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As we embark on this new semester, I want to start by welcoming all of the new scholars and returning scholars! We are so excited to see what this year has to offer and we can't wait to follow along. Fall on campus is truly a special time, so try to enjoy every moment, say yes to new things, take some time to relax, and of course, learn lots!

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MONTHLY MOTIVATION

A new semester means new opportunities to grow, to lead, and to challenge yourself. Stay curious, stay organized, and remember that **YOU** belong here, and you've got what it takes.



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ALL AROUND US

Cindy Meisinger

Kneeling before new windows
Gazing at new views
Rest a chin upon old hands
The sky is changing hues!

Little wonders fill our days
Like droplets of cold rain
Seldom appreciated for the ways
They remove life's stains

Listen to birds in trees
Hum your own tune
Joy is in the eye that sees
The stars around the moon

KAUA'I (YOUTUBE VIDEO)

Soren Gabor



I traveled to Kauai with my family recently, exploring everything from the lush Na'pali Coast and Hanalei Bay in the north to the sunny waves of Poipu Beach and the stunning Waimea Canyon in the south – This video captures that experience through my eyes.

[Click here for video!](#)

A SIGHT TO SEE

Ava Eleveld



A picture from my favorite site thus far on my study abroad journey, a beautiful sunset of one of Italy's oldest cities. Whilst on our hilly, sweaty, and ambitious walk to dinner my friends and I couldn't help but stop and admire the view from the highest hill of Assisi, Italy. The final resting place of Saint Francis and newly canonized Saint Carlo Acutis, Assisi is home to ornate churches, delicious restaurants, one big religious community and breathtaking, hilly views. Even though our trip was only a day, it was easy to see why the kind residents chose to live there.

Despite how much my legs hurt from climbing huge flights of stairs, Assisi is a beautiful city full of rich culture and rare sites that is incomparable to any other city.

I recommend everyone visit if ever given a chance to vacation to Italy.

BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Elizabeth Abarca-Hernandez



Background information: Our Lady of Guadalupe (Spanish; Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe) also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe, is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with four apparitions to Juan Diego and one to his uncle, Juan Bernardino reported in December 1531, when the Mexican territories were part of the Spain Empire.

Shrine: Pope Paul IV raised the Shrine to the status of Minor Basilica via his Pontifical decree title Sacra illa/-Edes on 6 October 1976

Location: Located at the foot of the Hill of the Tepeyac in the Gustavo A Madero borough of Mexico City. A venerated image on a cloak (tilmahtli) associated with the apparition is enshrined in the Basilica.

Feast day: December 12

Pope John Paul II: Visit her shrine on January 27, 1979, on his first trip as pope. He visited again in 1990, 1999, and 2002.

Saints: Many saints are venerated in Mexico City, including, Saint Judas Thaddeaeus, St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, declaring him 'protector and advocate of indigenous people. Canonized July 31, 2002 by Pope John Paul II. His feast day is December 9th.

Bishop: Carlos Aguiar Reter

BUILDING A COMMUNITY THROUGH GLOW

Abigail Hutchinson



This picture is from the first GLOW workout of the semester. I'm so excited to share that we had over 100 attendees at this event, and the community GLOW has built over the last year has been beyond my wildest expectations. Starting this club has taught me so much about my own wellness, and I can't wait to see what's all in store for this year!

PAPAL AUDIENCE

Ava Mulvahill



While studying abroad in Rome, I had the incredible opportunity to attend a Papal audience in St. Peter's square. I arrived extra early; the reduced sleep was worth it when I saw Pope Leo XIV drive by up close in his Pope Mobile! The crowd was enormous, with people gathered from all over the world, united by this moment. It was truly an unforgettable experience that I will always remember.

A SITZMANN TREASURE

Jack Van Moorlehem



Pope Leo XIII, known for his development of modern-day Catholic Social Teaching, is depicted on a richly colored portrait located in the student lounge in Sitzmann Hall, home of Catholic Studies, at the University of St. Thomas. Pope Leo XIII may seem like a somewhat familiar name, because the most recent successor of Saint Peter is Pope Leo XIV, a native Chicagoan. This Sitzmann treasure now holds a deeper meaning as we all watch Pope Leo XIV lead the world's 1.2 billion Catholics, as Pope Leo XIII once did, guided in charity and rooted in truth.

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