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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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YWCA to honor Davis at Tribute Awards

The YWCA of West Central Michigan will honor Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Gayle R. Davis with a Tribute Award, recognizing her efforts to empower women.

The Tribute Awards, a 31-year fundraising tradition for the Grand Rapids-based nonprofit organization, will be presented during a luncheon on November 12 at DeVos Place. Davis is one of seven recipients this year; she will be honored in the Professions category.

Davis called the award a tremendous honor. "I especially appreciate it because it is given by an organization that has such a respected presence and contributes so much crucial work to our community," she said.

Kelli Langan, YWCA director of development

and marketing, said Tribute recipients are nominated by the public and selected based on how they mirror the organization's values and how they helped the community progress. More than 50 women were nominated this year.

Davis, who joined Grand



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Provost Gayle Davis will receive a YWCA Tribute Award during a November luncheon.

Valley as provost in 2002, has long been a supporter and advocate of advancement programs for women and children. "Throughout my adult life, in Grand Rapids and elsewhere, my career and volunteer work reflect these commitments. I'm incredibly proud to be joining past and current Tribute Award recipients who also seek to advance these values and the YWCA vision of a healthy community," she said.

Previous Tribute recipients with Grand Valley ties are Deanna Morse, professor of communications; Jean Enright, former executive assistant; and Kate Pew Wolters, board of trustees member.

Tickets for the Tribute luncheon are \$50 each; RSVP for the event by calling (616) 459-4681 or visiting www.ywcawcmi.org.

Across Campus



Photo by Dianne Carroll-Burdick

Colette Beighley, director of communications for the Triangle Foundation, talks about the Catalyst Award during the LGBT Faculty and Staff Association reception, held September 5 in the Performing Arts Center.

Triangle Foundation names university recipient of award

The Triangle Foundation has named Grand Valley recipient of a Catalyst Award, recognizing the university's efforts to support a diverse and inclusive campus that is welcoming to everyone.

The award will be presented at the Triangle

Foundation's annual fundraising dinner, set for October 12 at the Westin Hotel in Southfield. The Triangle Foundation, based in Detroit, is a nonprofit civil rights organization that advocates for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Kate Runyon, interim executive director of the Triangle Foundation, said Catalyst Awards are presented to organizations that have positively impacted the mission of the foundation. Runyon said the organization wanted to applaud Grand Valley's recent inclusive programs, services and policies. She listed creating the LGBT Resource Center, establishing Household Benefits and including gender identity and expression in the university's EEO policy as examples.

Jeanne Arnold, Grand Valley vice president for Inclusion and Equity, said, "We are both humbled and grateful to receive this significant award. At Grand Valley, we take the work of inclusion and equity very seriously. It feels good to be recognized for the progress we've made so far."

Information about the fundraising dinner can be found online at www.tri.org.

AWRI stormwater Web site updated

The Annis Water Resources Institute has updated its Web site for its "Rein in the Runoff" project. The project identifies the causes, consequences and corrective actions required to minimize adverse impacts of stormwater on the water quality of Spring Lake, Lake Michigan and the Grand River.

The project, funded by the Michigan Sea Grant, involves policy makers in Spring Lake and Spring Lake Township, experts from AWRI, Michigan Sea Grant Extension, Environmental Consulting and Technology, Inc. and Grand Valley's Seidman College of Business and the School of Communications.

The updated Web site includes a new stormwater education page with information about the problems associated with stormwater runoff, management solutions to the problems and information about what individuals and homeowners can do. It also includes a water quality survey.

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“Stormwater management is a major issue for municipalities,” said Al Steinman, director of AWRI. “More and more water quality impairments are being attributed to stormwater. Stormwater runoff increases both pollutant loads and water temperatures, which have adverse impacts on water quality, fish and aquatic insects. Our study will provide these municipalities with a set of management options including cost/benefit analysis.”

The Web site includes a stormwater survey, open to anyone, which will provide critical information to the project team. The site is www.gvsu.edu/wri/reinintherunoff; the survey can be found at www.gvsu.edu/wri/water-qualitysurvey.

Student nominations sought for ‘I am Grand Valley’

To thank students for their service, faculty and staff members are asked to nominate students who they feel display and utilize strong leadership skills to contribute to the campus community. In January, the Office of Student Life will distribute 1,000 “I am Grand Valley” shirts and certificates to nominated students.

The “I am Grand Valley” campaign was created to recognize student leaders. Leadership extends beyond officers in campus organizations, to student assistants in offices, athletes, orientation leaders, campus tour guides and crossing guards, tutors, community volunteers, and especially students who excel in the classroom.

Nominations can be submitted by visiting www.gvsu.edu/iamgv. The only requirement is that nominees be enrolled during the Fall 2008 and Winter 2009 semesters. The deadline for nominations is November 24.

Nominees and their nominators will be recognized at the “I am Grand Valley” Leadership Reception on January 21.

Further questions should be directed to Michelle Burke at burkemi@gvsu.edu or x12358.

NCA site visits set

Grand Valley will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit October 13-15 by a team of peer evaluators representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. As part of their visit, open forums for faculty and staff members, students, community and alumni to meet the site visit team have been scheduled.

Faculty:

- October 13: 2-3 p.m., 2204 Kirkhof Center
- October 14: 2-2:45 p.m., Traverse City via ITV University Center 09 from 211A DeVos Center
- October 14: 4-5 p.m., University Club Room, DeVos Center

Staff:

- October 13: 1:45-2:30, AWRI Conference Room, Muskegon
- October 13: 3-4 p.m., 2204 Kirkhof Center (with ITV to 211A DeVos)
- October 14: 2-2:45 p.m., Traverse City via ITV from 211A DeVos

Students:

- October 13: 4-5 p.m., 2204 Kirkhof Center (with ITV to 211A DeVos)
- October 13: 4:45-5:15 p.m., Meijer Holland Campus
- October 13: 5-6 p.m., 136E DeVos
- October 14: 2:45-3:30 p.m., Traverse City via ITV University Center 09 from 211A DeVos

Community and Alumni:

- October 13: 4-5 p.m., University Club Room, DeVos Center

Kirkhof College of Nursing Alumni:

- October 14, 4:45-5:30p.m., 119 Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences

For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/ncaselfstudy, or call the Provost’s Office at x12400.

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GRAND VALLEY magazine

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GVFaces

Noreen Savage Office Coordinator, College of Interdisciplinary Studies

Noreen Savage has always considered herself to be in the “people business.” Coming from a family of entrepreneurs, she has always strived to work hard, embrace new ideas and strengthen her skills. As the office coordinator for the College of Interdisciplinary Studies Dean’s Office, she is able to put her strong people skills to use.

Savage has many responsibilities as office coordinator, but she mainly helps organize events for COIS and works closely with Dean Wendy Wenner and Associate Dean Steve Glass.

“Our college is exploding with growth and new ideas,” Savage said. “My challenge is to get all of the meetings and events scheduled, paperwork processed, and keep everything running as smoothly as possible. We work hard in the dean’s office, but we have a good time too. I have been extremely fortunate to work with all of the faculty and staff in the college.”

Savage is also vice president of public relations for the Allendale Toastmasters club. The club helps members strengthen leadership and communication skills; it is open to faculty and staff members, students, and community members.

“As I got going with the program and received my competent communicator award, I found that I was

going to the meetings not only to improve my skills, but to be there to encourage others who were trying to improve themselves as well,” she said.

As vice president, Savage created a Web site, www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters, that contains information about all three of Grand Valley’s Toastmasters clubs.

Savage is a mother of five children and grandmother of three. She has three daughters who are married, a son in the Army, a daughter in high school, and three more grandchildren on the way. In the little spare time that she has, she enjoys spending it with her husband and family, and practicing her favorite hobby, photography.

Savage continues to strive to improve her skills in the “people business” even though she’s been doing it for many years. For 17 years before she came to Grand Valley, she owned and operated a gift shop and shipping service.

“No matter what work you do, we are all in the people business. I love learning and sharpening my skills,” she said.



Noreen Savage

What's Ahead

COIS to host author

The College of Interdisciplinary Studies is kicking off its yearlong focus on the theme of "migration" with a visit by author Sonia Nazario, who will talk about her book *Enrique's Journey*.

Nazario will speak at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 6, in the Kirkhof Center, room 2204. Nazario, a projects reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*, has spent more than two decades reporting and writing about social issues, earning her dozens of national awards.

Enrique's Journey is based on a newspaper series that won more than a dozen awards, among them the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing, George Polk Award for International Reporting and National Association of Hispanic Journalists Guillermo Martinez-Marquez Award for Overall Excellence.

The book follows Enrique as he enters the U.S. illegally in an attempt to find his mother, who left him and the rest of his family in Honduras.

Nazario, who grew up in Kansas and Argentina, has written extensively from Latin America and about Latinos in the United States. She began her career at the *Wall Street Journal*, where she reported from four bureaus: New York, Atlanta, Miami, and Los Angeles. In 1993, she joined the *Los Angeles Times*. She is a graduate of Williams College and has a master's degree in Latin American studies from the University of California, Berkeley.

Counseling Center offers depression screenings

On National Depression Screening Day, October 7, the Counseling and Career Development Center will offer free, anonymous screenings for depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental illnesses.

Counselors will be available in the Student Services Building, Campus Recreation Center, Kirkhof Center, North C Living Center, Kleiner Commons, Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences and DeVos Center throughout the day. Visit the department's Web site at www.gvsu.edu/counsel for exact times and locations. Screenings will also be available online at the Counseling Center's Web site.

For more information, call the center at x13266.

Open house set for three student centers

A celebration is planned to mark new Kirkhof Center homes for three student services centers: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Resource Center, Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Women's Center.

A luncheon is planned for Tuesday, October 7, from noon-1 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center's Grand River Room. Remarks will be made by President Thomas J. Haas, Vice President for Inclusion and Equity Jeanne Arnold and Dean of Students Bart Merkle.

With the theme "Three Centers: One Vision," the open house celebrates the new LGBT Resource Center, housed in 161 Kirkhof, and new office suites for OMA and the Women's Center in the new addition of Kirkhof Center.

Faculty and staff members are invited to visit each office and have desserts during an open house from 1-3 p.m.



A reception for ceramists Soonjung Hong, left, and Eunmee Lee will be held Tuesday in the Art Gallery, Performing Arts Center. Their exhibit remains open through October 31.

Korean artists featured at Fall Arts Celebration

In Korea, ceramics is the most prestigious art form, drawing from 5,000 years of tradition. Two ceramic artists who enjoy an exceptional reputation for excellence not only in Korea, but worldwide, are featured in an exhibition during the Fall Arts Celebration.

"Separation as Together: Soonjung Hong and Eunmee Lee, Korean Ceramists" opens Tuesday, October 7, with a reception from 5-7 p.m. with the artists in the GVSU Art Gallery, in the Performing Arts Center. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

When Grand Valley's Director of Galleries and Collections Henry Matthews first met the artists, he found them to be instantly likable, very personable and friendly beyond the expectations of formality. The two women live and work together in Heyri, a cultural art village in the Paju province of their native Korea.

The exhibition, which continues through October 31, will feature new work created by the artists while at Grand Valley. Invited for the first GVSU International Ceramic Workshop, they will have spent six weeks creating, informing and interacting with students, who will also produce work for the exhibition.

Hong and Lee both earned art degrees from Ehwa Woman's University in Seoul, Korea, and studied at the Istituto Statale d'Arte per la Ceramica in Faenza, Italy.

They have had numerous solo and group exhibitions in Korea, Europe and the U.S.

Silent Witness program will feature family member

A mother whose daughter died following a domestic violence attack will speak about that

incident during a program sponsored by the Women's Center.

Betty Partee will talk about her daughter, Leonytne "Tina" Partee, during Silent Witness, a program that honors area victims of domestic violence. The event is set for Wednesday, October 8, at noon in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room.

Tina Partee, a Grand Rapids attorney, died in 2007 after she was stabbed by her estranged husband in her apartment. Kevin Elder was charged with first-degree murder.

During Silent Witness, students, faculty and staff members will read the stories of other victims who have died following domestic violence attacks. Following the program, refreshments will be served in the Women's Center. For more information, call the Women's Center at x12748.

Jim Harrison returns to Grand Valley

World-renowned author and Michigan native Jim Harrison will discuss the interdisciplinary nature of his writing with a panel of Grand Valley writers and scientists on Wednesday, October 8, at 3 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room.

His latest novel, *The English Major*, was published by Grove Press in September. Harrison's works are now housed and open to the public for research in Grand Valley's Special Collections on the Allendale Campus.

Jim Harrison and Stan Krohmer (Liberal Studies), will serve as moderators. Panel members will include Patricia Clark (Writing), Figen Mekik (Geology), Austin Bunn (Writing), Shaily Menon (Biology), Caitlin Horrocks (Writing) and Gordon Alderink (Physical Therapy).

For more information, contact Noreen Savage at the College of Interdisciplinary Studies Dean's Office at x18655 or savage@gvsu.edu, or visit www.gvsu.edu/jimharrison.

'Mini-walk' to raise money for breast cancer research

Three campus departments are sponsoring a walk around the Allendale Campus on Tuesday, October 14, to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research and treatment.

The Mini Strides Breast Cancer Awareness Walk will begin at noon at the Cook Carillon Tower (rain location is Laker Turf Building). The walk is sponsored by the Women's Center, Campus Recreation, and Health and Wellness.

To register, visit www.gvsu.edu/rec; cost to register is \$10 and \$5 for students. On-site registration will also be available. Checks can be made to the American Cancer Society.

For more information, call Campus Recreation at x13659 or send an e-mail to rec@gvsu.edu.

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. 31

Gallery Hours: "Separation as Together: Soonjung Hong and Eunmee Lee, Korean Ceramists at GVSU." Art Gallery, PAC.

Mon., Oct. 6

11 a.m.: Health and Wellness hosts Information Table. University Club Room, DEV. Call x12215 for more information.

Noon: Hispanic Heritage Month Event. "Race, Ethnicity, Nationality and Identity," by Jorge Gracia. 2215 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

4 p.m.: Professionals of Color Lecture Series. "Does Race Matter?" a panel discussion. 2250 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

6 p.m.: COIS hosts "Questions of Migration and Enrique's Journey," by Sonia Nazario. 2204 KC. Call x18655 for more information.

7 p.m.: Middle East Studies Film Festival. "The Band's Visit," followed by music. CDC. Call x18655 for more information.

7 p.m.: Shakespeare Festival Performance. "Who Killed the King: Chinese Variations on Hamlet." Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x13668 for more information.

Tues., Oct. 7

All Day: National Depression Screening Day. Call Counseling Center at x13266 for more information and locations.

11:30 a.m.: Middle East Studies Film Lecture. "What's the Buzz?" by Mara Naaman. 2263 KC.

Noon: Grand Opening Celebration for LGBT Resource Center, Women's Center and Office

of Multicultural Affairs. KC. Call x12748 for more information.

Noon: Work Life Connections hosts "Recapture Your Joy," by Eric Klingensmith. 201 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

2:30 p.m.: Shakespeare Festival Performance. "Chinese Variations on Hamlet." CDC.

5 p.m.: Fall Arts Celebration Opening Reception for Korean Ceramists. Art Gallery, PAC. Call x12180 for more information.

7 p.m.: Middle East Studies Film Festival. "The Yacoubian Building." CDC.

Wed., Oct. 8

Noon: Women's Center hosts Silent Witness. 2250 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. 2259 KC. Call x18655 for more information.

2 p.m.: AWRI Seminar. "Toxigenic Secondary Metabolites from Microalgae," by Paul Zimba. 109 LMC. Call x13749 for more information.

2 p.m.: Counseling Center hosts Preparing for Graduate School. 204 STU. Call x13266 for more information.

7 p.m.: Middle East Studies Film Festival. "A Time for Drunken Horses." CDC.

8 p.m.: Jazz Orchestra. LAT, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Thurs., Oct. 9

11:30 a.m.: Middle East Studies Film Lecture. "Refocusing Iranian Cinema," by Nasrin Rahimieh. 2263 KC.

Noon: Women's Center hosts "Women Voting," by Donald Zinman. 2270 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

Noon: Grand Rapids Toastmasters. UClub Room,

DEV. Call x17337 for more information.

7 p.m.: Middle East Studies Film Festival. "Caramel," followed by dance troupe. CDC.

Sat., Oct. 11

10 a.m.: Renaissance Faire. Cook Carillon. Call x13668 for more information.

5 p.m.: University Club hosts Tailgate Party. Blue Irwin Lot. Call x13592 for information.

Sun., Oct. 12

10 a.m.: Renaissance Faire. Cook Carillon.

3 p.m.: Symphonic Wind Ensemble. LAT, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

8 p.m.: Concert Band. LAT, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Mon., Oct. 13

7 a.m.-noon: Health and Wellness Clinical Health Risk Assessment Screenings. 436 CHS and HOL. Call x12215 for more information.

2 and 3 p.m.: NCA Accreditation Visit Forum. 2204 KC, telecast to 211A DEV. Call x12400 for more information.

Sports

Wed., Oct. 8

3 p.m.: Women's Tennis hosts Northwood.

Fri., Oct. 10

4 p.m.: Soccer hosts Northern Michigan.

Sat., Oct. 11

7 p.m.: Football hosts Hillsdale (Homecoming).

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Sketches

Amy L. Russell, assistant professor of biology, was named to the editorial board for the journal *Genetica*. She also co-wrote an article, "Road-Killed Bats, Highway Design, and the Commuting Ecology of Bats," published in the journal *Endangered Species Research*.

Robert Hendersen, professor and chair of psychology, was named Professor of the Year by Psi Chi, the national Honor Society in Psychology

Brian Lakey, professor of psychology, co-

wrote a book chapter, "Low Social Support and Major Depression: Research, Theory and Methodological Issues," in *Risk Factors for Depression*, published by Academic Press.

Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin, associate professor of history, wrote an article, "Building Cognitive Assemblies: An Exercise in Course Design," published in the *National Teaching and Learning Forum*.

Matthew Daley, assistant professor of history, gave a presentation, "Duluth's Other Company Town: McDougall-Duluth's Riverside, 1917-

1923," at the symposium McDougall's Dream: Considering Upper Great Lakes History at the Superior Public Museums, Superior, Wisconsin.

In the News

Seidman College of Business faculty members **Paul Isely**, **Sri Sundaram**, **Dan Giedeman**, **Larry Blose** and **John Reifel** were interviewed by television stations WOOD, WXMI, WZZM, and WWMT; radio stations WGVU, WOOD, and WLAV; and the *Grand Rapids Press* for stories about the financial crisis.