

## Serving Up the New Norm



# COVID-19 Measures Continuing on Campus

By Allison Prouty

An uptick in students testing positive for the COVID-19 virus and being quarantined led to a mask requirement on the MVNU campus.

An email that read “Beginning today, Sept. 2, at 6 p.m., face masks will be required in all indoor public spaces, regardless of your vaccination status” was sent out during the first week of classes at MVNU. Before this, masks were not required and left up to the discretion of each person. However, as COVID-19 cases (particularly the Delta variant of the virus) were spiking across campus, this was a completely necessary measure to keep students on campus.

Tracy Waal, Vice President of Student Life, stresses the importance of everybody correctly wearing their masks, especially in highly populated areas on campus. When asked about the chapel being an area of concern for spreading COVID-19, Waal said that, “We know that friend groups are going to infect each other. It’s like if COVID is a fire, we are the wood. We know we’re able to handle a bunch of little campfires. When you bring all that wood together in one place, that’s where you risk spreading a lot.” Masks are required in the chapel and will be indefinitely until it is deemed safe to do so to prevent a super spread of COVID-19.

Of the cafeteria, Waal said that “We definitely need to be masked,” he said, “if we can mask in the serving area, that’s going to protect the servers, which we need to protect, to protect the semester.” Waal also says that masks are not required while students are sitting in the dining area; however, he links this back to the campfire analogy- students are with their friend groups

while sitting, but the friend groups mix while in the serving area, meaning masks are needed to protect students and cafeteria staff.

Masks will be required on campus until it is determined that it is safe to do so. According to the Stay Informed COVID-19 information page on MVNU’s website, masks are hopefully a “temporary measure.” Waal said that there is no specific number of positive COVID-19 cases that they are looking for to remove masks, but it will depend on how COVID-19 is impacting the campus.

out 20 people, and we had 20 COVIDs, that would put us at risk.” This situation would close the cafeteria, forcing MVNU to put all classes online. MVNU is looking to protect essential areas of campus by requiring masks. As positivity rates go down, MVNU will look at where COVID is in relation to how it impacts the daily life on campus.

Increased masking is something that some quarantined students appreciate. Macey Geog, a freshman, was placed in quarantine after one day in class. Geog said that, “I think that the mask mandate is OK, so less people have to go through quarantine! Having masks limits the amount of people exposed.” While having her first week of classes online was not something Geog ever wanted to experience, she does say that her professors worked with her and helped her stay caught up with her classes to keep her from falling behind.

Vaccines as a preventative measure against COVID-19



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**-- Tracy Waal**

“The cafeteria, at the beginning of the semester, at any university, is already on razor-thin labor margins. They have just enough students to open up the cafeteria, because they haven’t done all of their hiring yet. If COVID raced through the cafeteria and took

are somewhat of a controversial topic on campus, and the Sept. 7 Justice Talk helped to spark a conversation between students about COVID-19 vaccines. “We know that vaccinated people are protected at a different level [than unvaccinated].”  
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# In Your Presence There is Fullness of Joy: Psalm 16

**By Henry W. Spaulding II**  
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There does not seem to be an abundance of good news these days. COVID, mask mandates, and conflict in every area of life abound. The persecution of Christians around the world is a sober reality. Yet it is into this world that you and I are called to serve the Lord. Christianity has never been easy. We should not expect it, and we do not see it. Jesus said, "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matthew 5:11-12). Our task as Christians is to show what hope looks like in a hopeless time. We all need to hear the word of the psalmist – in your presence there is fullness of joy.

Consider the psalmist: living in the shadow of the exile – living in a period of radical redefinition – a time when things have come unglued. What does it mean to be Israel on the other side of the exile? What does it mean to be a people of the covenant? The answer rings through the ages – O God...in you I take refuge...in your presence there is fullness of joy.

My mind goes to my father, who passed away a few years ago. He was a strong man who lived in assisted care, and while he was not rich, he had no financial concerns either. He was a good man who raised his family along with my mother in difficult times.

He was like many people who sit in our churches – a man of faith who tried to live it every day. When he entered a room, few people would notice. After all, he wore polyester pants, Walmart shirts and had an old cracked wallet. A symbol of a life lived in the presence of the fullness of joy. He had pictures, scraps of paper, and a few dollars, but most of all, he revealed the confidence that comes from knowing God. He carried the scars of a life that knew suffering, but he lived in the confidence of one who kept his eyes on the God who is our refuge.

All of us have read the Bible. We have learned the way of Christ. I hope that what we know has pointed us to a path and a life worth living, but most of what we have learned has given us the confidence we need to live in difficult times. Having taught theology for more than thirty years, I can tell you that faith is not really about theory – it is about confidence.

Isaiah, in a time much like that of the psalmist, writes, "Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand" (64:8). This is part of the deep faith affirmation of Isaiah and the psalmist. The image of God as the Potter and us as the clay is important because it expresses the confidence that God is the refuge and source of our confidence.

Our joy is borne out of knowing God. I am not talking about theoretical knowledge here. I am talking about the kind of knowledge that comes from the journey. This comes from being the

clay in the Potter's hand. The sort of knowledge that knows what God looks like in the midst of the tensions of life.

Our joy is formed by a sense of history. The scripture and Christian tradition are rich companions on our journey. The psalmist writes about "a godly heritage." The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews affirms, "[w]e are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" (12:1). One of the great insights of having a potter and being clay is that we can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with those who are part of our heritage and with those who talk with us now.

The psalmist walked in the midst of a rhythm of grace that guided our lives. Once upon a time, I owned a Tahoe. It was a mighty fine vehicle, but it got old and tired. What was once a source of great pride began to strand me on my way home. One day I was on my way home in Nashville, and I turned off the highway like every other day. A long line of cars each in turn going to the stop sign and making a right turn. I waited my turn, and just as I was turning, I felt a terrible jolt. I did not know what to think, and then I looked in the rearview mirror to see a Dodge Ram 3500. The driver had mistakenly taken it for a verb instead of a noun. I pulled to the side, and he jumped out of the truck and asked, "Why did you stop?" For a minute, I thought he was joking. I thought, "You have no sense of things." Perhaps, you do not know how things fit together. There are times in life when I am not sure either.

Our life finds joy in the fullness of God. Clearly, living



**Dr. Henry W. Spaulding**

a Christian life is never going to be easy. There will be a few dark nights lived at the shores of the abyss. There will be times that our imagination will keep us awake at night, but there can be joy in the midst of it all.

We need not give COVID our future. Be encouraged by the faithfulness of God in the days ahead. There is life even from behind a mask. Do not allow fear and anxiety to define your future. Hear the words of Charles Wesley,

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be.

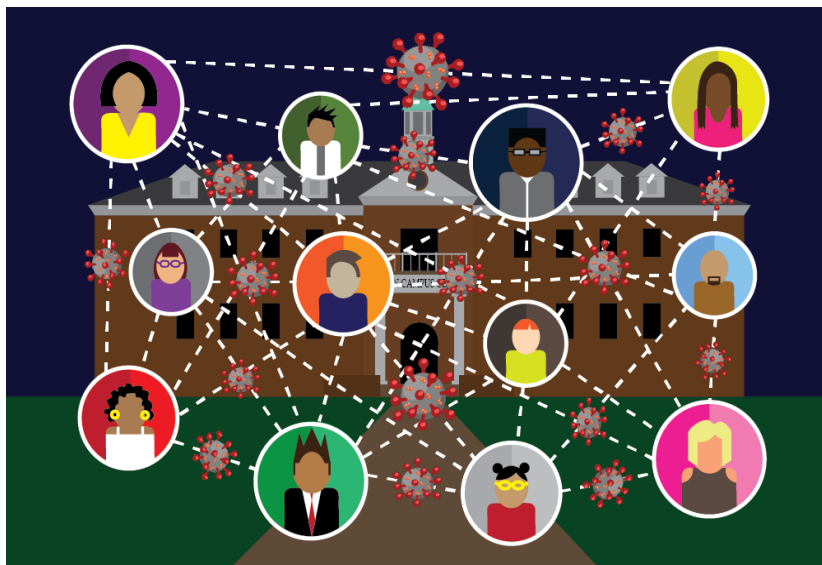
Let us see Thy great salvation, Perfectly restored in Thee;

Changed from glory into glory, 'Til in heaven we take our place,

'Til we cast our crown before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Hear also the words of the psalmist, "You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (16:11). This is what I pray for you this academic year.





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inated people], they're less likely to get it" said Waal. However, MVNU is not going to require students, faculty or staff members to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

Waal said that many places, such as hospitals or other educational institutions, who have vaccine mandates are not necessarily requiring vaccines. Waal explained that "even those that have the vaccine mandate... they also say in the fine print 'if you're not vaccinated you need to test' which is essentially where we are. We are not going to say you have to be vaccinated [against COVID-19] to come to MVNU."

Not only is MVNU helping quarantined students academically, but Campus Ministries is also working to help students spiritually. Pastor Stephanie Lobdell says that the Campus Ministries office is notified of quarantined stu-

dents, which allows Lobdell to reach out to those students. Quarantined students can still earn Spiritual Formation Credits; students watch the streamed chapel services on mvnu.tv and fill out a Google form for the Campus Ministries office so that they can still get their credits.

Lobdell also encourages all students to reach out if they need help. "You are not alone," Lobdell said, "my heart is to be with students. So, if students need a person to talk to, I'm not going to judge you... I want to receive you exactly where you are. If you are a person of faith, let's come and talk about that. If not, let's just talk about what you're experiencing."

COVID-19 cases, quarantines, PRC tests awaiting results, vaccination statistics and COVID-19 updates for the MVNU community can be found by going to <https://www.mvnu.edu/stayinformed>.

## Spiritual Deepening Week

By Brogan Campbell

MVNU has started to progress its campus-wide ministries over the past few weeks. On Sept. 13, Campus Ministries kicked off its Spiritual Deepening Week with guest Rev. Kevin Jack as a weeklong speaker.

He gave a message about new creation to the student body that included a special Tuesday night worship service and message and a Wednesday night worship night with MVNU alumni Travis Porter who led worship.

The week after, CoSMO groups were starting back up on campus. These groups focus on impacting the commu-

nity with Christ-like character. Some of these community events include visiting retirement homes, eating lunch with local school children and spending time with children and adults with developmental disabilities. Students can still sign up for these groups through Campus Ministries.

Starting on Sept. 29, life groups returned to MVNU's campus. These life groups are student-led small groups that focus on building community and family through scripture and Christ. With the return of life groups, this means chapel will return to its regular Monday and Friday schedule with the Wednesday chapel time slot being used for life groups.

## Sonfest 2021 a Success

By Henry Shobert

Following a year in which it was absent, MVNU hosted its beloved event, "SonFest," on Saturday. The event featured not only musical performances from highly acclaimed Christian artists such as Cory Asbury and Riley Clemmons, but also various food trucks and classic yard games like cornhole and spikeball. The event yielded a large turnout and provided all who attended with plenty to do.

Students both old and new to SonFest were excited to get out and have a good time, especially after the cancellations of previous events such as the Luau. Sophomore Luke Modesto, a recent transfer to MVNU, said, "I had a really great time. It just felt really good to be able to go out and have fun with my friends and bond with some people I've

never met." Modesto also expressed how welcomed he felt, saying, "Everyone here has welcomed me with open arms, and SonFest made me feel at home here."

Upperclassmen and familiar faces at MVNU also conveyed their pleasure to be able to go out and interact with both old friends and new acquaintances. Junior Ryan O'Donnell claimed, "It was much needed. Our campus spent basically the entirety of last year in solitude and seclusion. It was therapeutic to be out there having a good time with my roommates and some new friends." Brett Townsend, another Junior, added, "It was nice to see everyone and get that feeling that things are really getting back to normal."

Other mainstream performing artists at SonFest included DaMac, Hulvey, and Jordan Feliz.



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## Happy Bean now has tasty offerings at Thorne Library

By Grant Hauger

Coffee and caffeine can be vital in the life of a busy college student, and MVNU now has the convenience of a coffee shop on campus. Happy Bean has now opened in Thorne Library to give students an option to grab coffee before class and provide an inviting place for students to study or even just hang out.

After being asked why Happy Bean was opened in the library, the owner of Happy Bean, Jill Ballenger said, "The Library Director and Student Life wanted to create an inviting community space with a true coffee shop vibe, knowing that many students study best in that atmosphere." Instead of having to go off campus, students can enjoy their favorite

drink and choice of food. Happy Bean has partnered with Pioneer Foods so that students have grab'n'go food options for a meal exchange or purchase using Road Bucks.

MVNU student Abbi Hurst said she uses her road bucks to order London Fog tea and iced chai.

Ballenger said that iced chai is the most popular drink, and people who order it often make it a "Dirty Chai" which adds espresso shots to it. Happy Bean also offers hot chocolate and mochas which includes chocolate sauce that are made by Ballenger herself. Another drink for non-coffee beverage option is the "iced milk tea" which Ballenger describes as "tea and fruit puree, topped with your milk of

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## Outdoor Chapel a New Experience

By Ben Alexander

You might be thinking, why is this happening? Is it normally in the MVNU Chapel? According to Tracy Waal, Vice President of Student Life, this decision was made based on COVID numbers across campus. "Last week we experienced a COVID positivity rate that was almost 10 times greater than last year's average. Moving outside was a safe way to protect this important part of our mission while preventing an event that could contribute to further spread of COVID," said Waal.

According to Campus Pastor Stephanie Lobdell, MVNU President Henry Spaulding suggested the idea to move it outside. "But when President Spaulding suggested we do it outside, I felt kind of a sure of creativity, like hey, we can make something, take something that's frustrating and turn it into good. We're going to make it fun, make it an event, and make something that's memorable. So I'm look-

ing forward to it."

How would this affect the worship music? Mark Owen, leader of worship at MVNU, was asked how he was going to set up for outdoor chapel. "Outdoor services require more effort to pull off. Setting up sound and/or video equipment would be the primary logistical challenge, and of course the weather can be unpredictable." Luckily for MVNU that the weather has been pretty nice for both of the chapel days.

There is another problem (or not according to who you talk to) of outdoor chapel. Joe Rinehart Director of Broadcasting and Communications Professor at MVNU was asked about streaming outdoor chapel. "I believe Dr. Spaulding and Pastor Stephanie's intention is to try something that is intentionally formative and an active form of worship, so there will be no video streaming." Rinehart added that he supported outdoor chapel to address COVID concerns of distancing and masking.



Outdoor chapel was a fresh, new experience for students recently at MVNU. Photo by Ben Alexander



# MVNU Cafeteria Moving on All Gears Again

By Brogan Campbell

Classes are back in session at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, with one change from last year having both students and faculty excited for a trip down memory lane. The MVNU cafeteria is back to full operation this year after a year of COVID protocols and safety measures that limited its full potential and use.

Last year, the cafeteria, or its nickname donned by students, “The Caf,” saw limited use of its dining space, self-serve options and coffee machines that left most students feeling empty inside and out, with their closest human contact coming through plexiglass. Students missed many of the options the fully operational Caf had, with things like panini presses, waffle makers and the oh-so-sweet Velvet ice cream freezer.

This year, however, things are different, with COVID protocols lightening up in the Caf allowing lots of the joys of years past to make their way back for students and faculty alike to enjoy. Self-service is back, and students are finding ways to get creative again with the panini press coming back into the fold, allowing students to showcase their culinary creativity.

Mitch Mellert, a junior on campus, told The Viewer, “My favorite addition this year would definitely be the panini press.” When senior Alex Moore was asked what his thoughts were, he said, “I like having the self-service back because I get to choose my portions, and it goes by quicker in the line.” However, both students cited one thing



Activity seems to have returned to normal for students, staff, faculty and visitors dining at the “The Caf” on the MVNU campus.

Photo by Brogan Campbell

that they wish was here from last year that is not currently available, and that is more to-go options.

Currently, students can only get cafeteria food to-go by placing a \$5 deposit on a green, reusable container that they can use for personal use and then return for their money back. Last year, white Styrofoam containers were available daily to get food to-go the whole year. “I just miss having the to-go options as sometimes that would be a better fit into my schedule,” Moore said.

We will have to wait and see if changes are made based on student feedback so far this semester and if a change is also made due to the rising COVID and quarantine cases here on campus.

Faculty is also excited to return to The Caf this year, as faculty and staff were unable to dine in last year and were limited to certain hours of time where they could come

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## Happy Bean in the Thorne Library

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choice. It is a little like a chai, but strawberry or peach flavored. It is super delicious and is quickly becoming a favorite for non-coffee drinkers.”

Of course, Happy Bean offers plenty of options for coffee drinkers as well. Ryan O'Donnell, MVNU student and coffee drinker, is a fan of the white mocha latte.

Senior Cat Dugan says she likes oat milk lattes with either vanilla or honey syrup with a warmed muffin. Other coffee items include cold brewed iced coffee, Americano, café au lait, cappuccinos, cortado and house coffee. Students also have a variety of baked items on the menu to choose from which include gluten-free items. The only slight difference between the Happy Bean on campus and the location downtown is that the syrup flavor options are slightly

simpler.

Happy Bean in the library will be open on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Ballenger highly encourages students to enjoy the library space in the evenings and on Saturdays because she wants the store to be able to have enough business to stay open during at those times. “It's been pretty sparse during those times so far,” she said.

MVNU and Thorne Library have been looking for a new space that is inviting for students to relax and study. With the addition of Happy Bean on campus, that is what has been delivered. Also, it's a nice spot to grab coffee as well as other delicious drinks and food items. MVNU students are happy to have Happy Bean on campus, and Happy Bean is happy to be here for MVNU.

# Women's Soccer Team: Eyes on Improvement

By Mike Basko

The MVNU women's soccer team has begun a new era this year. After several of their starters graduated last year, Coach Sarah Maracani has eyes on improvement as the team plays this season. She said, "Expectations are always high like they are every year, but our main goal is to improve every single game." Even though the season started with some tough road games against ranked teams, she is proud of the improvement that the team has had so far.

Senior Brookelynn Semmelroth stated, "We've been able to learn a lot from how we've played, so I think we've been

able to hit that stride, so that we can be where we need to be to make it to nationals."

Junior Centerback MacKenzie Thorne added, "There have been moments where it's taken us a little time to get into our groove, but we're working on it." She also said, "I'm expecting us to work hard, go far and have a good time doing it!"

As the team heads into the conference season, the team is preparing for some competitive games, but they are ready for the challenge.

Maracani said, "Expectations are still high in the conference, even though it's a very competitive league, which I think makes it a fun league, too."

In addition to the improvement taking place on the field, Maracani loves the bond that the team has off the field. She stated, "The girls have done a really good job just collaborating, being together and supporting each other. That's been the biggest thing we've really enjoyed so far. It's definitely a fun group to be a part of, so hopefully that can continue to translate on the field with our team chemistry as well."

Semmelroth added, "I'm looking forward to seeing how that bond (off the field) is going to translate on the field and how we are able to connect and how that shows in our play."

Junior Ashley Townsend is

focusing on enjoying every moment of the season, since she said that sometimes the fun part gets lost when playing competitive sports. She said, "We have a great program and a really great group of girls. It's a fun atmosphere, and I'm excited for what's ahead for us."

As the MVNU women's soccer team continues to make strides toward their full potential, their bond with one another will continue to grow, which will guide them as they keep their eyes on a trip to nationals.

After three straight road games, the Cougars were to host Indiana Wesleyan University on Oct. 9

# Men's Soccer: On a Quest to Reach their Potential

By Mike Basko

The MVNU men's soccer team has shot off to a strong season this year. Beginning the season with four straight wins, the team is pleased, but coach Zach Ganzberg knows that they have not yet reached their full potential. He said, "We are an aspiring championship team, just as someone would say they are an aspiring physician or an aspiring attorney. We have something off in the distance that we're pursuing but being fully present, giving 100 percent effort, and relentlessly pursuing a competitive edge each and every moment is how we measure our progress. It's an aspirational process."

He continued, "I don't want to make it seem like a finished product, because we are no-

where near reaching our potential." Although he applauds the team's work ethic so far this season, he always keeps the next step in perspective.

Senior Gabri Burgos added, "We're a pretty good team, and we're very hopeful for what's to come, but we still have a lot of work to do."

Senior goalkeeper Joshua Dunn also stated, "We don't really like setting expectations and such; it's more of that's our goal, but we have these small steps to the goal first."

The team culture is a large part of what defines the MVNU soccer team. Both Ganzberg and Burgos are also encouraged by the way the freshmen have burst onto the scene this year. Ganzberg said of them, "They've been incredibly productive, but also they bring a lot of energy and life to

the team."

Another major factor for the team is their diversity, as the players have come from many different backgrounds to MVNU. Ganzberg said of the team, "That's part of who we are as a program, is being incredibly diverse and having common goals. One, [we have] an openness to spiritual growth, and two we love to play the game. That's who we are."

Dunn, who hails from Scotland, said of the team culture, "The team really has this bond that I've never been a part of before; in past years we've had that bond, but it really feels like a family now."

Not only has the team gotten off to a strong start, but their gritty attitude of constant improvement and their bond on and off the field has creat-

ed a buzz around the school. However, Ganzberg noted that this team is not exclusively about playing soccer but also about the players' growth as well. He said, "Soccer is not the end goal in and of itself. It's the means of character development for our players." He continued, "There's no better anecdote than being part of a team and having some sort of team objectives and working day in and day out to meet it and then giving everything to accomplish it at the end." He also stated that he is excited for the process with the players and to do everything he can do to get them to succeed.

The team is also thankful for the support of their fans, as Dunn said, "Come out and support us at home games. We really appreciate it!"



# MVNU Baseball Team Off and Swinging

By Ricky Geyer

The MVNU baseball team has a lot to look forward to for their 2022 season. The team that made the national tournament last year can look to build and grow around a solid base of returners like outfielder Toby Walker, who received crossroads league honors last season and Jake Glover, a first baseman and pitcher, who made both all-league honors in the Crossroads League as well as Academic All-American Honors for the Cougars.

MVNU baseball came into school poised for another good year. A tight-knit group with many being sophomores and juniors players have said “[they] feel like this year [they] have an unmatched chemistry.” But with such a young team, how is MVNU baseball trying to stay on path for another winning season? “Of course, we have the leadership from our seniors and upperclassmen; but look around, the team doesn’t have many seniors, so leadership needs to come from anyone --

junior, sophomore, freshman or coach.

“And that’s what we’ve been seeing,” said head Coach Keith Veale about his team’s leadership. This message was reiterated later in the week by new pitching coach Tucker Waddups.

Coach Waddups took his pitchers aside to speak to them about accountability. “If the guy next to you isn’t doing what he is supposed to, hold him accountable,” said Waddups. “As teammates, you owe it to the guy next to you to



Coach Keith Veale

come every day with your best no matter what you are doing.” Waddups, a former pitcher for Taylor University, has brought a whole new philosophy and routine to the pitching staff for MVNU.

“A lot goes into finding and hiring new coaches, it’s always good to get another perspective on the team,” Veale said about hiring coach Waddups, and many pitchers have really taken a liking to their new program and coach. Aaron Saal, Crossroads League Player of the Year and All-American as a third baseman, also returns to the team, this time as a coach. Saal, batted .414 with 66 RBIs to go along with 12 home runs.

“[Saal] is a big loss on the field, but to be able to keep him around as a leader is big for the team,” said Veale. And with the hole from Saal to fill, the team will look for someone to step into the spotlight at the hot corner.

MVNU baseball has one thing left on their mind looking ahead -- another run at nationals. With 2021 behind them, the Cougars will look ahead too 2022 and beyond to find leadership and continue their success.

## MVNU Holds Latino Festival in The Grove

By Ben Alexander

The MVNU community recently enjoyed the Latino experience. There was mariachi music, TacoMania food truck, and salsa dancing lessons. MVNU student Daniel Carpenter, double majoring in accounting and theater, gave his take on it. “Oh it was fun. I wish more of the student

body was open to dancing with a mariachi band. I tried to get some people dancing. But otherwise, it’s been very cool. They’ve got the food and then the mariachi band was great. I’ve actually heard them before, just recently like this same group, like, two weeks ago at a buddy’s sister’s Keen Sierra.”

Another positive to this

event is that this event met MVNU standards of diversity which is, “Mount Vernon Nazarene University respects and significantly benefits from diversity of students, staff, and faculty.

The University endeavors to model a diverse community of individuals who seek what is best for each other consistent with its mission, vision, and values. Diversity is expressed through racial, ethnic, age, ability, geographic, gender, cultural, and socioeconomic differences among the campus community.\

MVNU takes seriously its responsibility to offer educational and professional opportunities equitably to all qualified persons it can reasonably accommodate. The University, through its curriculum, programs, and services, seeks to provide understanding and supportive interaction among diverse population groups, respecting individuals’ personal values and ideals.”

Overall, it was a festive night in the grove.

## Cafeteria In Full Swing

(Continued from Page 6) in and get food to-go. This year is different, as staff and faculty are welcomed back into the fold with The Caf being available to them once again, dine in and all.

Marcy Rinehart, station manager of WNZR, the radio station on campus, shared her excitement about the cafeteria being open once more and what that means for staff and faculty. “I am very excited to be able to return to the cafeteria. I love the convenience and the multiple food choices,” she told The Viewer. “My husband

and I will go four to five times each week. We also like to grab dinner when we work late in our offices or on game nights.”

It’s safe to say that both students and faculty are excited about The Caf making its full grand reopening this year. With the dining room not full of plexiglass and the awkwardness gone of trying to say for here with a mask on and a student worker grabbing a Styrofoam container, MVNU is excited for a step closer to normalcy and a step closer to having a great school year.