The Year 2012 Draws to a Close: The President Message – I. Mirici

Dear WCCI friends:

The Taiwan World Conference is fast approaching and I am so glad to be informed that we are welcoming hundreds of participants from all over the world. I am fully confident that it will be another big success of the WCCI family. I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to our WCCI Taiwan Chapter members and the organizing committee under the leadership of our Past President Dr. Vincent Shieh, Dr. Der Long Fang, WCCI Taiwan Chapter President and Conference Director and Dr. Angela Lo, Vice President of the Taiwan Chapter. Let me not forget that this precise preparation for the Biennial conference happens through the invaluable guidance of our WCCI Secretariat, Executive Director Dr. Estela Matriano and Executive Assistant Carole Caparros, their dedicated service in dealing with all the details of the World Conference is done with patience, love and great enthusiasm. I would like to extend my special thanks to everyone in this special organization for all their dedicated work in this 2012 year. It will be another very meaningful reunion of our beloved WCCI family coming from all over the globe.

I would also like to take a moment to reflect upon my second and final year as WCCI president as very soon another distinguished WCCI member will take over this honor and responsibility.

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Der Long Fang (Victor) PhD.
President, WCCI Taiwan Chapter
International Conference Director
National Kaohsiung Normal University
Kaohsiung, Taiwan

On behalf of the WCCI Taiwan Chapter, I would like to welcome you to join the WCCI 15th World Conference in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. It has been nearly twenty years since we hosted WCCI 1994 Regions 3 & 4 Conference in Kaohsiung. Now we are very much honored to again host the WCCI international conference in Kaohsiung. The Taiwan Chapter became the 14th chapter member of the WCCI big family in 2010, with members committing to achieve the goals of WCCI: the promotion of equity, peace, and the universal realization of human rights.

I have participated in the 13th WCCI World Conference in Antalya Turkey in 2008, and the 14th WCCI World Conference in Pécs Hungary in 2010. I also had an opportunity to attend the NAC Conference in Austin, October 2011 and the Philippines Chapter Annual National Conference in Manila, May 2012. My experiences as a participant of WCCI international and regional conferences will be helpful to the organization and success of the WCCI 15th World Conference. As a newer member of the WCCI, the organization of Taiwan Chapter, are excited and committed to further stimulate and facilitate collaboration on cross-cultural and transnational endeavors. A great example of such a collaboration is evident in the work between the Global Innovative College (GCIC) in the Philippines and our National Kaohsiung Normal University (NKNU). These two wonderful organizations have developed a cooperative program of partnership, forming a

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Greetings from the Secretariat
The Biennial Conference is here again and it gives the Secretariat a special and faster way to connect with the membership. We cherish this opportunity to share with you the excitement of connecting one world conference with another so quickly and actively. There is never a dull moment in between conferences because even before we are through with everything that needs to be done with the previous one (Hungary, 2010) we find ourselves already immersed in the preparation of the next one (Taiwan, 2012). It makes the Secretariat always alive and well and working with the WCCI Board of Directors and the membership is a “string of pearls” to reckon with. It is vibrant. It is live and we enjoy it.

The conference planning and preparation brought us to Kaohsiung, Taiwan twice in (1) May, 2011 and (2) May 2012. With a wonderful local committee in Kaohsiung under the leadership of Victor Fang, Vincent Shieh and Angela Lo, the work was pleasant and burden was light. In both trips and series of meetings we accomplished a lot, became familiar with the Conference Center attached to the Garden Villa Hotel and the pleasant group of folks we will be working with. At the same time, these two trips also gave us the opportunity to attend the annual conferences of the WCCI Philippines’ Chapter which is another advantage to do in person and connect the dots needed for their participation in the Taiwan Conference. It was a welcome addition to trips in Taiwan as it included participation from our Taiwan Conference team and the delegation from Turkey led by WCCI President Ismail Mirici who joined us in Manila. You can tell by this experience that the world has become so small.

We had the same opportunity to connect with a chapter and its members when we attended the North American WCCI Biennial Conference in Austin, Texas in October, 2011. Taiwan and Turkey were also represented and it gave us the opportunities for meetings in person. It was productive and a happy reunion with friends from far and near.

WCCI is also engaged in several initiatives that promote in depth relationship in terms of the profession.

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**Keynote Speaker – WCCI 15th World Conference, Taiwan conference**

Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury has served in many distinguished capacities what follows is a list of his many roles and accomplishments; we honored to have Ambassador Chowdhury as our Keynote speaker:

- 2002 to 2007 served as the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the United States Nations, responsible for the most **vulnerable countries of the world**.
- He also served as Bangladesh’s Ambassador to Chile, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela, as well as Bangladesh’s High Commissioner to the Bahamas and Guyana.
- For two terms, 2000 and 2001 served as President of the United Nations Security Council.
- In addition he served as Chairman (in 1985-86) and President (in 2000) of the UNICEF Executive Board.
- He served as the Secretary-General of the Almaty International Conference on global transit transport cooperation in 2003 as well as of the Mauritius International Meeting on Small Island Developing States in 2005, both convened by the United Nations General Assembly.
- He spearheaded the five-year mid-term review of the Brussels Programme for the Least Developed Countries by the UN General Assembly in September 2006 in New York.
- He led a pioneering initiative of the United Nations General Assembly in 1999 for adoption of the landmark Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace and proclamation of the “International Decade for Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World (2001-2010)”.
- He was the Chairman of the Security Council Sanctions Committee on Sierra Leone during 2000-2001.
- He facilitated an initiative in March 2000 as the President of the Security Council and achieved the political and conceptual breakthrough that led to the adoption of the groundbreaking UN **Security Council Resolution 1325** on women and peace & security.

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**UPDATE FROM THE SECRETARIAT**

Estela C. Matriano, EdD.
WCCI Executive Director
Professor, Alliant International University

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**THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Welcome to the WCCI Conference in Kaohsiung! We are pleased to report that we received almost 150 applications for paper presentations from the International Community. We have over 80 scheduled for the conference. We hope that you will find these presentations, workshops, plenary sessions, and conference activities will provide excellent opportunities for learning about our global plans, successes, and concerns. The WCCI team is appreciative of this traditional meeting at the WCCI Secretariat hosted by HSOE in Alliant International University, San Diego, California.

This WCCI 2012 team working on the conference program is a well-organized and very capable group. The work and fun team work is a happy memory to take home.

**International Program Committee**

Ismail Hakki Mirici – President  
Estela C. Matriano – Executive Director  
Carole I. Caparros – Executive Assistant  
Vincent Sheih – Overall Conference Coordinator  
Victor Fang – International Conference Director  
Jessica Kimmel – International Conference Program Chairperson

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE**

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As WCCI President my three major objectives were as follows: (1) to personally participate and be present at all WCCI event; (2) to encourage and support international WCCI projects and make them a big success; (3) to complete my term of Presidency with a successful world conference. I am proud to say, I have successfully achieved my goals.

- I participated in both the WCCI Philippines Chapter Conference in Manila and the WCCI North American Chapter Conference in Austin, Texas, USA.

- I took charge of WCCI initiatives and special projects as follows: With the support and guidance of our esteemed Secretariat Dr. Estela Matriano I coordinated international student internships in Turkey. These student interns Hinna Ahmad from the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, majoring in International Studies and Strategic Communications Program and Nicky de Leon (Intern at the WCCI Secretariat and UN youth Representative) from Alliant International University International Relations Program are just the start of what we hope will be an ongoing exchange of interns to promote global understanding.

- Two successful international program initiatives took place during my Presidency:
  1. Past President Dr. Vincent Shieh and WCCI Vice President. Dr. Terasita Pedrajas successfully conducted a joint international project on "Practice teaching program and a course diploma on multicultural Course in K-12 between Global City Innovative College and National Kaohsiung Normal University in Kaohsiung, Taiwan." This program brought two cultures closer to each other in spite of language barriers.
  2. In March, 2012, Dr. Pedrajas coordinated an important exchange project between Global City Innovative College and Alliant International University for an international immersion program for a Certificate in "Cross Cultural Studies in the K-12 Classroom: A School Based Observation Program." Student teachers were able to immerse themselves in an international classroom culturally different from their own.

in addition to receiving excellent evaluations from the mentor teachers. Principal Greg Collamer of Ellen Browning Scripps Elementary School who hosted these student teachers fully supported mentor and student teachers. Scripps Elementary School is a San Diego premier 21st-century schoolhouse known for its academic excellence and fine arts enrichment programs [www.sandi.net/ebscripps](http://www.sandi.net/ebscripps). Both the programs were very successful and we are proud of the WCCI initiatives.

Last but not least is to actively participate in the WCCI 15th World Conference which we are about to enjoy in Kaohsiung, Taiwan with a special New Year's celebration. In anticipation of the excellent leadership, hospitality and friendship from our Taiwan brothers and sisters, I am confident this conference will offer another unique WCCI experience. So far, hundreds of WCCI international delegates and academics from all over the world have registered submitted abstracts and contacted our Conference Organizing Committee. The conference program is impressive and the keynote speaker from the United Nations is a distinguished personality.

A Special thank you to Jessica Kimmel, the WCCI 2012 International Conference program Chairperson and Victor Fang, WCCI 2012 International Conference Director. It will be another memorable WCCI World Conference in a memorable conference venue. I look forward to seeing you all in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Warmest greetings.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ismail Hakki Mirici
WCCI President 2011-2013
Gazi University
Ankara, Turkey

[Image of WCCI International Partnership Project – San Diego]

L to R: Dean K. Webb, Dean T. Pedrajas, H. Rivera (student), E. Ogoy (student), J. de Guzman (student), E. Matriano, C. Caparrós, J. Miller. Seated: L to R: K. Philipps (Mentor) and G. Collamer (Principal)
He is a recipient of Good Business International’s Trailblazer 2010 Award for championing the causes of women and for his role in bringing about the milestone UN resolution 1325.


In March 2003, the Soka University of Japan conferred upon Ambassador Chowdhury an Honorary Doctorate for his work on women’s issues, child rights, and culture of peace as well as for the strengthening of the United Nations.

He was the recipient of the U Thant Peace Award and the UNESCO Gandhi Gold Medal for Culture of Peace.

He was decorated by the Government of Burkina Faso with the country’s highest honour “L’Ordre Nacionale” on 18 June 2007 in Ouagadougou for his championship of the cause of the most vulnerable countries.

Ambassador Chowdhury is the Chair of the International Drafting Committee on the Human Right to Peace, an initiative based in Barcelona, Spain.

He has been the Honorary Chair of the International Day Peace NGO Committee at the United Nations since 2008.

He received the first “Institute for Global Leadership Lifetime Service Award” in May 2007 at the conference on New Leadership Models for local and global communities held in Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.

Dr. Chowdhury has structured curricula and taught courses on “The Culture of Peace” at the Soka University of America, Los Angeles and the City University of New York since 2008.

He also served as an Adjunct Professor at the School of Diplomacy, Seton Hall University of the United States.

especially that of teaching and helping student members to become future leaders of the organization. A few examples of these professional activities are: (1) 2011 representation in the United Nations on the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW55) in New York City which included Karen Webb, Betty Reardon, Vincent Shieh, Angela Lo and Nicky de Leon and (2) 2012 representation in the UN (CSW 56) which included Betty Reardon and Nicky de Leon. Both sessions were arranged by Carole from the WCCI Secretariat; (3) A Student Teaching Cultural Immersion Program in San Diego, a project between HSOE, Alliant International University and GCIC in Manila which was coordinated by Carole and Tita Pedrajas; (4) WCCI Student Intern, Nicky de Leon is spending one month study abroad in Ankara, Turkey with Middle Eastern Technical University, Ankara, Turkey taking courses in International Relations. During her stay in Ankara, WCCI President Ismail Mirici and WCCI Turkey Chapter are on hand to take care of Nicky and make her stay in Turkey a pleasant and productive experience. These are some of the examples of initiatives that enrich WCCI mission as a world organization.

Carole and I will host WCCI friends, Victor Fang, Jessica Kimmel, Vincent Shieh and Angela Lo in San Diego on September 1-5, 2012 to finalize the work on the Taiwan Conference program, a tradition which we established many years ago. Our home is open to our WCCI brothers and sisters while they work on the most important document of a world conference. This includes a visit with the VIP’s of Alliant and pledges the on-going pleasant relationship between the host institution of WCCI and our leadership.

In our day to day operation at the WCCI Secretariat there are a myriad of examples that give us the opportunity to spread our mission of connecting to members, friends and colleagues from the home front and around the world. Let us continue to nurture our privilege of belonging to a world organization that promotes a mission of a person-to-person relationship that endures and surmount differences and conflicts and in the end realize our goal of building a culture of peace.

We look forward to see everyone in Kaohsiung, Taiwan to celebrate the 42nd year of WCCI. It will be a unique experience to celebrate the New Year, 2013, Taiwanese style. It should be a pleasant surprise to everyone. Long Live WCCI.
PHILIPPINE CHAPTER

WCCI Philippines Looking Back, Looking In and Moving Forward

The last National Conference of the WCCI Philippines chapter marks the celebration of its 25 years. It is wise to look back at the glories of the past and be encouraged by them. It was a gala event as we also commemorated the Ruby Jubilee of the WCCI International.

For the past 25 years, the WCCI Philippines Chapter has been a proven leader in the Academic Community. Its ongoing efforts in educational preparation programs focused on the important work of curriculum and instruction has continued to evolve under the leadership of past board of directors and officers. The new set of officers and board members for 2012-2013 were officially installed into office in December 19, 2011 by WCCI International Vice President & past President WCCI Philippines, Dr. Teresita Pedrajas.

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NORTH AMERICA CHAPTER

The North American Chapter held its most recent, biennial conference on October 24-26, 2011 in Austin, Texas. This very successful conference was hosted by Dr. Judy Leavell of St. Edward’s University, Austin, Texas and the conference program was coordinated by Dr. Douglas Warring of St. Thomas University, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Along with three keynote speakers, respectively from Canada, the U.S.A. and Turkey, the program included pre-conference activities, a wide range of sessions reporting on many exciting, worthwhile projects, several meetings and lots of Texan hospitality. This conference also celebrated its broad regional representation, with delegates attending/presenting from Canada, Mexico and the U.S.A as well as many other countries from outside the North American region. The WCCI international office staff, which is based in San Diego, also supported the conference with their valued presence. Judy Leavell, conference convener, and Peter Heffernan, NAC president, were most appreciative of this strong show of support, which also contributed to an enriched conference program and experience.

Ongoing projects of the NAC include its regular publication of the Journal of Interdisciplinary Education, revision of its constitution, continuous updating of its website and planning for its next biennial conference, which will take place in Asilomar, California in October 2013. Watch for more on this in future issues of this newsletter.

Peter Heffernan, President (2008-2011), WCCI-NAC
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Philippine Chapter Annual National Conference on Climate Change May 16-18, 2012
The Nigerian Chapter of WCCI will hold its 9th biennial conference at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria on October 16-20, 2012. It will be hosted by Vice Chancellor, Professor Bartholomew Okolo. The conference theme is Curriculum Delivery at the Higher Education Level. Higher education takes place at the conclusion of secondary education and is offered at universities, colleges of education, polytechnics, monotechnics and institutions offering correspondence courses.

Curriculum delivery deals with the implementation of the curriculum program. It focuses on the strategies, techniques, approaches and methods employed in the facilitation of learning. Nigeria along with every nation of the world is strategizing and prepackaging their educational programs to be globally competitive and meet the demands of the knowledge economy, for as we all know, education is a critical tool for national development.

Education in the 21st century calls for a shift in the delivery system to match the new knowledge, skills, attitudes and technologies that are emergent. Since curriculum is a vehicle through which educational goals are attained and methods of delivery are a component of the curriculum, there is a need for employment of effective delivery systems so as to produce functional citizens who are effective and globally competent.

The Nigerian Chapter of the World Council for Curriculum and Instruction (WCCI) therefore invites professional educators, researchers in higher education and other related research institutions to this year’s conference to learn and collaborate on the themes listed below:
1. Learner autonomy
2. E-learning
3. Distance and open learning
4. Teacher quality and licensing.

The Keynote address presenter is Professor Ada Obasi, Honourable Commissioner for Education, Imo State, Nigeria, who is also a member of WCCI.

For more information, please contact: Dr. Grace Offorma, WCCI Nigeria Chapter, President
For more information, please contact: Dr. Grace Offorma, WCCI Nigeria Chapter, President at gchilofforma@yahoo.com

An underlying goal of WCCI is the understanding that all WCCI members and chapters serve as change agents, playing a critical and important role in the quest for world peace and harmony. The WCCI Turkish Chapter has been working collaboratively with members of various nations to help such change actualize.

With invaluable inspirations by World Council for Curriculum and Instruction President and WCCI Turkish Chapter Honorary and Founding President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ismail Hakki Mirici, the WCCI Turkish Chapter knows it’s precious and critical position and will work devotedly with its highly qualified new board members. The new board of directors will embody the qualities and the determination modeled by the former board of directors as they work towards future accomplishments with increasing productivity and creativity. The WCCI Turkish Chapter Honorary and Founding President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ismail Hakki Mirici announced the new board of directors.

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WCCI Turkey Chapter Board Members
IMPORTANT CONFERENCE DEADLINES

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: September 30, 2012
HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE: October 30, 2012
FULL PAPER SUBMISSION: November 30, 2012

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Dr. Vincent Shieh: International Conference Coordinator
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Quick facts about Kaohsiung:
• it’s Taiwan’s second-largest city,
• it’s also the island’s busiest port,
• it has the second largest international airport,
• the average temperature is 19-29 deg. Celcius,
• the city’s population is 1,519,711
• Just 1.5 hours from Taipei to Kaohsiung by High Speed Rail
• Language: Mandarin and a variety of dialects, these include Taiwanese, Hakkanese and a number of aboriginal languages.
• Currency: US$ is equivalent to approximately NT$30. Hotels, department stores, airports, larger restaurants and shops accept credit cards.
• Taxi Fare: The base rate is NT$85. It increases in NT5 increments with each additional 250 m.
• Bus Fare: NT$12 (each way)

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Taiwan Weather in December
Winter starts from December, but it only turns cooler, with average low and high temperature respectively at 13°C (55°F) and 18°C (64°F). Weather in December is generally mild and damp with occasional drizzles.

There is big difference in temperature during day and night. During day time a long-sleeve shirt will do, but at early morning and evening, a coat is needed. Also prepare a sweater in case the temperature drops to 15°C (59°F). If you visit mountainous areas, a sweater and a water-proof coat is preferred. (China Highlights)

Conference Cultural Tours- January 1

Cijin Island—Fengshan Old Wall  -Cijin is unbeatable for the variety and quality of its sea products. They even have a road named Seafood Street. Cijin Island is also a great place to walk, bike or swim. Make sure you don’t miss Matsu Temple - Kaoshiung’s oldest shrine and the lighthouse, from where you get great views. Caijin is the future site of Pacific Rim Park project. www.pacificrimpark.org

Meinong Hakka Village Culture: Cishan Banana Time
Meinong is situated at the northeast side of Kaohsiung City, the north part of the Pingtung Plain in the shape a sitting frog. The township borders Liouguei at the east, Gaoshu of Pingtung County at southeast, Ligang (Pingtung County) at the south, Qishan at the west, and Shanlin at the north, stretching north-south to 15 kilometers and expanding east-west to 9 kilometers from, covering an area 120, 0316 square kilometers.

Buddha Memorial Center – Old Iron Bridge Wetland Park Learning. The Center is located at Kaohsiung Dashu District Area founded and opened in 2012. In this center keeps one Buddha tooth-relic from the Tibet, worth your visit. The bridge was built during the Japanese Occupation (or during the Era of Meiji). It was completed in 1913 after eight years of construction. Arc steel structures were used in the main body and the bases of the bridge piers were made of granite. The total length is 1,526 meters, which makes the bridge the longest one in Asia at that time. It is now ranked as a national historic spot.

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This ongoing professional cooperation between members will continue to foster the core values of WCCI’s heritage.

The theme of the conference is “Educating for Peace and Harmony with the Earth and Ourselves”. In this coming international conference we will explore human relationships to the natural world, the relationships within human society, the harms we have done to both and the possibilities for healing the harms through educating for the just and restorative development of a culture of peace. The conference will be held during the Christmas break and will welcome the New Year of 2013. Special events will be arranged, including a visit to the reconstructed school of a village heavily damaged by typhoon, a tour to the magnificent Buddha Museum with salvation spirit and other cultural sites.

I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. Estela Matriano as WCCI Executive Director and Carole Caparros, WCCI Executive Assistant for their visit to Kaohsiung in May 2012 for a meeting on the preparation of the conference. A follow up meeting in San Diego this September was organized to finalize the conference agenda.

Former International President, Dr. Vincent Shieh, Vice-President of WCCI Taiwan Chapter, Dr. Angela Lo and I have been trying very hard to seek funds for the conference. At the same time, we also have an ambitious plan to launch a project for the Pacific Rim Park in Kaohsiung. With all these combined efforts, the Taiwan Chapter looks forward to hosting a distinctive and successful conference. Finally, I sincerely welcome all members and friends of the WCCI family to visit our beautiful City of Kaohsiung, to attend our WCCI 15th World Conference, and to join us in receiving the first light of 2013. □

L to R: Nai-Chien Chang (David), Carole Caparros, Mayor Chu Chen, Estela Matriano, Anve La and Der Long Fan
CONGRATULATIONS TO WCCI MEMBERS FOR HONORS RECEIVED

Bro. Emmanuel Nicholas, T.Pk, a life member received an award from the President of Pakistan.

Bro. Emmanuel served in Pakistan as Teacher, Principal and Inspector of Schools in the Catholic Diocese of Multan, Punjab. He was Principal of an English Medium School and also of an Urdu Medium School from 1966 to 1976. After his higher studies at Fordham University, New York, he was recalled to Sri Lanka to be Director of Formation of young Brothers from Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan. He was later in 1988 appointed as Provincial Visitor of the Brothers of Sri Lanka and Pakistan. In 1996 he obtained his Doctorate in Education from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York.

Below is a letter he received from Ms Nargis Sethi, Cabinet Secretary, of the Cabinet Division, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad, dated 23rd February 2012,

“The President of Pakistan has been pleased to confer on you the award of “Tamgha-i-Pakistan” (Medal of Pakistan) on the occasion of Independence Day, 14th August, 2011. This has been published in the Gazette of Pakistan Extraordinary. The conferment of the Award entitles you to use the abbreviation ‘T.Pk.’ after your name.

The medallion of the award will be presented to you in the investiture ceremony to be held on Friday the 23rd of March, 2012.

Estela C. Matriano, WCCI Executive Director and Professor of Multicultural and Global Education received several awards in 2012.

April, 2011 – 2010-2011 San Diego Campus I-MERIT Committee Award. “For dedicated service and significant contributions to the Campus International Multicultural, Education, Research, Intervention and Training (I-MERIT) in fostering a diverse, multiculturally and internationally engaged campus community.”

May, 2011, - Premier Provost Award for excellence in Multicultural and International Competence given by Alliant International University, San Diego, California

August, 2011 – Excellence in Education given by the Asian Heritage Society

October, 2011 – 100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the USA on Builders and Emerging Leader given by the Filipina Women’s Network, San Francisco, California

Dr. Jessica Kimmel, professor of graduate studies, University of Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas, USA, was honored with the 2012 Presidential Teaching Award on Friday, March 30, 2012 at the Faculty Appreciation Luncheon.

The annual award acknowledges and rewards a full-time faculty member who exemplifies excellence in teaching that leads to student engagement. Colleagues, current students and alumni make the nominations for the award by sharing why the nominee deserves to be selected.

“Teaching at UIW is up there at the top with faculty performance,” Kimmel said. “The university asks for us to be good teachers, rewards faculty and supports them.”

As part of the award, UIW President Dr. Louis Agnese also presented a $5,000 stipend to Kimmel and she will now be a member of the selection committee in succeeding years.

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