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FORUM

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Professor receives \$1 million grant for Target Inquiry

Deborah Herrington, principal investigator and associate professor of chemistry, received a grant to expand and further study the Target Inquiry program. TI is an innovative professional development program designed to improve the quality and frequency of inquiry-based instruction in middle and high school science classes.

The \$1.1 million National Science Foundation DRK-12 award is a five-year grant to support science teachers working through the intensive, two-year TI program, along with an in-depth study of the effects of TI on its teachers and their students.

“The initial implementation of the program for high school chemistry teachers has been successful beyond what we had originally envisioned,” said Herrington. “Not only have teachers been able to more successfully implement inquiry instruction into their chemistry classes, but we also have evidence that suggests students better understand chemistry as a result of these

instructional changes.”

Herrington said teachers and students report increased student confidence and engagement as well as improved retention of concepts.

“Instructional change is difficult and requires adequate time and support if it is to be achieved and sustained,” she said. “TI is a long-term, coherent program that helps teachers develop a solid understanding of inquiry instruction and supports them through the development and implementation of inquiry activities.”

The grant, along with support from Grand Valley and a collaboration between the College of Education and science education faculty from chemistry, physics, biology and geology, will help expand the program to all middle and high school science teachers.



Pictured is a cohort of area chemistry teachers who participated in the Target Inquiry professional development program. Faculty members are (standing, left) Sherril Soman, (seated) Deborah Herrington, Ellen Yezierski and (standing, right) Julie Henderleiter.

Grand Valley’s TI study is coupled with a separate \$1.35 million grant awarded to Miami University of Ohio and Ellen Yezierski, associate professor of chemistry, who will direct the grant program there.

Across Campus

Health leaders discuss care for Latinos

Area health care leaders discussed medical care for West Michigan’s Latino population during a Hispanic Heritage Month event September 20.

More than 60,000 Latinos live in the area, and providing them with accurate health care information is sometimes challenging, said Maria Cruz, from Spectrum Health’s Program Puente. Part of Spectrum’s Healthier Communities program, Program Puente provides resources and services to area residents.

“Usually the last thing Latinos are thinking about is their health,” she said. “We’re trying to get the message out of how to use the emergency room. Sometimes Latinos will go to the ER for things that are not really an emergency.”

Cruz was among three panel members at the event, “Latino Health Services in Grand Rapids,” held in the Cook-DeWitt Center.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Maria Cruz, from Spectrum Health’s Program Puente, gives a presentation in the Cook-DeWitt Center September 20.

About 50 people attended the presentation.

Dr. Larry Diaz, from Metro Health Hospital, said because some Latinos have less access to health information, they are at greater risk for preventable diseases.

Cruz said Latinos also feel a great need to give back to the community, and she puts them to

work. “When they come in, they receive the correct information about how to prevent cardiovascular disease, for example, and they will go right back into their communities and share that information,” she said.

The event was sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Latin American Studies.

Team effort makes United Way a success

The kickoff for Grand Valley’s United Way campaign is Wednesday, September 28, and the focus is on response. Last year, the faculty and staff response rate was 71 percent and volunteers hope that percentage continues to rise. “We want to raise as much support as possible, but more importantly, we want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to give,” said Darla Bennett, campaign coordinator.

It takes many volunteers putting in a lot

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of time to make sure that happens. Each faculty and staff member receives a pledge form from a department captain. “Last year we distributed 2,297 pledge forms and this year the number is 2,323,” said Brian Van Doeselaar, campaign treasurer. “It can be challenging to grow our response rate as the number of employees increases.”

Bennett said in 2008, when the economy was especially bad, Grand Valley had its biggest increase in the giving rate.

Volunteers begin planning for the campaign from February to June and then the busy time begins with the fall semester. Stuff the Bus and Day of Caring are held in September and volunteers sign up for Schools of Hope. United Way captains, 121 of them this year, attend training before the kickoff begins.

“I have been involved with the Grand Valley campaign for six years, and have become more and more committed each year as I see all the good things United Way has done for the community,” said Bennett.

Van Doeselaar said, as treasurer, he has enjoyed coordinating the flow of information for the past 15 years. “This is truly a team effort. President Haas talks about giving back and this is one way I can do that. I appreciate United Way’s approach to making an impact on our community,” he said.

See more information about the campaign in the insert.

ADVANCE cohort works toward nursing bachelor’s degrees

Megan Hulsebos has an associate’s degree in nursing and works on an on-call basis for St. Mary’s Health Care. When she earns a bachelor’s degree in nursing, her job opportunities will likely widen.

Hulsebos is among 14 nursing students enrolled in Kirkhof College of Nursing’s ADVANCE program. The new grant program offers stipends and necessary resources to students and working nurses who want to earn bachelor’s degrees in nursing.

Last year, Elaine Van Doren, associate dean for KCON undergraduate programs, received a \$773,837 grant from the U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services to establish ADVANCE and increase diversity within the RN-BSN program. Grand Valley partnered with Grand Rapids Community College and Muskegon Community College for the three-year program.

ADVANCE students must have an associate’s degree in nursing and be economically or educationally disadvantaged. Victoria Hecksel-Lantz, program coordinator, said a cohort of 20 students will be enrolled for the winter semester.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Members of the ADVANCE cohort are pictured in the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences. The program provides assistance to working nurses who want to earn a bachelor’s degree. At far right is program coordinator Victoria Hecksel-Lantz.

Engineering programs earn reaccreditation

The Accreditation Board for Engineers and Technology, Inc. has granted reaccreditation to all engineering majors within the School of Engineering.

Being accredited especially benefits graduates, said Chris Plouff, engineering professor and coordinator of the reaccreditation process. “Employers most commonly seek engineers who earned their degree from an accredited school,” he said. “Also, if a graduate wants to become a licensed professional engineer, they must come from an accredited institution.”

The accreditation is based on an assessment of each program’s objectives and outcomes and how they are met. The review process takes nearly a year, ending with a visit from ABET representatives to the university to tour facilities and meet with faculty, students and community members. The first engineering program at Grand Valley became accredited in 1999; each cycle lasts six years.

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GVFaces

Linda Kennedy Development Coordinator, WGVU

For those who don’t know Linda Kennedy, get ready for some surprises.

As the development coordinator at WGVU, Kennedy is responsible for editing the *Showplace* Program Guide among other responsibilities at the station.

Prior to her years at WGVU, Kennedy burned rubber in her Plymouth Road Runner as a stock class drag racer in the early 1970s at the former Thunderbird Dragway outside Muskegon. “I had received too many speeding tickets but I still wanted to drive fast,” she said.

Besides flying down the quarter-mile race track, Kennedy also took up playing billiards. Although she said she played pool just for fun, she once won a pearl-handled pool cue.

The biggest surprise of all, perhaps, is the former job held by Kennedy’s mother, Minnie Forbes. Forbes was the former owner of the Detroit Stars Negro League baseball team. Kennedy said her mother took control of the Stars after another of



Linda Kennedy

her relatives was not allowed by the league to own two teams at the same time.

“My mother was one of three women to ever own a baseball team and the only one to ever operate it on a daily basis,” Kennedy said.

Kennedy has worked for more than two decades for WGVU’s four television channels and two radio stations, which provide PBS and NPR programming, as well as locally produced content on both mediums. When she first joined the staff, she was a receptionist.

“I came to Grand Valley more than 20 years ago looking for a job, but got much, much more than I expected,” Kennedy said.



What's Ahead

LGBT Resource Center hosts series of talks on sex

The LGBT Resource Center is hosting a series of lectures this week focusing on sex, gender and sexuality.

- Laurel Westbrook, assistant professor of sociology, will present "Born this Way?" and discuss how sex, gender and sexuality relate to each other. Her lecture is set for Monday, September 26, 4 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room.
- Activist Robyn Ochs will present "Beyond Binaries: Identity and the Sexuality Spectrum" on Tuesday, September 27, 6 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room. Ochs is the editor of *Getting Bi: Voices of Bisexuals Around the World*.
- Jay Friedman will present "J-Spot: A Sex Educator Tells All" on Wednesday, September 28, 4 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center. Friedman has spent 22 years as a sex educator and a consultant.
- Milt Ford, professor of liberal studies, will discuss "Middle Sexes: Redefining He and She" on Thursday, September 29, 1 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2201.

All lectures are LIB 100 and US 201 approved. For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/lgbtrc and click on "Sex Week."

Register for interfaith dialogue sessions

Registration is open for Interfaith Intergroup Dialogues, an opportunity to learn about faith traditions, and discuss religion and spirituality as it pertains to Grand Valley and society.

The group, open to faculty and staff members and students, will meet monthly during the year and provide support at activities and events for "2012 Year of Interfaith Understanding."

A kick-off meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, at 3 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center. Register online at www.gvsu.edu/studentlife/ifdialogue.

The dialogues are sponsored by the Dean of Students Office, Office of Student Life, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Kaufman Interfaith Institute and the Interfaith Dialogue Association.

Men in high heels will raise awareness about sexual assault

Men will walk in women's shoes during a unique event to raise awareness about sexual assault and other forms of sexual violence.

"Walk a Mile in Her Shoes," sponsored by the Interfraternity Council and Women's Center, is set for Thursday, September 29, from 6-9 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room.

Men are invited to wear high heels and walk during the event, which will also feature keynote speaker Jeff Smith, of the Grand

Rapids Institute for Information Democracy. Walk A Mile In Her Shoes was founded in 2001 with the idea that men must be a part of the solution to end sexual violence; walks are held around the country each year.

All members of the campus community are invited; a donation of \$5 is requested with proceeds going to Grand Valley's Rape Aggression Defense Program.

Register for the event at www.gvsuwam.eventbrite.com.



Shakespeare Festival mainstage productions of 'Twelfth Night' will begin September 30 and run through October 9.

Shakespeare Festival events continue

Shakespeare Festival events continue with the mainstage production and presentations by the guest scholar-in-residence.

Dennis Kennedy will present "Shakespeare and Globalized Performance," on Friday, September 30, at 4 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room. Preceding the presentation is a 3 p.m. reception to welcome back the internationally known theater scholar and practitioner who taught for more than a decade at Grand Valley, beginning in 1970.

He was also co-founder of Stage 3 in Grand Rapids. Kennedy is Beckett Professor of Drama Emeritus at Trinity College Dublin and has held positions as a distinguished visiting professor at universities from Berlin to Beijing.

September 30 also is opening night of "Twelfth Night," the Festival Mainstage production, at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, Louis Armstrong Theatre. This classic comedy, set on the Adriatic coast, is a tale of mistaken identity and jovial indulgence. It features Viola, who after being shipwrecked, is reunited with her twin brother, but not before love, mistaken identity, and confusion ensue!

Additional performances are October 1, 6, 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m. and matinees October 1, 2 and 9, at 2 p.m. Sign language interpretation will be available at the October 6 performance. A pre-show discussion at 6:45 p.m. will precede the September 30 and October 8 performances, featuring dramaturg Jo Miller, Grand Valley professor of English.

During Grand Valley's Shakespeare Festival, the popular Renaissance Faire returns October 1-2, to the "greensward" near the Cook Carillon Tower. This family-friendly event provides a variety of outdoor entertainment throughout the day.

For more event information or to buy tickets online, visit www.gvsu.edu/shakes. Twelfth Night tickets, \$6 students, \$12 faculty, staff and seniors, and \$14 general admission, are also available in person or by calling the Performing Arts Center Box Office at x12300.

Family Weekend includes ArtPrize, Taste of Grand Valley

Families of students and faculty and staff members are invited to Family Weekend, which runs September 30-October 2. The weekend, sponsored by Student Life, will include a variety of new activities this year.

Most events are free, some require a paid ticket for admission. Highlights are below.

Friday, September 30:

- Dueling Pianos Lounge, Kirkhof Center, 8-11 p.m.: Test the knowledge and skill of the pianists while singing along with them. The event is free and features root beer floats and other refreshments.

Saturday, October 1:

- Pancakes with Presidents, Kirkhof Center, 9:30-11 a.m.: President Thomas J. Haas and other student organization presidents will cook a pancake breakfast for families; cost is \$5.
- Ravine Tours, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.: Learn about efforts to preserve the ravines adjacent to Grand Valley and explore the hiking trails along the banks of the ravines; the event is free.
- Kirkhof Carnival, Kirkhof Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Games, prizes and crafts will be provided by student clubs and organizations at Grand Valley; the event is free.
- ArtPrize Tour, DeVos Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Join Henry Matthews, director of galleries and collections, for a preview tour of ArtPrize entries. Lunch will follow; cost is \$10 and tickets are required.

- Intro to Geocaching, Kirkhof Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Learn about and explore campus through geocaching, a treasure hunting game that uses a GPS.

- Taste of Grand Valley, Fieldhouse Arena, 4-6 p.m.: Taste samples from dining areas at Grand Valley; tickets are required.

Sunday, October 2:

- Brunch and ECOture Fashion Show, Kirkhof Center, 9:30 a.m.-noon, fashion show begins at 11:30 a.m.: Learn about fashion and sustainability at Grand Valley; tickets are required.

Participants are invited to share where they are from and interact with others on Twitter by using the hash tag #GVFamily11. A live Twitter feed will be displayed in the Kirkhof Center throughout the weekend.

For a complete list of events or to purchase tickets, visit www.gvsu.edu/familyweekend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Mon., Sept. 26

4 p.m.: LGBT Resource Center hosts “Born This Way?: The Social Construction of Sex, Gender, and Sexuality,” by Laurel Westbrook. 2204 KC. Call x12530 for more information.

4:30 p.m.: Pi Sigma Alpha hosts U.S. Rep. Justin Amash. 2266 KC. Email cornishp@gvsu.edu for more information.

Tues., Sept. 27

10 a.m.: HR Career Services hosts “Personal Branding and Presentation Strategy: What Message Are You Sending?” 1142 KC. Call x12215 to register.

11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Flu Vaccination Clinics. 2266 KC.

11 a.m.: General Education Proposed Goal Workshop. 2263 KC. Call x18140 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness Divorce Recovery Group. 2264 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

3 p.m.: Interfaith Dialogue Kick-Off Event. 2250 KC. Call x12345 for more information.

6 p.m.: LGBT Resource Center hosts “Beyond Binaries: Identity and the Sexuality Spectrum,” by Robyn Ochs. 2204 KC.

Wed., Sept. 28

10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Farmers Market. Parking Lot F.

Noon: Office of Multicultural Affairs Diversity Brown Bag Series: “Understanding Our Differences: Mexicans and Americans.” 1240 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

Noon: HR Career Services hosts “Turning

your Inner Critic into a Career Champion.” 1142 KC. Call x12215 to register.

Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. 2259 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for more information.

Noon: Arts at Noon Series: “Mysterious Morning.” CDC. For more information call x13484.

12:30 p.m.: Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies hosts Wheelhouse Talks, by Gretchen Minnhaar. Kroc Community Center, 2500 S. Division Ave. Grand Rapids. Call x12770 for more information.

4 p.m.: LGBT Resource Center hosts “J-Spot: A Sex Educator Tells All,” Jay Friedman. CDC.

Thurs., Sept. 29

7:30 a.m.: Downtown Toastmasters. University Club Room, DEV. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for information.

10 a.m.: Campus Climate Survey Presentation by Sue Rankin. 2250 KC.

10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Flu Vaccination Clinics. 123 CHS.

4 p.m.: Campus Climate Survey Presentation by Sue Rankin. CDC.

5:30 p.m.: Women’s Center hosts Family Fun Night. FH. RSVP by calling x12748 or visiting www.gvsu.edu/women_cen.

6 p.m.: Women’s Center hosts Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. 2250 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

Fri., Sept. 30

9 a.m.: Campus Climate Survey Presentation by Sue Rankin. Hager Auditorium, CHS.

Noon: Writing Center hosts Faculty Fridays. 302E DEV. Call x18077 for information.

1 p.m.: General Education Proposed Goal Workshop-Problem-Solving. 127A DEV.

7:30 p.m.: Shakespeare Festival production: “Twelfth Night.” LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for ticket information.

Sat., Oct. 1

8:30 a.m.: Family Weekend 5K Run/Walk. KC. Contact gvintra@gvsu.edu for more information.

2 p.m.: Shakespeare Festival production: “Twelfth Night.” LAT, PAC.

Sports

Tues., Sept. 27

4 p.m.: Women’s tennis hosts Northwood University.

Wed., Sept. 28

6 p.m.: Soccer hosts Ferris State University.

Fri., Sept. 30

7 p.m.: Soccer hosts Northwood University.

7 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Saginaw Valley State University.

Sat., Oct. 1

7 p.m.: Football hosts Tiffin University. (Family Day)

Sun., Oct. 2

2 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Ferris State University.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

In the News

John Weber, professor of geology, was interviewed by a newspaper in Trinidad for a story about earthquake probability in that country.

Paul Reitemeier, chair of the Human Research Review Committee, was interviewed by *IRB Advisor* for a story about the proposed federal regulations for protecting human subjects in research.

Sketches

George McBane, professor of chemistry, co-wrote an article, “Photodissociation of N₂O:

Energy Partitioning,” published in the *Journal of Chemical Physics*.

Ranelle Brew, assistant professor of Allied Health Sciences, gave a presentation, “SHAPE Camp – Bringing Health Professions Awareness to Adolescents” at the Royal Society of Public Health Conference in London, England.

Peter A. Letzmann, adjunct professor of public, nonprofit and health administration, gave a presentation, “14th Amendment Due Process: Notec and Service of Process” at the 76th Annual Conference of the International Municipal Lawyers Association in Chicago.

Kevin McCurren, executive director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, was named a 2011 Thought Leader in Entrepreneurship by *Business Review West Michigan*. “Meet the Thought Leaders” night will be held October 13, from 5-6:30 p.m., at the Grand Rapids Art Museum.

John Weber, professor of geology, wrote a book review of “Structural Geology” published in *EOS Magazine*. He also co-wrote an article, “Using Orthographic Projection with Geographic Information System Data to Constrain the Kinematics the Central Range Fault Zone, Trinidad,” published in the *Journal of Structural Geology*.