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FORUM

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Convocation looks to future, acknowledges past

Anticipate, adapt, lead.

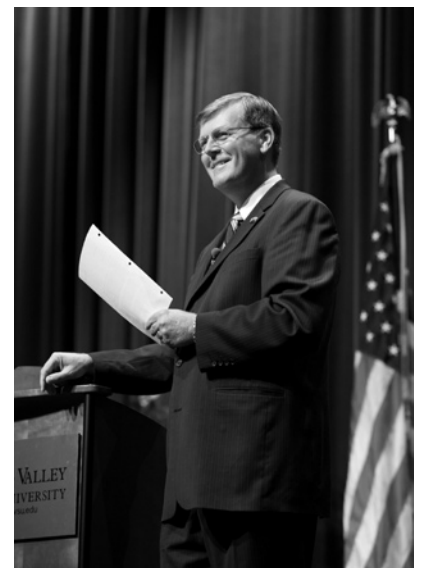
Those three words wove through President Thomas J. Haas' opening address to faculty and staff members August 27 in the Louis Armstrong Theatre.

"Everything that we have today has come from our ability to anticipate, adapt, lead," Haas said.

As appropriate at the start of the 50th anniversary year, he led audience members through a brief history lesson on how Grand Valley was established, moved to the university's legacy, and then to its future and the role that faculty and staff members play in it.

Haas said Grand Valley's greatest asset is its ability to prepare graduates for a new state and global economy. He cited groundbreaking ceremonies for the Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons on the Allendale Campus and the L. William Seidman building on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus as examples of how the university anticipates the needs of current and future students.

Haas challenged the audience to expand Grand



Photos by Amanda Pitts

Above, Provost Gayle R. Davis speaks to the audience at convocation on August 27. At right, Thomas J. Haas addresses faculty and staff members in the Louis Armstrong Theatre.

Valley's "market share" of students in Michigan and in the Midwest. "We must be sure that our campuses are welcoming, tolerant and inclusive. Enrollment is job one and it's everyone's job," he said. "The best recruiting tool we have is to ensure that students get the best possible experience at Grand Valley."

Many new students heard a similar message during Convocation in the Fieldhouse. They were greeted by the pageantry of faculty members processing in their academic regalia and heard welcoming messages from Haas and

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Thursday night football means parking changes

Laker football opens its season on Thursday, September 2, with a night game against West Texas A&M.

The 8 p.m. start means some changes to campus parking that day. Fans headed for the game are encouraged to ride the shuttle buses; parking lot changes on the Allendale Campus are noted below.

- Faculty/staff parking: Lot C east will be open from 8 a.m.-noon, Lot C west will be closed; at noon, Lot F east will be reserved for faculty and staff members.
- Student daytime parking: Lot C east and Lot F west will be open until noon; incoming students will be directed to Lot J. Residence lots will be available for commuter students.

- Student evening parking: An increased number of buses will run from 5 p.m.-midnight; Lot J will be available.

Cimitile takes new post in Provost's Office

After serving in the Provost's Office on an interim basis last year, Maria Cimitile will return there to work as Grand Valley's academic program and curriculum development officer.

Gayle R. Davis, provost and vice president for academic affairs, made the announcement in mid-August. Davis said a search was conducted for this position, which is an expanded job description for what had been the provost's liaison to university curriculum committees.

"Grand Valley has slowed growth in its student body and nearly reached its optimum size, and state funding has continually decreased," Davis

said. "Therefore, we need to be even more careful than usual in planning for new curriculum, new programs or academic directions."

Cimitile began her new duties last week. She will work with Grand Valley's colleges and departments to provide informational resources and support and also work with University Academic Senate committees, Admissions and Graduate Studies.

Cimitile, associate professor of philosophy, began working at Grand Valley in 1999. Last year, she covered curriculum-related duties for Nancy Giardina, who was away serving an



Maria Cimitile

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American Council on Education fellow. Cimitile has also served as an associate dean for curriculum in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and chaired the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee.

"Her administrative experience coupled with integrative thinking, meticulous work and interpersonal skills make Dr. Cimitile a perfect fit for this position," Davis said.

Campus Health Center changes providers

The Campus Health Center on the Allendale Campus is now using Metro Health as its provider for students, faculty and staff members, and their dependents. Spectrum Health had been the previous provider.

Andy Beachnau, director of Housing and Health Services, said the addition of Metro Health to the Campus Health Center in Allendale is a continuation of a positive existing relationship with one of West Michigan's local health care leaders. He added that the university appreciates its partnership with Spectrum Health and the care its staff members took in providing quality health care to the campus community.

Beachnau said the switch to Metro Health means the Campus Health Center will have the ability to accept insurance providers and users will have access to enhanced technology to access electronic medical records.

Stuff the bus with school supplies

Grand Valley is again partnering with Heart of West Michigan United Way to "Stuff the Bus" and collect school supplies for students in the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Collection sites will be available through September 10 at these locations: Kirkhof Center lobby; DeVos Center Building C atrium; Muskegon Center, main building entrance; and the Meijer Campus in Holland. School supplies collected in Holland will be given to the Holland Heights K-7 building.

University Bookstore is holding a sale on school supplies items for this campaign. Questions about Stuff the Bus can be directed to Bunmi Fadase, coordinator of the Community Service Learning Center, at fadaseol@gvsu.edu. Grand Valley's United Way campaign runs September 29-October 13.

Anniversary book now in bookstores

Copies of "Grand Valley Celebrates 50 Years of Shaping Lives" are available at University Bookstores in the Kirkhof Center and DeVos Center, along with other 50th anniversary merchandise.

The book costs \$19.95. Written by News and Information Services staff members, it contains more than 300 historic and newer photographs, a university timeline and countless memories of campus life.

The commemorative book can be purchased online at www.gvsu.edu/ubs; save on shipping by picking up the book at either bookstore location. Allow up to five business days for online orders to be processed.

ESP receives federal grant

Grand Valley's Educational Support Program recently received a federal grant renewal of \$1.6 million to help continue serving first-generation and low-income students.

Melissa Selby-Theut, director of the Educational Support Program, said the grant will be used to continue the services ESP provides including academic advising, financial aid counseling, career counseling, graduate school counseling and personal counseling, as well as assistance in securing secondary program admission.

"Our advisors provide a holistic array of services designed to meet the multi-dimensional needs of students," Selby-Theut said. The grant is also used, in part, to provide loans for laptops and graphing calculators, and opportunities to attend cultural and educational events.

She added that of the 215 students served during the 2008-2009 academic year, 97 percent graduated with a bachelor's degree or continued their education.

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GVFaces

Kathryn Stieler Associate Professor of Music

Kathryn Stieler, associate professor of music, can now add the title of talent judge to her already impressive resume.

Stieler teaches vocal performance at Grand Valley and has performed in operas in more than 14 cities around the world. Over the summer, she served as a judge for a local television station's music contest.

Stieler came to Grand Valley from Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri, seven years ago to teach applied voice (private voice lessons), vocal literature, lyric diction and vocal pedagogy. In August, she was a judge for "West Michigan Idol," a contest sponsored by WXMI Channel 17. About 200 contestants participated; Sylvia Yacoub, a Muskegon high school student, won.

Stieler said she got involved with West Michigan Idol when an event coordinator invited her to be on the panel. She nearly declined due to time constraints but decided to go through with it because she said her teenage daughter would get a kick out of coming along

and getting an "inside perspective" on the competition.

"I certainly have empathy for the confidence and vulnerability it takes to present oneself positively in a competition," said Stieler. "I do a lot of listening and responding to young singers, so this was a familiar and comfortable situation for me. I was surprised by the number of young people who really seem to know themselves and present themselves with poise and individuality.

"The cream of the crop was easily distinguishable."

Stieler said her passion for music began at a very young age with a rickety, old, upright piano. She also serves on the artist faculty of the Interlochen Summer Arts Camp Vocal Soloist Studies Program.



Kathryn Stieler



What's Ahead

Reception set to greet international faculty

The third annual opening reception for International Faculty and Friends is set for Thursday, September 9, at the Meadows.

Events sponsored by International Faculty and Friends offer opportunities for the campus community to learn about international culture and cuisine through shared meals or short presentations.

The reception will run from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Welcoming remarks will be provided by Jeanne Arnold, vice president for Inclusion and Equity, at 4:15 p.m. Light refreshments including a selection of beers and wines will be served.

For more information about IFF, contact Ed Aboufadel at aboufadel@gvsu.edu.

Day of Caring seeks volunteers

In recognition of Grand Valley's 50th anniversary, the Day of Caring committee would like to recruit 50 university volunteers, working in teams of 10, who would be dispatched to set locations in Grand Rapids for community service projects.

Day of Caring is September 10, coinciding with the National Day of Service. It also is part of Grand Valley's United Way Campaign. Ashley Nickels, assistant director of the Women's Center, said volunteer slots are still available. Work sites include Camp Blodgett, Child and Family Resource Council, Schools of Hope Teacher Resource Center and the Girl Scouts. Transportation to sites will not be provided.

For more information, contact Nickels at x12748 or nickelas@gvsu.edu.

Fall Arts Celebration begins in mid-September

Grand Valley's 50th anniversary year brings a series of exceptional events including Fall Arts Celebration 2010, which will begin on September 13. Highlights are below.

- The GVSU Music Department presents a performance of an American music master and masterpiece, John Philip Sousa's "El Capitan," Monday, September 13, at 8 p.m. in the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. At the turn of the 20th century, Sousa was possibly the most widely known name in music during an era known as the "golden age of bands." First performed in 1896, "El Capitan" is a fun mixture of silliness and mistaken identity.

- Faculty members from Art and Design and the School of Communications are featured in two Art Gallery exhibitions. The MultiMedia

I exhibit continues through October 1 with an opening reception on Wednesday, September 15, from 5-7 p.m. MultiMedia II is October 14-November 19 with an opening reception on Thursday, October 14, from 5-7 p.m. Both exhibitions are in the GVSU Art Gallery, Performing Arts Center. More than 60 new works by 28 faculty members will be featured in a wide range of media.

- Distinguished Academic Lecturer Jill Ker Conway's "The Next 50 Years in the World" will be presented on Thursday, September 30, at 7 p.m., L.V. Eberhard Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus.

Born in the Australian outback, Conway overcame a magnitude of obstacles, moved to the U.S. and received a doctorate from Harvard in 1969. In 1975, she became the first woman president of Smith College and held the position for 10 years. Conway serves on the boards of major corporations and holds 39 honorary degrees.

- Poets lauded on a national and international scale are featured during Poetry Night, "An Evening of Poetry and Conversation with Carol Ann Duffy and Bob Hicok," on Thursday, October 21, at 7 p.m., L.V. Eberhard Center. Duffy, Great Britain's poet laureate, was first noted for her collection *The World's Wife*, in which each poem was told in the voice of the wife of a great historical figure. Hicok, a Michigan native, attended Grand Valley in the early 1980s, as a student of what was then William James College, and received an MFA from Vermont College. He now teaches at Virginia Tech University. His newest book is *Words for Empty and Words for Full*.

- Legendary work by a pair of American giants is featured when music and dance faculty members and students present "Appalachian Spring" on Monday, November 1, at 8 p.m. in the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. Through a special licensing agreement



Jill Ker Conway

with the Graham Foundation, students, faculty members and guest artists will perform the Pulitzer Prize-winning score by composer Aaron Copland and choreography by modern dance pioneer Martha Graham, with the original set design by the famed Isamu Noguchi.

- The final performance of Fall Arts Celebration 2010 will bring together the University Arts Chorale, alumni members of that ensemble and an orchestra consisting of faculty and students for a holiday gift to the community, George Frideric Handel's "Messiah" on Monday, December 6, at 8 p.m., at Fountain Street Church, 24 Fountain Street NE, Grand Rapids.

Each Fall Arts Celebration performance is free and open to the public, though complimentary tickets are required for "El Capitan" and "Appalachian Spring." Call the GVSU Box Office at x12300. For additional information about Fall Arts Celebration 2010, visit www.gvsu.edu/fallarts, or call x12180.



Student Omar Gonzalez will be among the members of the campus community featured during 'Life Journeys,' a Hispanic Heritage Month event.

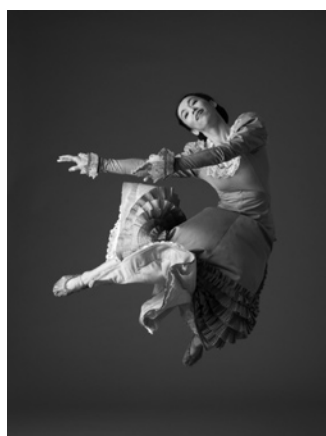
Hispanic Heritage Month begins with poster reception

Hispanic Heritage Month at Grand Valley begins with a unique reception to showcase members of the campus community through poster stories.

"Life Journeys" is a visual display capturing the stories of students, faculty and staff members and alumni. The campus community is invited to the reception on Tuesday, September 14, from 4-6 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center near the Women's Center and Office of Multicultural Affairs.

President Thomas J. Haas and Vice Provost and Dean of Students Bart Merkle will make opening remarks at 4:15 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public; it is sponsored by News and Information Services, Office of Multicultural Affairs and Women's Center.



'Appalachian Spring'

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Art Gallery Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Thurs. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Through Oct. 1

Gallery Hours: MultiMedia I: Art and Design, School of Communications Faculty Celebrate 50th Anniversary. Art Gallery, PAC.

Sports (only home events listed)

Thurs., Sept. 2

8 p.m.: Football hosts West Texas A&M.

Fri., Sept. 3

4 p.m.: Soccer hosts Winona State University.

Sun., Sept. 5

Noon: Soccer hosts Minnesota State Mankato.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Sketches

Steven Leeser, operations supervisor for Facility Services, gave a presentation, "Recycling and Waste Minimization at GVSU," at the MiAPPA Summer Conference in Harbor Springs.

John Koches, associate research scientist at the Annis Water Resources Institute, was named first vice chair of the Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds Board of Directors.

Danielle Wiese Leek, assistant professor of communications, was appointed to the Board of Trustees for the National Debate Tournament.

Joy Washburn, assistant professor of nursing, gave presentations, "Transition to Practice: Does Orientation Impact Nursing Excellence?" at the National Nursing Staff Development Organization Convention in San Diego, California, and "Shaping Graduate Nurses Through Transition to Practice Programs" at the 21st International Nursing Research Congress in Orlando, Florida.

Cynthia Beel-Bates, associate professor of

nursing, gave a presentation, "A Pilot Study: An Interprofessional Educational Approach to Polypharmacy in Community-Based Older Adults," at the All Together Better Health Five International Interprofessional Conference in Sydney, Australia.

Aaron Klein Haight, assistant director for Student Life, received the Leadership Institute Women with Purpose Award from Alpha Gamma Delta at the sorority's national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

John Stevenson, associate dean for Graduate Studies, co-wrote an article, "Reliability, Validity, and Clinical Usability of a Digital Goniometer," published in *WORK: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment & Rehabilitation*.

Jan Robinson, senior academic advisor from the CLAS Academic Advising Center, received this year's AP Outstanding Academic Advising and Student Services Award. Her name had been omitted from previous award announcements.

Brian J. Bowe, visiting assistant professor of communications, gave a presentation, "A

Pedagogical Response to the Coverage of Islam: A Wiki-Based Best Practices Document for Reporting on Muslims and Islam," at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's annual conference in Denver, Colorado.

Figen Mekik, associate professor of geology, co-wrote an article, "Progress Toward a Multi-Basin Calibration for Quantifying Deep Sea Calcite Preservation in the Tropical/Subtropical World Ocean," published in *Elsevier Journal: Earth and Planetary Science Letters*.

John Constantelos, professor of political science, wrote an article, "Playing the Field: Federalism and the Politics of Venue Shopping in the United States and Canada," published in *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*.

Michael P. Lombardo and **Patrick A. Thorpe**, professors of biology, gave presentations, "Factors that Affect Egg Mass in Tree Swallows" and "Innate Immunity in Nestling and Adult Tree Swallows," at the annual meeting of the Association of Field Ornithologists at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah.

International delegation attends convocation

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others including Jarrett Martus, president of Student Senate.

Gayle R. Davis, provost and vice president for academic affairs, told new students their experiences at Grand Valley will help shape their futures in the workplace. Kristine Mullendore, chair of the University Academic Senate, compared 2010 to 1960, when Grand Valley was founded, and drew laughs when she said when people turn 50 "they're invited to join AARP."

Haas told the convocation audience that Grand Valley was founded with a strong base of public-private partnerships. "That foundation with our boards, donors and community support is what sustains our success and growth today," he said.

Special guests at both the opening address and convocation included international delegations from partner institutions the University of Cape Coast in Ghana, National Taiwan Normal University and Cracow University of Economics in Poland. Representatives from each of those universities addressed faculty and staff members in the morning to offer congratulatory remarks.

Patricia Clark, professor of writing and university poet-in-residence, read a poem she wrote, "Five Kinds of Celebration," at convocation.



Photo by Elizabeth Lienau

Representatives from, left to right, National Taiwan Normal University, Cracow University of Economics and University of Cape Coast in Ghana prepare to greet the audience at the opening address.

For more on events and other ways the university will mark its 50th anniversary, visit www.gvsu.edu/anniversary.