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FORUM

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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Grand Valley to celebrate fall semester graduates

Nearly 1,000 students will participate in the winter commencement ceremony December 9 at Van Andel Arena in downtown Grand Rapids.

The ceremony starts at 10 a.m. and will be webcast live at gvsu.edu/commencement.

Students will hear an address from Gayle R. Davis, who will receive an honorary degree. Davis served as Grand Valley's provost and executive vice president for Academic and Student Affairs from 2002 until her retirement in June. During that time, Davis successfully aligned academic operations, programs and budgets as the university grew in size, complexity and reputation.

Davis is active in the West Michigan community. Her involvement includes the Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council Board, the Board of Art and Museum Commissioners, and Goodwill Industries Board of Directors. In 2009, she earned the Distinguished Woman in Leadership award

from the Michigan ACE Women's Network.

Before her tenure at Grand Valley, Davis worked for Wichita State University, where she was a faculty member and chair of women's studies. She was appointed associate vice president for Academic Affairs and Research in 1994, and established the university's Center for Teaching and Research Excellence.

The Alumni Association will present the Young Alumni Award to Carolyn Ulstad, program assistant at Macatawa Area Coordinating Council. She graduated in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in geography and



Gayle R. Davis

planning and a minor in environmental science. In her role at MACC's Transportation Planning Department, she collaborates with area road commissions to rate road quality and supports the Macatawa Watershed Project.



Arlan B. Meekhof

During the ceremony, Sen. Arlan B. Meekhof (R-Grand Haven) will receive an honorary degree. Meekhof was elected to serve the 30th Senate District in November 2010 and has served as majority floor leader.

He also served four years in the Michigan House of Representatives. Meekhof was first elected to the Olive Township Board of Trustees in 1996 before becoming township supervisor.

Learn more at www.gvsu.edu/commencement.

ACROSS CAMPUS

New director of civic engagement named

Travus Burton has been named Grand Valley's director for civic learning and community engagement, a position housed in the Office of the Provost.

He will begin his new role January 9, replacing Ruth Stegeman, who retired in August.

Burton is currently the experiential learning coordinator for Oakland University's Office of Student Success and Experiential Learning Center.

Suzanne Benet, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, said Burton brings prior experience and leadership skills necessary to move the university's civic action plan forward.

"The search committee was impressed with Travus' past work with faculty members and the support he garnered to develop community partnerships and assist faculty with designing experiential learning components of a course," Benet said.

Burton said he is honored to work at Grand Valley and said the university "values community engagement at the highest level."

"I am eager to begin exploring the possibilities for new collaborations, while building upon some of the great initiatives and plans already in motion," he said. "A major goal is to continue building a culture that values and utilizes community engagement in all aspects of the education we provide and the work we do at Grand Valley."

Prior to his position at Oakland University, Burton served as service



Travus Burton

learning coordinator for Central Michigan University's Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. He was president of the Isabella County Restoration House Board of Directors and instrumental in establishing the county's first shelter to address homelessness. Burton also worked as a HUD case manager for Capital Area Community Services in Lansing.

He is working toward a doctoral degree in education from CMU; Burton earned a bachelor's degree in communication and sociology from Saginaw Valley State University, and a master's degree in educational leadership from CMU.

A reception to welcome Burton to campus is planned for January 30, 4:30-6:30 p.m., at the Eberhard Center.

Career Center offers grants

The Career Center is accepting proposals from faculty and staff members for Internship Mini Grants (IMG).

These grants are intended to develop, grow, and/or enhance internship initiatives within academic departments; several examples are listed below.

- Develop an internship program for your academic area;
- Expand internship opportunities for students through employer development;
- Provide networking/recruiting opportunities for students.

Previous IMG recipients have used funding to create interactive websites, build employer connections, and organize internship panels/recruitment

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events. Funding can also be used to pay a student, faculty or staff member for time spent on internship initiatives.

The deadline to apply is December 7. Information and proposal submissions are online at gvsu.edu/careers/img.

Save the date: Faculty Awards Convocation

The annual Faculty Awards Convocation will be held February 1 at the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium, beginning at 4 p.m.

Awards will be presented for faculty achievements as well as milestone awards for faculty members with 25 years of service or more. A reception will follow the ceremony; for more information, contact the Office of the Provost at x12400.

Diverse Visionary Award recipient

Grand Valley was a recipient of a Diversity Visionary Award from the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce.

The university was a four-star recipient in the large business/organization category, along with Herman Miller. Criteria for the award included measurements in five areas: leadership commitment, diverse talent, internal processes, diverse supply chain and community engagement.

Jesse Bernal, vice president for Inclusion and Equity, and Lynn Blue, vice president for Enrollment Development, accepted the award at the November 17 luncheon.

GVNow Recap:

Success of West Side dependent on collaboration, retaining talent

Community leaders emphasized inclusiveness, collaboration and developing talent as some of the keys to a successful future for Grand Rapids' West Side.

"West Side Story," was the topic of the Peter F. Secchia Breakfast Lecture November 29 at the L. William Seidman Center.

Speakers included Mike VanGessel, president of Rockford Construction; Ryan VerWys, president and CEO of Inner City Christian Federation; and Matt McLogan, vice president for University Relations at Grand Valley. Diana Lawson, dean of the Seidman College of Business, served as the moderator.



Photo by Rex Larsen

From left are panelists Ryan VerWys, Mike VanGessel, Matt McLogan and Diana Lawson at the November 29 Peter F. Secchia Breakfast Lecture at the Seidman Center.

McLogan said the transformation of the West Side began when the Gerald R. Ford Museum and the Eberhard Center on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus were built. He said positive changes have continued in the area with the availability of affordable housing, jobs and entertainment, which attract millennials and provide a stable footprint.

"The future of the West Side will be driven by people," McLogan said. "That means developing and retaining talent. To be vibrant, we need to pay attention to millennials."

VanGessel, who grew up on the West Side, said investors have made a huge impact on the area, citing Meijer's Bridge Street Market as one example. The market is set to open at the corner of Bridge Street and Seward Avenue in fall 2018.

"We are now seeing the benefits of long-term relationships and collaboration," said VanGessel. "It's important to listen, work with integrity and be true to yourself."

He said the West Side is unique because it doesn't have defined architecture so there is great opportunity for density and height when it comes to construction.

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SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Grand Valley's Service Award and Holiday Gathering is set for Thursday, December 7.

The event will run from 3-5 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room, with the awards ceremony beginning at 3:30 p.m. Most campus offices may close at 3 p.m.

45-year award recipients:

Faite Mack, College of Education

Bonnie Maka, Human Resources

Jitendra Mishra, Management

Melvin Northup, Biology

Stephen Rowe, Philosophy

Beverly Seley, Visual and Media Arts

40-year award recipients:

Donna Markus, Division of Legal, Compliance and Risk Management

Scott Richardson, Finance and Administration

Laura VanderBroek, English

35-year award recipients:

Andrew Beachnau, Housing and Residence Life

Thomas Butcher, Division of Legal, Compliance and Risk Management

William Grimaldi, Facilities Services

Dellas Henke, Visual and Media Arts

Jeffery Musser, University Budgets (retired)

Ellen Pool, Music, Theatre and Dance

Timothy VanHouten, Facilities Services (retired)

Douglas Wiers, Facilities Services

30-year award recipients:

Marty Abramson, College of Education

Cheryl Anderson, School of Computing and Information Systems

Kathleen Blumreich, English

Tonya Brown, Annis Water Resources Institute

Brandon DeHaan, Grand Valley Police Department

Barbara Hackley, Seidman Student Academic Services

Maria Jaramillo-Gonzalez, Records and Registration

Matthew McLogan, University Relations

Elaine Schott, School of Social Work

Dale Schriemer, Music, Theatre and Dance

Paul Sicilian, Economics

25-year award recipients:

John Adamopoulos, Psychology

Dorothy Alt, University Libraries

Suzanne Benet, Office of the Provost

Yatin Bhagwat, Finance

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WHAT'S AHEAD

Carillon tours, holiday concert planned for December

The Cook Carillon Tower is a focal point of the Allendale Campus, standing at 100 feet to the top of its spire and chiming every 15 minutes.

The campus community is invited to tour the structure, which was built and installed in 1994, on Tuesday, December 5, from 1:30-3 p.m.

Hosted by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and University Communications, the tours will be facilitated by Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, university carillonneur. Light refreshments will be served.

Vanden Wyngaard will also perform a holiday concert on the Beckering Family Carillon on December 24 from 9:30-10:15 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

Retirement celebration set for COE faculty

Three faculty members who are retiring from the College of Education will be recognized at a reception December 11.

A celebration to honor Sally Hipp, Lisabeth Margulus and Faite Mack will be held from 3:30-6:30 p.m. in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium. Formal remarks will begin at 5 p.m.

Faite Mack, professor of education and founding faculty member of the College of Education, came to Grand Valley in 1972. He established the graduate program in teacher education in 1975.

Mack was the first African American at Grand Valley promoted to the rank of full professor and the first faculty member to obtain a Fulbright Award. He was one of only 400 African Americans in the U.S. with a doctorate when he earned the degree in 1972 from the University of Illinois. Mack is one of six people who will earn 45-year service awards at



Faite Mack

the annual event December 7 (see list beginning on page 2).

Margulus, associate professor of education, came to Grand Valley in 1999. She has served on several COE committees and was chair of the Education Leadership Department for 13 years.

Hipp, associate professor of education, came to Grand Valley in 2002 after spending 23 years as a teacher for Grand Rapids Public Schools. She served as program coordinator for Grand Valley's Graduate Teacher Certification program where she initiated partnerships with GRPS and encouraged her students to student teach in urban schools. Hipp was instrumental in moving the secondary GTC program to an online format.

Health care trends to be detailed at January event

Faculty members and expert panelists will provide a glimpse into health-related trends and issues that could affect the region at the ninth annual West Michigan Health Care Economic Forecast on January 12.

The Office of the Vice Provost for Health and Seidman College of Business Alumni Association will host the event at the Eberhard Center, beginning at 7:30 a.m. with a light breakfast; presentations will run from 8-9:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public, RSVP online at gvsu.edu/vphealth.

Leslie Muller, assistant professor of economics, will team with Kevin Callison, assistant professor of global health management and policy at Tulane University, to present the Health Check Report, which details issues in Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon and Allegan counties. Callison served as assistant professor of economics at Grand Valley until last year.

Three local experts will then offer predictions about health care trends. Panelists are Dr. Peter Hahn, chief medical officer for Metro Health University of Michigan Health; Earle (Win) Irwin, board chair for Irwin Seating Holding Co.; and Nick Lyon, director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

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Roy Cole, Geography and Sustainable Planning

Mary Cotter, Admissions

Javier Estrada, Physics

Gretchen Galbraith, CLAS Dean's Office/
History

Roger Gilles, Writing

Salim Haidar, Mathematics

Julie Haskin, Finance Aid

Catherine Jones-Rickers, Management

Ashok Kumar, Management

Sufen Lai, English

Peimin Ni, Philosophy

David Oliver, WGVU

Kelly Parker, Philosophy

Debra Rotman, Political Science

Kim Schmidt, Alumni Relations Office

Virginia Sietsema, Biomedical Sciences

Parvez Sopariwala, School of Accounting

Edward Spier, WGVU

Elyse Sterenberg, Grand Valley Police
Department

Patricia Videtich, Geology

20-year award recipients:

David Alvarez, English

David Bair, Educational Foundations

Becky Beechler, Office of the Provost/
Institutional Analysis

Laurence Blose, Finance

Patricia Bolea, School of Social Work

Bob Brown, Facilities Planning (retired)

Jodi Chycinski, Admissions

Diane De Ryke, Facilities Services

Oliver Golden, Mathematics

Daniel Golembeski, Modern Languages and
Literatures

Cathleen Harro, Physical Therapy

Ken Haskin, Facilities Services (retired)

Donna Henderson-King, Psychology

Eaaron Henderson-King, Psychology

Randy Hill, Facilities Services

Veda Hodges, College of Education

Barbara Hoogenboom, Physical Therapy

Jason Kunnen, Information Technology

Brenda Lindberg, Accounting

Earl Loveless, Facilities Services

William Lucksted, Operations – Pew Campus
and Regional Centers

Thomas Michalak, Facilities Services

Brenda Mitchner, Housing and Residence Life

Roderick Morgan, Biology

Dawn Nagelkirk, Writing

Timothy Nott, Athletics

William O'Donnell, Grand Valley Police
Department

John Peck, Physical Therapy (retired)

Timothy Penning, School of Communications

Patrick Perry, College of Education

John Philbin, Visual and Media Arts

Christopher Plouff, Office of the Provost

Kim Roberts, Visual and Media Arts

Sandra Rodriguez, Facilities Services

Robert Rogers, WGVU

Mary Russa, Psychology

Ellen Schiller, College of Education

Alfred Sheffield, Music, Theatre and Dance

Ellen Shupe, Psychology

Cheryl Smalley, Statistics

Steven Snell, Facilities Services

Vincent St. Germain, Academic Computing
Services

Ken Stanton, Facilities Services (retired)

Jeanne Stoddard, Diagnostic and Treatment
Sciences

Diana Szcembara, Institutional Marketing

Anthony Thompson, Visual and Media Arts

Terry Trier, Biology

Marilyn VanderWilp, Copy Services (retired)

Jill Warren, English (retired)

Jeffrey West, Grand Valley Police Department

Sulari White, Student Academic
Success Center

Paul Wittenbraker, Visual and Media Arts

10-year award recipients:

Todd Aschenbach, Biology

Sean Bain, School of Social Work

Nathan Barrows, Chemistry

Debra Bayus, Kirkhof College of Nursing

Kelly Berendsen, WGVU

Daniel Bergman, Biomedical Sciences

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FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

IN THE NEWS

Retired professor dies

John Tevenbaugh, pioneer faculty member at Grand Valley, died November 15. He was 91.

Tevenbaugh, professor emeritus of history, was hired to work at Grand Valley in 1962 and retired as chair of the history department in 1988. He also taught at Muskegon Community College and was the author of six books and many articles about his research on early American history.

He served in the Army; after he was discharged in 1946, he enrolled at the University of Illinois and earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in history.

A celebration of Tevenbaugh's life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to either Grand Valley or MCC.

SKETCHES

Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, was interviewed by the *Portland Press Herald* for a story about alleged sexual improprieties against former President George H.W. Bush.

Kathryn Christopher, visiting faculty member of engineering, was named one of 23 event leaders for the Silicon Valley Meetup, a program facilitated by University Innovation Fellows.

Jeffrey Wing, assistant professor of public health, wrote an article, "Synergism of Short-Term Air Pollution Exposures and Neighborhood Disadvantage on Initial Stroke Severity," published in *Stroke*.

Jason Crouthamel, professor of history, wrote a chapter, "Hypermasculine Warriors versus Effeminate Men: Masculinity and

Sexuality in Print Media by German Veterans of the Great War," for a book, *Not Straight from Germany: Sexual Publics and Sexual Citizenship since Magnus Hirschfeld*, published by University of Michigan Press.

Judy Whipps, professor of liberal studies, wrote a chapter, "A Historical Introduction: The Three Waves of Feminism," for a book, *Philosophy: Feminism*, published by Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks.

Timothy Eernisse, director of development and marketing for WGVU Public Media, gave the opening keynote address, "What's Your Why?" for the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention in Reno, Nevada.

Danielle Lake, assistant professor of liberal studies, received the Outstanding Pecha Kucha Presentation award for "Catalyzing Deep, Pervasive, and Integrated Service Learning/Community Engagement" at the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement Conference.

Della Hughes, assistant professor of nursing, was named a recipient of the Midwest Interprofessional Practice, Education, and Research Community Award at the MIPERC Conference held at Grand Valley.

Grace Huizinga, assistant professor of nursing, gave two presentations, "Nursing Action: Working with the LGBTQ Older Adult Population" and "New Colors for Nursing Education: Including Transgender Health Content in the Classroom," at the AACN Baccalaureate Education Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

More than 100 middle school girls from Grand Rapids Public Schools participated in National Girls in Sports Day on campus on November 11. The **Athletic Department, Sport Leadership Program and Club Sports** teamed to offer clinics in a variety of sports. The national event was established to celebrate the passing of Title IX.

Carl Brown, director of the Speech Lab, received the National Communication Association's Von Till Award at the NCA's annual convention in Dallas, Texas.

SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

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Shannon Biros, Chemistry

Joseph Bitely, Campus Recreation

Andrew Booth, Physician Assistant Studies

Brian Bossick, University Counseling Center

Linda Buck, Kirkhof College of Nursing

Diana Cable, Facilities Services

Yingpin Chang, Finance

Maria Codega, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence

Brian Copeland, Business and Finance

Merritt Delano Taylor, Biomedical Sciences

Luke DeMott, Information Technology

Steven DePolo, University Development

Julie DeVecht, Accounting Office

Reda DeYoung, History

Amy Dunn, College of Education

Amy Duwe, University Libraries

Lindsay Ellis, English

Emily Frigo, University Libraries

Patrick Gerkin, School of Criminal Justice

Heather Gulgin, Movement Science

Lora Hahn, Statistics

Julie Hall, College of Health Professions Dean's Office/Diagnostic and Treatment Sciences

Kay Hart, Statistics

Michael Henshaw, Biology

Caitlin Horrocks, Writing

Jennifer Jenkins, Biology

Monica Johnstone, CLAS Dean's Office

Mahendra Joshi, Management

Cheryl Kaletka, College of Education

Jennifer Kamradt, Accounting Office

Paul Keenlance, Biology

Lara Kessler, School of Accounting

Howard Kilburn, Political Science

Meagan Knoll, Management

Bradley Koch, Management

Sally Langa, Music, Theatre and Dance

Andrew Lantz, Chemistry

Colleen Lewis, Movement Science

Elizabeth Lienau, University Communications

Kristina Mack, Chemistry

Kingshuk Majumdar, Physics

Cynthia McCurren, Kirkhof College of Nursing Dean's Office

Mark Nawrocki, Athletic and Recreation Facilities Management

Paul Nederveld, Facilities Planning

Chirag Parikh, School of Engineering

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Heather Peddie, Movement Science

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Arcadio Ramirez, Michigan Small Business Development Center

Paulette Ratliff-Miller, School of Accounting

James Reed, Biomedical Sciences

Linda Rettig, Student Academic Success Center

Samhita Rhodes, School of Engineering

Jeffrey Rothstein, Sociology

Lolita Salindong, English

Star Santiago, Biology

Amy Schelling, College of Education

Elena Selezneva, Padnos International Center

Anne Sergeant, School of Accounting

Luanne Shaw, Kirkhof College of Nursing

Edward Simon, Facilities Services

Daniel Slaughter, Institutional Marketing

Mehmet Sozen, School of Engineering

Susan Spears, Kaufman Interfaith Institute

Mark Stoessner, Athletics

Jeffrey Stoll, Grand Valley Police Department

Elizabeth Stolle, Literacy and Technology

Christopher Swank, Operations – Pew Campus and Regional Centers

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Vicki Thelen, Information Technology

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