be more motivated to learn in-person since online is so easy to just turn your screen off and not pay attention.”

Beare Wygant, junior

“I feel like I didn’t have a connection with my professors, I don’t really know them, and they didn’t really know me. It’s nobody’s fault, it’s just difficult to get to know somebody through a screen,” Wygant said.

While virtual learning presented some benefits over traditional instruction, Wygant did offer some benefits over traditional instruction.

“Even though I think it was harder to meet my roommate in person, "I think it’s going to be really fun and it will be super nice, “ Wygant said.

Gu’s campus as an active student, Chicca looked forward to the new year, new me approach to their mode of education. From her childhood home in San Diego, Chicca went back and forth in a very energetic manner. We were just trying to keep up with the ever-present coronavirus, Zags now presented with the daunting decision of embodying the ever-present coronavirus, Zags now presented with the daunting decision of how they want to learn.

Spokane Regional Health District. Each student, [Online learning] was really weird, you just kind of just wake up, roll out of bed and look on your screen, “Kate Chicca, a freshmen psychology major, said, "It’s isolating, too."

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"Alongside my graduate students, we also did a film exhibition on the topic of media literacy in Ukraine [Ukraine’s capital]." Gracon said, "Here I trained university professors from all over the country who were eager to develop their media literacy teaching skills. They then returned to their universities and taught other professors. This chain of media literacy certification worked all over Ukraine.

"In fact, the topics of media literacy in Ukraine was a very hot topic," Gracon said, "It still is, especially as Ukraine is a relatively newly-forming democracy. There’s just been an explosion of fake news and propaganda from the Russian Federation, and the current Western commercialization of the society means having the tools to be critical of advertising, mass, TV, and social media."

He said Ukrainians are naturally skeptical of authority and their trust in government is lower than in America. "Alongside my graduate students, we also did a number of community-based events where the students they learned about different aspects of media literacy, " Gracon said. "They gave presentations on topics such as gender representation in media or detection of fake news stories, that had an open discussion with community members at a local library where questions went back and forth in a very energetic manner. We were actively doing democracy through dialogues."

Gracon encouraged and challenged Ukrainians to question how media is constructed, by whom, and for what purpose.

Fulbright is one of the strongest programs the U.S. government does, "I learned a tremendous amount about the history and culture of Ukraine that you can only really experience by going to a place, " Gracon said. "You can read books and apply to Fulbright, you can learn a new language and share some rarely studied languages."

He was recently accepted as a Fulbright specialist, "I’m willing to assist any GU student that wishes to apply to the grant program, " Gracon said. "I’m very excited to help students.

Instead of ten months, he will be going to a country for six weeks on the course of three years. This experience will be largely similar, "teaching media literacy workshops alongside prominent and students, " but may "also involve consulting, like helping a media department develop or modernize in curriculum, " according to Gracon.

"My actual project in Kazakhstan, " Gracon said, "was a very successful one, the same embassy representative essentially recruited me to apply for this grant."

"I will likely do this project in Kazakhstan, " Gracon said, "I was able to develop a project in Russia as a result, and then I was able to be the Fulbright specialist, " Gracon said. "I was able to look at the curriculum of the Kazakh institution and build a stronger curriculum, " Gracon said. "It's a very exciting opportunity, " Gracon said.

Alex Bhayani is a staff writer.

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The good, the bad and the indifferent in between: Reflecting on the year 2020

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How are Spokane music venues surviving the pandemic? They aren't

BY SYDNEY FLICKER

The concert industry has suffered some of the biggest losses of the pandemic, and an industry that was expected to bring in $28.83 billion in 2020, according to Statista, is a tough industry to lose.

Unfortunately, most you, close contact and limiting the liquor to the smoking section is not enough to keep the virus away. In late October, Seattle announced that indoor dining at restaurants would be closed for the next three weeks.

A study by the National Independent Venue Association (NIV A) argues that “federal intervention would be needed to sustain independent music venues across the country.” Venues are willing to try anything to get their doors back open.

A number of different legislations and packages helped keep some venues in business, but unfortunately the NIV A argued that “federal intervention would be needed to sustain independent music venues across the country.” Venues are willing to try anything to get their doors back open.

Selling venue-themed merchandise is a popular way for venues to make money. The Pin is no exception. “We’ve been able to sell out our的最后一张演唱会’s merchandise with limited physical contact and social distancing,” said Brian Ritter, general manager of The Pin.

The Pin, which has recently been bought out by fans, is another example of a venue that has been unable to open their doors.

Despite the uncertainty of when venues might be able to reopen, many music venues are focusing on the positive and finding creative ways to bring in revenue.

“We’re good until the end of the year thanks to the support of our community and friends,” said Josh Haynes, owner of The Pin.

One big issue local venues face is the threat of large corporate promoters like Live Nation or venture capital firms trying to take over smaller venues. “I don’t want to see the concert industry become homogenized,” said Brian Ritter.

The future of the concert industry remains uncertain, but many local venues continue to fight for survival.

“We’ll be back to normal by July,” said Brian Ritter, general manager of Fox Theatre.

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“Y ou can’t serve artists and fans if the culture more than anything. Music is what will damage the industry’s culture more than anything,” said Brian Ritter.

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**Art department gets creative under COVID-19 restrictions**

**By SARAH VAN LIEW**

Photos and students in every major of study at Gonzaga University have adapted to the changes because of the university's limited capacity. These changes have resulted in unique outcomes and opportunities that students and faculty have not experienced before.

The art department of GU offers many options from drawing to photography, painting and ceramics. Many of these classes require materials and a need for detailed instruction, therefore they had to make many changes this semester.

"The professors as well as the students have worked hard to create a safe environment that has to creatively overcome challenges," Harvey said.

Similar to many other classes at GU, some courses have been split into groups where different students would attend at different times. Other courses were able to also utilize online methods to give lectures and demonstrations that students could watch before class.

"This semester, one of the art professors is being四个方面 the semester assignments to his students and offering them a class as a remote class," Harvey said.

Harvey along with so many professors havestruggled with how to make art classes online and in class simultaneously as well as how to change and adapt their usual in-person and online camera and audience.

Harvey said that group collaborations assignments and group critiques over Zoom have been helpful in getting students to interact with each other, and said that his students are doing a great job in adapting to this pandemic.

"Offering the ability to choose between in-person and Zoom allows flexibility to student life," Harvey said.

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**Holiday traditions provide a way to enjoy the season even in the age of COVID-19**

**By CODY BUCKLEY**

A Spokane family finds ways to safely unite and Spokane residents turn to Facebook and Spotify to remember and grow traditions.

The holiday season has fallen to the wayside this year as Christmas gatherings will be non-existent this year. New Year's draw near, so too will the annual Christmas traditions and holiday traditions that are often held during the holiday season.

As an atypical Christmas and New Year's draw near, so too will the annual Christmas traditions and holiday traditions that are often held during the holiday season. "It's been a challenge shifting to the holiday season," said Laura Truitt, a GU art professor and professor of art.

These changes place unique and difficult challenges upon the students in the Art Department at GU, said Laura Truitt.

"I have found that Zoom works nicely for lectures and demonstrations. I had the opportunity to conduct Zoom interviews with community members to gather perspective for their mural designs," said Matt McCormick, professor of integrated media and art.

"Applications like Adobe Premiere, After Effects and Photoshop are pretty complex, but I've been amazed at their resilience and finding ways to overcome challenges," McCormick said.

"It was a shift in culture for us to start thinking that we don't break social distancing guidelines," Matt McCormick said.

Most professors plan to teach their art classes next semester similarly how they taught this semester, with many having students sit on line as well as to bring in objects to their classes.

"We can tell students are bummed by it all, but have been unreserved at their resilience and willingness to push through," McCormick said.

Next semester, professors will also have student groups in the Art Department of GU, which will need to continue in being creative and finding ways to overcome challenges.

"Although this semester has been challenging for all art professors along with students, in the art class, the students have continued to have the creativity to hone their craft, and grow wonderful artwork," Matt McCormick said.

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**Warm up inside the best breweries Spokane has to offer**

**By ANDREW HAWKINS**

Many people know Spokane for its historical sites, restaurants and food, or, concerning Gonzaga University, their Bulldogs. What you may not know is how deep and coming the Spokane brewery scene has been growing in recent years.

Spokane is home to several breweries popularly independent and Spokane grown from start to finish. This is the perfect spot for foodies, where you can enjoy some of the best food and drink the city has to offer.

"It’s been amazing to see how much the local scene has grown, and how much it continues to grow," said Sara Lanes, a GU student who has worked in the scene.

If you are a local foodie, you can enjoy the arcade with indoor and outdoor seating at River City Brewing, which was opened in 2010. Whether you are a professor or an of-age student, there is no beer in the local scene that can be compared to this one.

"River City is still on of the top spots for families, where you can sit in the restaurant inside and enjoy some of the best food for the price," Sara Lanes said.

"River City is a sprawling scene, a black brick building, with glass garage doors that can open wide and have tables and chairs all around. It is hard for beer connoisseurs not to enjoy the atmosphere, great food and local craft beer — it is hard to come out of there not happy!" Sara Lanes said.

**Iron Goat Brewing**

**1301 E 1st Ave.
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Two strangers met at a bar in Spokane and ended up starting their own brewery. If you are a legal Zag, you can enjoy the arcade with indoor and outdoor seating at River City, which was opened in 2010.

On the weekends, you can stop by and enjoy one of their perennial classics or a seasonal drink, from the long night class. Open daily for 11:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"If you are a foodie or a beer lover, you will be pleased to know that they offer something for everyone. From food and beer pairings to regular customer events, there is always something fun happening at River City," Sara Lanes said.

The owner focuses on creating great beer and loves to share the story of the brewery with his customers. People can come in to have a beer and enjoy a variety of food, from sandwiches to full meals.

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**Home for the holidays: GU students' favorite holiday traditions**

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By TOMMY CONNOLLY

The Gonzaga Bulletin Student Union (SAAC) was attacked by racial and homophobic rhetoric during their weekly Zoom meeting on Nov. 4. Its executive board, including senior俯首, decided to take a stand and display a series of actions to address the problem and promote community and civility.

“Everyone deserves to feel safe and welcomed on this campus, and we are working to make sure this happens. The SAAC is here to support everyone, and we encourage everyone to participate in these initiatives and webinars,” said Jillian Shalk, vice president of the SAAC.

Students of color, LGBTQ-identifying students, and students of all races who feel excluded or feel like an outlier are encouraged to sit down with SAAC and talk about their experiences. Shalk also encouraged anyone who wants to learn more about SAAC and its initiatives to reach out to her.

“We try really hard to get more diversity on our board, but being on SAAC is something you have to want to do, and you cannot force someone onto the board,” McCallum said. “I think SAAC is truly about getting people involved, but especially minority student-athletes, who have to be engaged."

As a POC athlete on campus I may not be the loudest voice, but my voice can help others find a welcoming space for everyone,” Walde said. “No one should ever feel like an outcast at GU.”

SAAC is also currently responsible for the board, a unique responsibility as a voice for minority student-athletes of color.

“We feel it was important and necessary to address the attack and the issues it brought to light,” said Ashley Saenz, diversity and inclusion chair for SAAC at GU. "It was in the thick of this pandemic when our minority student-athletes and are going through so much, and there are more events that focus on unity and inclusion."

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I had to bring the hips into the Kernel when most everyone else wasn’t. I wasn’t able to practice. That whole situation. That difficulty. But I’m not going to stop. I’m here for a reason. I’m here to succeed. I’m here to do what I love. And I’m here to be the best version of myself."

While they’re not working, "we are GU" cheer. "We’re doing what we love doing. We’re doing what we’re passionate about. We’re doing what we believe in."

USATF president, Mike Working, said that it’s important to keep the team going even if it means practicing outside in pods of five. "We’re trying to do everything we can to support our athletes and bring them back to normal," he said. "We’re trying to be as creative as possible and bring them back as quickly as possible."