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FORUM

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University earns 'Best Buy,' other distinctions

For the 18th year in a row, Grand Valley was named one of America's 100 Best College Buys by Institutional Research and Evaluation Inc. in Georgia.

Each year, Institutional Research identifies the 100 American colleges and universities providing students the very highest quality education at the lowest cost. Grand Valley has made the list far more times than any other Michigan institution. No other state public institution made the list this year.

To be considered for the designation, an institution must be accredited, offer full residential facilities, have a fall 2012 first-year class with GPAs and/or test scores equal to or above the national average, and offer below-average tuition costs for out-of-state students.

The average GPA for first-year Grand Valley students in fall 2012, the year used, was 3.5, compared to the national average of 3.3, according to Institutional Research. The average ACT score for Grand Valley students was 24, compared to the national average of 23.

Also, Grand Valley was ranked fifth in the "Top Public Regional Universities in the Midwest"

category by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The university was also named as one of four "Up and Comers" for Midwest institutions for having recently made the most promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, campus or facilities.

For U.S. News' Best Colleges 2014 publication, Grand Valley ranked 41st for "Best in Undergraduate Engineering" programs and 30th for "Best Regional University" in the Midwest.

The U.S. News rankings are based on several key measures of quality including peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving. Data was collected from each institution that included several indicators of academic excellence.

And for the fifth straight year, Grand Valley was named a Military Friendly School by Victory



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Joe Graczyk, visiting faculty member in the Seidman College of Business, leads a class discussion in the L. William Seidman Center. Grand Valley was ranked by U.S. News and World Report for, among other factors, innovative facilities.

Media. The 2014 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

Across Campus

Speakers for MLK Commemoration Week announced

The two keynote speakers during Grand Valley's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Week, set for January 20-25, are noted for successfully merging the worlds of popular culture, social activism and politics.

Chuck D, founder of the legendary rap group Public Enemy, and now author and political activist, will be the keynote speaker on January 20.



Jeff Johnson, above, and Chuck D are the keynote speakers for the 2014 MLK Commemoration Week on campus.

Jeff Johnson, journalist, author and political commentator, will speak on January 22.

Chuck D and Public Enemy redefined the world of hip hop and rap with the release of their first album, "Yo! Bum Rush The Show," in 1987. Since that time, Public Enemy has released 13 albums, with songs that articulated the issues African Americans and others faced. Long considered among the most influential music groups, Public Enemy was inducted into



the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2013.

Now the host of Air America's "On the Real/Off the Record," Chuck D conducts interviews with national political and music figures. He is a national spokesperson for Rock the Vote, and active in the National Urban League, Americans for the Arts Council and National Alliance for African-American Athletes.

Johnson is a regular contributor to MSNBC and the executive editor of Politic365.com. He chairs the Jeff Johnson Institute for Urban Development, an institution committed to recruiting and developing 80,000 African American male teachers.

He has worked for Black Entertainment Television, served as an advisor for the NCAA's youth and college division, and worked as vice president of Russell Simmons' Hip Hop Summit Action Network. He serves

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on the boards of the National Urban Fellows and the HBCU Hall of Fame Foundation.

Grand Valley's celebration of King's life and legacy will include various social justice activities on January 20. Classes are canceled that day, allowing more people to participate; last year, hundreds of people filled the Kirkhof Center for sessions on poverty, upcycling, readings and speakers. Visit www.gvsu.edu/mlk for updates.

Volunteers needed for Schools of Hope

Grand Valley is pairing with the Heart of West Michigan United Way to help recruit volunteers for the United Way Schools of Hope program.

The program's mission is to raise literacy skills in children, youth and families through in-school tutoring and a family literacy program.

In West Michigan, the Schools of Hope program pairs volunteers with first- through third-grade students in Grand Rapids, Cedar Springs, Godfrey-Lee, and Godwin Heights schools who need help in reading in order to bring their skills to the same level as their peers in surrounding districts.

Volunteer tutors read with the same child each week for 30 minutes. The results of the program are tangible, as students in the program consistently outperform those not in the program.

On-campus training will be held Thursday, October 10, noon-1:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2201. Register by sending an email to Sue Sloop at sloops@gvsu.edu. Visit hwmuw.org/soh for information.

Tutors can choose a schedule that works for them, even reading every other week by sharing a student with a co-worker or friend.

There is currently a waiting list of students who need help.

Last year, United Way's Schools of Hope provided 750 students with one-on-one reading tutors; empowered 250 parents with increased English reading and comprehension skills; and connected 1,000 tutors to help children be successful readers.

GAAH, Kutsche program



Photo by Amanda Pitts

George Heartwell, mayor of Grand Rapids, talks about the partnership between Grand Valley's Kutsche Office of Local History and the Grandville Avenue Arts and Humanities September 23 at the Cook Library Center. The partnership provides academic support and leadership training to students from the largely Hispanic neighborhood.

Women's Center receives VAWA continuation grant

Grand Valley received a three-year continuation grant through the federal Violence Against Women Act to further its efforts to prevent dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking crimes on campus.

The \$281,250 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women will continue the work coordinated by the GVSU Women's Center through 2016.

The Women's Center received an initial VAWA grant in 2011. Grant

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GVFaces

Meghan Huyghe, Career Development Specialist

Meghan Huyghe's interest in career development sparked while she worked as a graduate assistant in the University Counseling Center.

Both of Huyghe's degrees are from Grand Valley: a bachelor's degree in behavioral science in 2010 and a master's degree in education, college student affairs leadership, in 2012.

She works for both the University Counseling Center and Career Center, and is able to share the resources of both offices with students. Huyghe is a career development specialist, and serves as coordinator of career parallel planning.

A typical day for Huyghe consists of meeting with students to address different career concerns they might have. She specializes in working with students who are undecided in

their majors and those pursuing a secondary admit program.

"Career development is very dynamic and there are a lot of factors that go into a student's decision," said Huyghe. "Being able to help students realize their options and the different opportunities available to them is the part of the process I enjoy the most."

Huyghe's office is in the Career Center, and she does outreach work through the University Counseling Center.

Huyghe also teaches a career exploration course at Grand Valley. In her spare time she said she enjoys baking and spending time outdoors.



Meghan Huyghe

What's Ahead

Meetings for open enrollment set

Health and Wellness staff members will host informational sessions this week prior to open enrollment.

Meetings, which will run from noon-1 p.m., will be held Monday, September 30, in the DeVos Center, room 302E; Wednesday, October 2, Kirkhof Center, room 2201; and Friday, October 4, Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, room 240.

Other Health and Wellness reminders:

- September 30 is the deadline for Healthy Choices participants to enter two activities for the quarter. Visit www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness and click on the "Healthy Choices" menu link.
- October 1 is the deadline to register for the Pedometer Challenge; visit the website for more information.

International students will host 'Global Games'

Do you know how to play cricket? Know how kabaddi is played?

The Padnos International Center and international students will host "Global Games" on Wednesday, October 2, from 6-9 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

International students will demonstrate tchoukball (similar to handball), kabaddi (wrestling) and other games from their home countries. The event is free and open to the public. International street food will be available; a panel of students will discuss global sports at 7:40 p.m.

Co-sponsors of the event are Campus Dining and Campus Recreation. For more information, call the PIC at x13898.

Filmmaker to give presentation

Director, screenwriter and producer Peter Bratt will give a presentation for the Professionals of Color Lecture Series on Wednesday, October 2.

Bratt will discuss his second film, "La Mission," from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room. The event is approved for LIB 100 and 201 classes.

In "La Mission," Bratt tells a story about conquering societal ills and explores the intersection of race and sexual orientation. Bratt co-founded 5 Stick Films Inc. with his brother, actor Benjamin Bratt.

The presentation is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and WGUV Public Media, in conjunction with Hispanic Heritage Month.

Cardboard arcade serves as fundraiser

Students will host an outdoor cardboard arcade inspired by the short film "Cain's Arcade," and invite the community to play games.

Students from three classes will join others worldwide in a global challenge to engage 1 million people in creative play.

The GVSU cardboard challenge is scheduled for Friday, October 4, from 9-11:30 a.m. near the Cook Carillon Tower on the Allendale Campus. John Kilbourne, professor of movement science, said students from liberal studies classes and an Honors College seminar course have built about 25 cardboard games.

Tickets will be sold to people who want to play. Money raised from the event will benefit the Imagination Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering and funding creativity and entrepreneurship.

Event will honor women connected to sports

Alumni and current students who have played varsity sports, club sports or majored in movement science will be honored at an event during Family Weekend.

The Celebration of Women in Sports and Physical Activity is set for Saturday, October 5, 5:30 p.m. at the Alumni House. The event follows a Laker volleyball game and precedes a football game. Cari Draft, '88, owner of Ecotrek Fitness, will be the keynote speaker.

The event serves as a fundraiser for the Board/Rowe Endowment Fund, which recognizes the leadership of Joan Board and Patti Rowe on campus by building a fund that will support scholarships and leadership development opportunities for students.

Tickets for the event are \$25, which includes the volleyball game and reception, and \$15 will

go toward the endowment fund. Visit www.gvsu.edu/womeninsports to purchase a ticket.

For more information, contact Keri Becker at beckeker@gvsu.edu or Dana Munk at munkd@gvsu.edu.

Meeting about PIC delegation trip scheduled

The Padnos International Center will host an informational meeting on Monday, October 7, for faculty and staff members who are interested in applying to participate in the 2014 partnership delegation trip.

The meeting will run from 9-10 a.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2259. The trip will be to Mexico, to partner institution Universidad de las Americas.

Visit www.gvsu.edu/pic and click on "Upcoming Events" for more information.

Global health expert to speak at Fall Arts

Whether discussing the dangers of sarin gas used in Syria, the anthrax attacks in the U.S., or emerging diseases and epidemics worldwide, the work of global health expert Laurie Garrett brings clarity to the complicated intersections of health policy, foreign policy and national security.

Garrett, the only person to win the three Ps of journalism, the Pulitzer, Polk and Peabody, will present a free public lecture as part of Grand Valley's Fall Arts Celebration.

Her presentation, "I Heard the Sirens Scream," will take place Monday, October 7, 7 p.m. at the Eberhard Center. A book signing and reception will follow.

She is a senior fellow for Global Health at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. Garrett won a Polk award for *Betrayal of Trust: The Collapse of Global Public Health*. She wrote two other bestselling books, *The Coming Plague: Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance*, and *I Heard the Sirens Scream*.

Since its start in 2003, Fall Arts Celebration, has featured many preeminent writers, poets, musicians, dancers, artists and scholars. For more information, call x12185, or visit, www.gvsu.edu/fallarts.

'Epic event' brings Classics to life

Students at Grand Valley will be invoking the Muse, welcoming the sun with song and performing the funeral of Hector, all within a 24-hour period known as Homerathon.

The fourth running of the Classics Department's "epic event," includes an ongoing live performance of Homer's Iliad, by students, faculty and administrators.

The event, on the Allendale Campus, begins Wednesday, October 2, at 1 p.m., with an invocation of the Muse in the Exhibition Space on the Atrium level of the Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons. President Thomas J. Haas and

University Libraries Dean Lee Van Orsdel will help kick off the event.

"At a time when some are questioning the value of the liberal arts or even a college degree, it's good to be reminded that people in other times and places have stopped and asked themselves what it means to be happy as a productive member of society," said Charles Pazdernik, chair of Classics.

The relevance of Classics in the modern world will be explored during the guest lecture, at 6:30 p.m. in Cook-DeWitt Center. Paul Woodruff, professor of the Humanities at the University of Texas in Austin, will discuss "The Ajax Dilemma: Who is the Best of the Greeks?" His presentation will build on the topic of his book, *The Ajax Dilemma: Justice, Fairness, and Rewards*.

Other events include:

- Thursday, October 3, at 7:43 a.m.: there will be a reading near Zumberge Pond of the Hymn to Helios (translated by Professor Diane Rayor) to welcome the sun.

- October 3 around noon, the finale performance will come to a climactic end, with the reading of Hector's funeral scene, performed primarily by the Department of Classics faculty members in the Mary Idema Pew Library.

Keep up with events by following the Classics Department's Twitter feed throughout the two days with the hashtag #GVHomerathon. For a complete schedule, visit www.gvsu.edu/classics/homerathon4.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Tues., Oct. 1

4 p.m.: Women's Center hosts "Latinos and the 2014 Election: Opportunities for Political Change," by Cristina Beltrán. 2270 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

5-7 p.m.: Undergraduate Research Fair. 2250 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/ours for more information.

Wed., Oct. 2

11:30 a.m.: Johnson Center Brown Bag Lunch & Learn: "Easy, Engaging, & Enviably Performance Reviews," by Betsy Makepeace Simpson. BIK. Call x17585 for more information.

Noon: Arts at Noon with Monica da Silva, vocalist. CDC. Call x13484 for information.

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

Noon: Women's Commission General Meeting. 1249 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/wcommission for more information.

3:30 p.m.: Excellence Series: Bias Incident Protocol Training. 2215 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.

6-9 p.m.: Padnos International Center hosts Global Games. FH. Call x13898 for more information.

6:30 p.m.: Professionals of Color Lecture Series with Peter Bratt. 2250 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

6:30 p.m.: Homerathon IV Keynote Address by Paul Woodruff. CDC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/classics/homerathon4 for information.

7 p.m.: Veterans History Project: My Year in Vietnam. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x13422 for more information.

Thurs., Oct. 3

7:30 a.m.: Downtown Toastmasters. 107C DEV. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts Happiness Club. 1142 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.

Noon: Women's Center hosts Silent Witness Program. 2215/2216 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Shakespeare Festival: "Much Ado About Nothing." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for tickets.

Fri., Oct. 4

3-5 p.m.: Seidman Professional Development Lecture with Steve Light. SCB. Call x17100 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Shakespeare Festival: "Much Ado About Nothing." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for tickets.

Sat., Oct. 5

9 a.m.: Family Weekend 5K Run/Walk. KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/familyweekend for more information.

2 and 7:30 p.m.: Shakespeare Festival: "Much Ado About Nothing." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for tickets.

Sun., Oct. 6

2 p.m.: Shakespeare Festival: "Much Ado About Nothing." PAC, LAT. \$12. Call x12300 for tickets.

4 p.m.: Artist Faculty Series: Music for Flute & Keyboards. Christopher Kantner, flute. 1325 PAC. Call x13484 for information.

Sports

Fri., Oct. 4

7 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Ohio Dominican Republic.

7 p.m.: Soccer hosts Malone University.

Sat., Oct. 5

All Day: Lacrosse hosts Laker Classic.

1 p.m.: Swimming and Diving Blue & White Intrasquad Meet.

4 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Tiffin University.

7 p.m.: Football hosts Michigan Tech University.

Sun., Oct. 6

All Day: Lacrosse hosts Laker Classic.

1 p.m.: Soccer hosts Walsh University.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Sketches

The **Padnos International Center** will host international visitors Marianne Ramos Schultz and Viridiana Ulloa from Universidad del las Americas, Mexico, from October 6-9.

Donald Mitchell Jr., assistant professor of education, gave a presentation, "Untapped or Unobliged Social Capital? An Analysis of Same-Race Mentorship in African Americans' Pursuit of Tenure in the Academy," at the CAARP Annual National Summit in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Michael DeWilde, director of the Seidman Business Ethics Center, gave a keynote address, "The Virtues that Make Possible the Values: A Report From the Field," at the Second International Conference on Business Social Partnership at the University of Delhi, India.

Cheryl Boudreaux, assistant professor of sociology, gave a presentation, "Socio-Historical

Analysis of Donor/Parent and Child Rights Laws: Changing Definitions of Family in America," at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems in New York, New York. She serves on the board of directors for SSSP.

Regina McClinton, director of the Institute for Intercultural Teaching and Learning, gave a presentation, "Cultural Intelligence: Beyond Competence," at the Partners For a Racism Free Community Speaker Series.

Peimin Ni, professor of philosophy, wrote an article, "Core Confucian Values," published in *Confucius: Eternal Sage*.

Kelly Clark, visiting professor of religious studies, received a grant from the John Templeton Foundation for a project, "Rationality and Religious Belief: A Philosophical Investigation of Contemporary Cognitive Science of Religion."

VAWA grant continues

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coordinator Theresa Rowland said the continuation means the work accomplished over the past two years will continue and will be enhanced.

Since the initial grant was received, student reports of sexual violence have increased. In 2011, there were eight incidents, and nine in 2012. Prior to the grant in 2010, there were two reported incidents. Rowland, who chairs the Campus Violence Prevention Team, said the increase is likely due to increased efforts to train Grand Valley police officers and other staff, and educate students how to report an incident.

Under the continuation grant, victim services and bystander programming will be enhanced as will programs from a CVPT subcommittee, the Men's Group, a student group focused on gender-based violence prevention.

More information is online at www.gvsu.edu/women_cen.