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FORUM

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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Report shows positive return for state, students

At a time when measuring performance and results of higher education are dominating discussion, Grand Valley's annual Accountability Report shows the university is excelling in key areas. The university released the report at its November 2 Board of Trustees meeting.

The annual report presents facts from external sources that show Grand Valley is a solid return on investment for students, their families and those living in the state of Michigan. It's been cited as a national example of how universities can prove their value with quantifiable results.

Here are some highlights from the report:

- When compared to all other public universities in Michigan, Grand Valley ranks in the top five for retention; the top four for graduation rates and is in the top two for administrative efficiency and productivity.
- Of recent graduates who are employed, 84 percent are working and giving back in Michigan.

- Grand Valley's tuition remains in the bottom half of all Michigan public universities.
- Grand Valley receives the lowest state funding per student of any of Michigan's public universities.
- The economic impact of Grand Valley on Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon counties is \$732 million.

"We are student focused and deliver results with efficiency," President Thomas J. Haas said. "It's our responsibility to be accountable for the money invested in Grand Valley, and the data compiled for this report consistently shows that Grand Valley delivers. Helping students receive their degrees in a timely way and begin their next steps is at the core of our mission."

The full Accountability Report can be viewed at www.gvsu.edu/accountability.



Pictured is a graduate-level management course. The 2012 Accountability Report shows that Grand Valley is a solid return on investment for students. The report is online at www.gvsu.edu/accountability.

Other news from the Board of Trustees meeting included:

- Grand Valley's endowment is the highest in

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Board acts on two Allendale construction projects

The Board of Trustees approved the architects and construction companies for two previously announced projects at its November 2 meeting: the new classroom and laboratory building on the Allendale Campus and the renovation of James H. Zumberge Library.

Both projects will be built to LEED Silver standards. The university has been planning for these two projects for years, and will not need to raise tuition to provide funding.

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber Inc. will be the project architect/engineer, and Pioneer Construction Company will be the construction manager on the classroom/lab building.

The 144,000-square-foot building will provide new classrooms, teaching and research labs and faculty offices for the biology curriculum. It will

address long-term teaching and faculty office needs on the Allendale Campus and support student and faculty research. The \$55 million project will be funded through a combination of sources, including state funding, university-issued bonds, and Campus Development Funds. It will be completed in August 2015.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Board of Trustees Chair Shelley Padnos addresses the audience at the November 2 meeting, held at the Meijer Campus in Holland.

The board approved the selection of VIA Design as the architect/engineer for the renovation of Zumberge Library and the selection of Wolverine Building Group as construction manager.

The completion in 2013 of the Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons creates the opportunity for repurposing Zumberge, which will be called James H. Zumberge Hall when it reopens as a centrally located administration building.

The \$22 million project will be completed in May 2014.

University named healthy employer

Grand Valley was named a finalist in the 2012 Michigan's Healthiest Employers program, sponsored by *Crain's Detroit Business*. The

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publication, in partnership with MiBiz and Priority Health, recognized companies throughout Michigan whose policies, programs and culture create healthy employees and healthy workplaces.

All finalists were honored at a breakfast ceremony October 31 at the Goei Center in Grand Rapids. President Thomas J. Haas accepted the award.

Recently, the American Heart Association recognized Grand Valley with a platinum award for Fit-Friendly Worksite and its Community Innovation award, for involvement in Active Commute Week.

Campus Dining celebrates 25 years

In celebration of its 25th anniversary, Campus Dining created its first endowed scholarship that will be awarded to one student each year.

Tom Minor, general manager of Campus Dining, said he wanted to do something special to recognize the office's anniversary. Campus Dining is managed by ARAMARK, a global company that specializes in dining services for colleges and universities.



Judy Ingles, pictured at a Laker football game, is the first recipient of a Campus Dining scholarship.

The first scholarship recipient is Judy Ingles, a senior biomedical sciences major from St. Claire Shores. She has been a Campus Dining employee for more than three years and currently serves as a student manager for Classic Fair Catering. She was recognized by President Thomas J. Haas at a football game November 3.

The scholarship was established for \$1,500, but the initial award is \$2,500 because of Campus Dining's anniversary. Students interested in applying for the annual scholarship must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours and have a cumulative GPA of 2.75.

Minor said preference is given to students who have worked for Campus Dining for two semesters.

Wilson appointed to state commission

E. Miles Wilson, director of philanthropic and nonprofit services at the Johnson Center for Philanthropy, was appointed to serve on the Michigan Community Service Commission.



E. Miles Wilson

His appointment to the 25-member board was announced by Gov. Rick Snyder on October 22.

Wilson is responsible for the Johnson Center's national work to provide training and support to foundation professionals and their organizations, and its regional work providing training, technical assistance, and management support to Michigan-based nonprofit organizations.

Wilson joined the Johnson Center in 2009 as director of The Grantmaking School and then led the merger of nonprofit programming with an expanded line of grantmaker products to form the philanthropic and nonprofit services unit.

Career Services offers internship mini-grants

Career Services is again offering mini-grants to departments that want to create, expand or enhance an internship initiative.

Prior recipients of Internship Mini Grants have used the funding to create websites, build employer connections and organize internship events.

Proposals are now being accepted for mini-grants that will be funded in January. The deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, November 16.

To apply, send a one- or two-page proposal to Rachel Becklin, 206 Student Services Building, or becklira@gvsu.edu. Questions can be directed to Becklin at x13468.

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GVFaces

Kiara Pipino Visiting Assistant Professor

Even though Kiara Pipino has had a passion for theater for as long as she can remember, she said she has never had an interest in acting. She prefers to be behind the scenes, watching the show grow and develop.

"The thing that fascinates me most about theater is the number of different ways you can interpret a script and recreate the world of the play," said Pipino.

Originally from Italy, Pipino earned a bachelor's degree in architecture and a doctoral degree in architecture for performance from the University of Genoa (Italy), where she taught in the Department of Classics. She earned a master's in theater directing from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Pipino is the founder and artistic director of the Festival Internazionale Valle Christi, an Italian summer theater festival, and has directed more than 20 plays in the past 10 years.

The value placed on theater in the American

education system is something Pipino said isn't found in Italy; it's also one of the aspects she values about Grand Valley.

"I've always wanted to grow in an academic environment and combine my directing experience with research in a new culture and generation," said Pipino.

As a visiting assistant professor of theater, Pipino is responsible for teaching introduction to theater, theater production, and movement for actors.

"As much as I can, I try to find a way to let students love what I'm teaching them," said Pipino.

Pipino said her personal interests involve travel, cooking and photography.



Kiara Pipino

What's Ahead

Lang to present master classes, lectures

David Lang is one of America's most performed composers and co-founder and co-artistic director of New York's legendary music collective Bang on a Can.



David Lang

His recent CD, "Pierced," was praised both on the rock music site Pitchfork and in the classical magazine Gramophone. The Pulitzer prize-winning composer will visit campus November 12-13 for a variety of activities, including a film screening and a New Music Ensemble performance of his works. All events are free and open to the public.

- Events on Monday, November 12, include a saxophone master class, and a guest lecture for the Music Analysis Class from 4-5:15 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, room 1313.

The inaugural So Very Serious Film Screening will show the movie "Untitled," from 8-10 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall. Lang's music is featured throughout the film, and he will discuss it.

- On Tuesday, November 13, Lang's activities will include master classes and a presentation on "Music, Culture and Aesthetics," from 4-5:15 p.m. in the Honors College.

A concert of Lang's compositions will be performed by the GVSU New Music Ensemble from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, room 1600.

For more information, call the Department of Music at x13484 or visit www.gvsu.edu/music.

Olympic medalist to discuss heritage

Billy Mills, Olympic gold medalist and Native American, will give a presentation on campus Monday, November 12, in conjunction with the Professional of Color Lecture Series and Native American Heritage Month.

Mills' presentation, "Global Unity," will take place from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center. Mills won a gold medal in the 10,000-meter run at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

He was raised as an orphan on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, and attended the University of Kansas on a track scholarship. His presentation will include the importance of overcoming cultural discrimination.

Mills' visit is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs; for more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/oma.

Lecture to examine Dali's works

Sheldon Kopperl, a professor of biomedical sciences with an interest in religious studies, will give a presentation in conjunction with the 2012 Year of Interfaith Understanding about Biblical sources for a series of works by Salvador Dali.

The event on Tuesday, November 13, at 6 p.m.,

will be at the Grand Rapids Art Museum, 101 Monroe Center NW.

Although Dali returned to his Roman Catholic roots and became more devout after World War II, his interest in Israel is shown in his execution of two series of prints for Israel's 20th and 25th anniversaries. The latter series, "The Twelve Tribes of Israel," represents the Biblical descriptions of the tribes combined with Dali's unique surrealism and politics.

Admission is free for museum members, \$5 for non-members. Learn about additional 2012 YIU events at www.2012gr.org.

Program to focus on bipartisanship, cooperation

Guests from more than 100 different locations will take part in a groundbreaking, live webcast focusing on bipartisanship in government and politics.

The town hall event will use the historical legacy and experience of former Michigan Sen. Arthur Vandenberg to consider the possibilities of bipartisanship today.

"Sen. Arthur Vandenberg and the Lost Art of Bipartisan Statesmanship" will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, at the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium. It will be streamed live on the Internet at gvsu.edu/bipartisanship.

Organized by the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities and World Affairs Councils of America, the program will feature four speakers who will discuss bipartisanship, with hopes of encouraging a national dialogue on the possibilities of bipartisanship in Washington today.

The following speakers will present on various topics related to bipartisanship:

- Hank Meijer, the authoritative biographer of Arthur Vandenberg.
- Richard Norton Smith, presidential historian at George Mason University.
- H.W. Brands, historian at the University of Texas, Austin.
- Kiron Skinner, political scientist at Carnegie-Mellon University.

The program will be moderated by Gleaves Whitney, Hauenstein Center director, who will also facilitate a question-and-answer period when panelists will take questions from the audience.

For more information, visit www.hauensteincenter.org or call x12770.

PIC to host Passport Fair

Padnos International Center will host a Passport Fair on Wednesday, November 14, from 1-4 p.m. in Lake Ontario Hall, room 130.

Students, faculty and staff members are invited to apply for a passport or renew one (allow up to six weeks for passport processing).

Participants should bring proof of U.S. citizenship (previous passport, certified birth certificate or naturalization certificate); proof of identity, with photo (driver's license or

Michigan State ID); two separate checks or money orders for processing.

Checks for money orders are the only accepted form of payment (\$110 to the Department of State, \$25 to the USPS). Passport photos can be taken at the fair for a \$2 cash fee; you must present your Grand Valley ID card.

Passport renewals also require two checks: \$110 to the Department of State, \$5.90 to the USPS.

For more information, contact the PIC at x13898.

Broadcasting challenges topic of guest speaker

The challenges of multimedia journalism will be the main topic of a guest presentation by television news director Jill Manuel.

Manuel works at WEWS, the ABC station in Cleveland, Ohio, and will address crucial issues about the election. Manuel's broadcasting career has also included stints at CLTV and WBBM in Chicago.

Students, faculty and staff members are invited to the free presentation on Wednesday, November 14, from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2263.

Keith Oppenheim, assistant professor of communications, will introduce the speaker and present a video, "Non-Stop News," that he produced about multimedia journalism.

Meijer Campus to host energy conservation meeting

The Meijer Campus in Holland will host a community meeting about energy conservation.

Area business owners and community members are invited to the event, set for Thursday, November 15, at 3 p.m. at the Meijer Campus. It is free and open to the public.

The keynote speaker is Don Triezenberg, from the Community Energy Advisory Group. Group members have held a series of meetings in Holland aimed at educating people on the energy choices the city is facing. Visit the CEAG website at yourcityyourdecision.com for more information.

RSVP for the November 15 event by calling Emily DeLano at x14848 or sending an email to delanoem@gvsu.edu.

Fitness challenge to maintain weight during holidays

Health and Wellness is sponsoring a six-week challenge to help faculty and staff members maintain their weight during the holiday season.

"Hold the Stuffing Challenge" will begin on Monday, November 19. Registration is now open; visit www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness and click on Upcoming Events.

Cost to participate is \$5, and two weigh-ins are scheduled: November 19 and January 7. Each participant who successfully completes the challenge can win their money back and is eligible for prize drawings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Mon., Nov. 12

Noon: African Diaspora Conversation Series: “Afro-Futurism: Considering Blacks in Science Fiction through Octavia Butler’s *Kindred*,” by Louis Moore and Dwight Hamilton. 2263 KC. Call x18110 for more information.

Noon: Women’s Commission Meeting. 330 KEN. Visit www.gvsu.edu/wcommission for more information.

3 p.m.: Saxophone Master Class, by David Lang. 1221 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

4 p.m.: Music Analysis Class, by David Lang. 1313 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

4 p.m.: Professionals of Color Lecture Series: “Global Unity,” by Billy Mills. CDC. Call x12177 for more information.

8 p.m.: Music Department hosts So Very Serious Film Screening: “Untitled.” 1325 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Tues., Nov. 13

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts “Understanding Mental Health in the Workplace and Home,” by Mike Ohren. 2266 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts “Your Holiday Health Plan.” 323E DEV. Call x12215 for more information.

1 p.m.: Guest Artist Master Class: Keith Sweger, bassoon. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

2 p.m.: Guest Artist Master Class: Aryn Day Sweeney, oboe. 1325 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

4 p.m.: Music Department hosts “Music, Culture, and Aesthetics,” by David Lang. HON. Call x13484 for more information.

4 p.m.: LGBT Ongoing Conference: “Transgender Tuesdays,” by Mark Freeman. 2250 KC. Call x12530 for more information.

6 p.m.: Guest Artist Series: Musical Arts Quintet. 1325 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

7 p.m.: New Music Ensemble. 1600 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Wed., Nov. 14

Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. 2201 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for more information.

Noon: Arts at Noon Series: Joel Fan, pianist. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

1-4 p.m.: Padnos International Center hosts Passport Fair. 130 LOH. Call x13898 for more information.

3:30 p.m.: Psychology Faculty Research Colloquia: “Body Region Correlates of Early Grammatical Structures,” by Josita Maoene. 308 PAD. Call x12195 for more information.

5 p.m.: International Students Organization hosts “Discover Business Abroad.” Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x13898 for more information.

6:30 p.m.: Psychology hosts Projection Film Series: “No Country for Old Men.” 176 LMH. Call x12195 for more information.

Thurs., Nov. 15

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

11:30 a.m.: Alzheimer’s and Dementia Support Group. 2264 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts “Your Holiday Health Plan.” 1104 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Noon: Women’s Center What Mommies Do Best Series: “A Mom’s Work/Life Balance.” 1201 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts “Understanding Mental Health in the Workplace and Home,” by Mike Ohren. 302E DEV. Call x12215 for information.

3 p.m.: Meijer Campus hosts Community Energy Conversation. 104 HOL. Call x13910 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Theater Production: “An Identified Enemy.” LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for more information.

Fri., Nov. 16

Noon: Women’s Center hosts “The Culture of Strong Women and Domestic Violence.” HOL. Call x12748 for more information.

2 p.m.: Theater Production: “An Identified Enemy.” LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Theater Production: “An Identified Enemy.” LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for more information.

Sun., Nov. 18

3 p.m.: Early Music Ensemble. 1325 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

8 p.m.: Bandorama with highlights from Laker Marching Band season. KTB. Call x12942 for more information.

Sports

Mon., Nov. 12

6 p.m.: Men’s Basketball hosts University of Michigan–Dearborn.

8 p.m.: Women’s Basketball hosts Olivet College.

Board meeting

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the university’s history, exceeding \$80 million for the first time.

- The university purchased seven more parcels near the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences after being approached by the owners. The \$1.2 million purchase adds approximately one acre to the parcels purchased in 2011.

The property, in the Lafayette-Hastings block, will allow the university to expand its health-related programs.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Sketches

Amber Erickson, research coordinator at the Johnson Center’s Community Research Institute, gave a presentation, “Building Evaluation Capacity in a Community-based Nonprofit,” at the Council on Social Work Education’s Annual Program Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Médar Serrata, assistant professor of modern languages and literatures, edited a collection of essays, *The Sound of Music in Dominican Literature: Essays on Identity, Nation, and Performance*, and wrote an article for a book,

Merengue, Lust, and Violence: The Spectacle of Barbarism in the Imaginary of the Dominican Nation, published by the Instituto de Estudios Caribeños in the Dominican Republic.

Dan Balfour, professor of public, nonprofit and health administration, gave a presentation, “Regime Values, Ethics and Institutions in a Context of the Market State, Globalization, and Hypermodernity,” at the John Rohr Symposium in Washington, D.C.