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FORUM

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MLK week speakers bring messages of community

The keynote speakers during Grand Valley's commemoration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. energized students with messages focusing on education and building a community.

During his January 22 presentation, Jeff Johnson, author and political commentator, pushed students and leaders to move beyond making a diverse campus to making one that is a community. He joked about college brochures that showcase diverse groups of students laughing, "and no one knows what they're laughing about."

"When you come to campus you seldom see that brochure or hear that conversation," he said.

Johnson is a regular contributor to MSNBC and the executive editor of Politic365.com.

He suggested getting to a community meant first challenging each other to do what's uncomfortable. "You need the ability to step outside the box to create relationships," he said. "It's the small interactions that have the biggest impact."



Photo by Jeff Dykehouse

Jeff Johnson gives a keynote address in the Kirkhof Center on January 22.

Chuck D, founder of Public Enemy, spoke before a standing-room-only crowd in the Kirkhof Center on January 20.

Speaking for nearly an hour, he emphasized the importance of earning a college degree and learning more about the world. "Dr. King wanted his children to be known for their character, not their characteristics," he said. "To design your insides takes grinding."

He also reminded the audience why they were



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

Chuck D signs books following his January 20 presentation, the start of Grand Valley's King commemoration week.

there. "This is not a day off; it's a day to think about why we do this, it's a day of reflection and thought," he said.

It was the second straight year classes were canceled on the national holiday, allowing for more students, faculty and staff members to participate in the day's events.

Other highlights during the commemoration

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Across Campus

Flu vaccines available at GVSU health center

The flu season is in full swing, and campus community members are reminded that flu vaccines are still available at the GVSU Family Health Center.

Ann Sheehan, assistant dean for practice at Kirkhof College of Nursing, said the center has seen an increase in the number of patients with flu symptoms.

"Getting a flu vaccine is an easy way to protect yourself from missing several days of work or school," Sheehan said.

Grand Valley covers the cost of the flu vaccine for all faculty and staff members and their family members. Students are able to charge the

cost of the vaccine to their individual university accounts. The cost for community members is \$25 for people ages 6 months-64, and \$35 for people 65 and older.

People interested in receiving a vaccine can drop by the center, 72 Sheldon Blvd. SE in Grand Rapids, or call (616) 988-8774 for an appointment.

Faculty and Staff Campaign begins

Each year, faculty and staff members show their steadfast support of the university and its students by participating in the Faculty and Staff Campaign.

The 2013-2014 campaign kicked off January 22, giving Grand Valley employees the opportunity



to reclaim their place as the most generous university community in Michigan.

Faculty and staff members are encouraged to support their passions by giving to a scholarship, academic program, or other area of their interest. Gifts can also be made to the university endowment or Grand Valley Fund, which support areas of greatest need. During the campaign all gifts to any endowed fund will be matched, doubling the gift's impact. Gifts to the new Enrolled Student Book Scholarship Fund will also be doubled.

To check your personal giving history or to learn more about the Faculty and Staff Campaign, visit www.gvsu.edu/facultystaff.

Across Campus

ODK faculty award presented

Rita Grant, associate professor of accounting and director of the Accounting Program, received the 2013-2014 Omicron Delta Kappa Faculty of Distinction Award at the annual Faculty Appreciation Breakfast January 16.

The event was hosted by Student Life and the ODK Leadership Honor Society during Campus Leadership Week January 13-17.

Grant was nominated by ODK member Sangeeth Pushlewege, who noted Grant's commitment to individual students and to advising Beta Alpha Psi, the Accounting Honor Society.



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker
Pictured from left are ODK Circle President Andrew Brown, Provost Gayle R. Davis and Rita Grant, who received the ODK Faculty of Distinction Award.

The Grand Valley Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa was chartered in April 1991. To commemorate the Circle's 20th anniversary, the Faculty of Distinction award was created to recognize the important role faculty play for students both in and out of the classroom.

Recipients of the award are recognized for their ability to engage students through innovative teaching, research, service and campus activities.

Edwards receives Urban League award

James Edwards, executive director of the Johnson Center for Philanthropy, was selected by the Grand Rapids Urban League as the recipient of its highest honor, the 2014 Drum Major Award.

The award is in recognition of a speech made by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., when he recognized the importance of the "drum major instinct" that

drives people to lead, and that those who serve others and put justice before gain are the greatest leaders.

George Grant Jr., dean of Grand Valley's College of Community and Public Service, said the award fits Edwards' work and character.

"Dr. Edwards has been an advocate for social justice, diversity, changing systems, and providing opportunities for people to achieve their dreams," Grant said.

AWRI seeks internship applicants

The Annis Water Resources Institute is seeking applications for summer undergraduate internships (D. J. Angus-Sciencetech Educational Foundation Internship and the Robert B. Annis Foundation Undergraduate Student Internship).

Applications are also sought for a fall semester scholarship, the Bill & Diana Wipperfurth Student Research Scholarship.

Information about these opportunities is online at www.gvsu.edu/wri.

MLK speakers highlight week of events

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week included the presentation of the first Dr. Martin Luther King Faculty and Staff Service Award, and the appearance of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, from Fisk University, thanks to a gift from H. James Williams and Carole Williams.

Jennifer Stewart, associate professor of sociology, received the first Faculty and Staff Service Award. Stewart established and continues to serve as advisor for Act on Racism.

The Urban Core Collective received the Community Service Award.

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GVFaces

Tera Qualls, Communications Manager, Johnson Center for Philanthropy

Tera Qualls celebrates her seventh year with the Johnson Center for Philanthropy and a new role as the communications manager for the organization. Qualls also serves as the director of community advancement for the College of Community and Public Service.

Qualls joined the Johnson Center in 2007. She had served as a program assistant for the Nonprofit Leadership Institute and as a project manager for the Communication Research Institute.

In her current role, Qualls manages marketing and communication efforts for both the Johnson Center and the CCPS. Her responsibilities include brand strategy and development, community engagement through social media, website management, donor engagement and event marketing.

"I am passionate about the idea of community engagement through communication and getting those who want to contribute to the organization involved in the right way," said Qualls.

Qualls earned two Grand Valley degrees: a bachelor's degree in public administration with an emphasis in nonprofit leadership in 2006, and a master's degree in public administration in 2011.

Looking ahead, Qualls said she hopes to continue to develop a strong brand platform for the Johnson Center and CCPS. She is working on creating a number of websites to foster more effective communication for both.

"Both the Johnson Center and CCPS play an important role at the university to help students connect with organizations that support community engagement, and both organizations have placed Grand Valley on a national level for their philanthropic efforts," she said.

Qualls has a passion for young professional development. In 2007 she founded the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Greater Grand Rapids. She was recently named the Young Nonprofit Professional of the Year and one of *Grand Rapids Business Journal's* "40 under 40" for her role in building nonprofit talent locally.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and 2-year-old son. Qualls is co-writing a book, *Talent Development Systems for Nonprofit Organizations*, to be published in 2015.



Tera Qualls

What's Ahead

Faculty will read at Writers Series

The Grand Valley Writers Series continues with readings by Writing Department faculty members Amarak Huey and Caitlin Horrocks.

Their presentations are set for Tuesday, January 28, at 7 p.m. in Cook-DeWitt Center. The series is open to the public and free.

Huey wrote a chapbook, *The Insomniac Circus*, scheduled for publication this year from Hyacinth Girl Press. His poems have appeared in *Best American Poetry 2012*, *Poet's Market 2014*, *Southern Review*, *Rattle*, *Menacing Hedge*, *Hayden's Ferry Review*, *Poet Lore*, *Cincinnati Review*, *Crab Orchard Review* and other print and online journals.

Horrocks is the author of the story collection, *This Is Not Your City*. Her stories and essays appear in *The New Yorker*, *Best American Short Stories 2011*, *PEN/O. Henry Prize Stories 2009*, *Pushcart Prize XXXV*, *Paris Review*, *Tin House*, *One Story* and elsewhere.

For more information about the series, contact Oindrila Mukherjee at mukherjo@gvsu.edu or x13411.

Women's Center to host stalking awareness event

About 6.6 million adults in the U.S. are affected by stalking each year. The Women's Center is hosting an event Thursday, January 30, in conjunction with National Stalking Awareness Month, to provide an opportunity for the campus community to discuss the crime and how to stop it.

"Stalking: Know It. Name It. Stop It." will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. in Kirkhof Center, room 2266.

Grand Valley alumna Tara Aday, development and communications associate for Safe Haven Ministries in Grand Rapids, will lead a discussion on stalking during the event.

For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/women_cen.

Economic survey will be unveiled

Economics expert Paul Isely will release the findings of his annual survey of the regional

economy at the 2014 Colliers West Michigan Economic and Commercial Real Estate Forecast.

The breakfast event will be held Friday, January 31, at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. Breakfast will begin at 7:45 a.m. with presentations at 8:15. A panel discussion will be held at 9:15 a.m.

Isely, interim associate dean and professor of economics, surveyed the greater Grand Rapids economy, including Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon, and Allegan counties, and will discuss his findings on consumer confidence, employment, sales and export growth.

The event, co-sponsored by Colliers International, is free and open to the public; seating is limited and registration is required at www.gvsu.edu/seidman. For more information, contact the Seidman College of Business at x17100.

World Affairs Council lectures free for campus community

Grand Valley has again partnered with the World Affairs Council of Western Michigan to make the council's upcoming lecture series free for members of the campus community who wish to attend.

"Great Decisions 2014" begins Monday, February 3, and continues each Monday through March 31. Global and national experts will present lectures on timely topics such as national security leaks, food insecurities and trade policies.

Lectures will begin at 6 p.m. at Aquinas College's Performing Arts Center.

Dina Temple-Raston, counterterrorism correspondent for NPR, begins the series February 3 with a presentation, "The Role of the Press and National Security Leaks in the Age of Big Data."

Students, faculty and staff members planning to attend are asked to sign-in at the college desk. Other area educational partners are Aquinas College, Grand Rapids Community College, Davenport University, Ferris State University, Kendall School of Art and Design, Montcalm Community College and Western Michigan University.

Visit www.worldmichigan.org for more information.

Former DNC chair will speak on campus

Donna Brazile, the former chair of the Democratic National Committee, will give a campus presentation on Monday, February 3.

Sponsored by Grand Valley's NAACP chapter, Brazile's presentation is scheduled for 6 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2250. The event is free and open to the public.

Named one of the "Top 50 Women in America" by *Essence Magazine* and "20 Remarkable Visionaries" by *Oprah Magazine*, Brazile is a regular political commentator for CNN and ABC News. She is the DNC vice chair of voter registration and participation and former chair of its Voting Rights Institute.

Brazile's visit is supported by Grand Valley's Women's Center and Office of Student Life.

For more information, contact the Women's Center at www.gvsu.edu/women_cen.

Dinner will honor first African American male graduate

The first African American man to graduate from Grand Valley, James Moore, will share his insights and experiences during an event hosted by the Division of Inclusion and Equity.

"Pioneering Pathways for Students of Color" will be held Wednesday, February 5, 5:30-8 p.m. at the Alumni House. Sean Huddleston, assistant vice president for strategic implementation, said Moore, a member of the Pioneer Class of 1967, will talk about his experiences at Grand Valley and give advice to students on how to create their own pathways and legacies.

Dinner will be served; students and faculty and staff members interested in attending are asked to RSVP by January 27 by sending an email to wiersco@gvsu.edu.

The dinner precedes the annual faculty convocation when the first Burch, Jacobs and Moore Diversity Teaching Excellence Award will be presented. Sponsored by the Faculty Teaching Learning Center, the award honors Moore and his classmates Annie Jacobs and Joan Burch.

Opera Theatre to perform satirical comedy

Grand Valley's Opera Theatre cast will perform one of the funniest musicals in recent years.

"Urinetown: The Musical" is a satirical comedy from 2001, with music by Mark Hollmann and lyrics by Hollmann and Greg Kotis. Performances will be held in the Louis Armstrong Theatre on January 31, February 1, 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m., and matinees on February 2 and 9 at 2 p.m.

The winner of three Tony Awards, "Urinetown" received praise for reinvigorating the notion of what a musical could be. The satirical tale of greed,

corruption, love and revolution is set in a time where water is worth its weight in gold. The citizens of Urinetown have been forbidden to use private toilets and must instead use public, pay-per-use amenities. A hero plans a revolution, leading everyone to freedom.

Grand Valley's production is directed by Dale Schriemer, professor of music and artistic director of Opera Theatre. The guest music director is James Barnett, who will conduct the student orchestra.

Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors, faculty and staff members, and alumni, and \$6 for all students and groups over 10. Call the box office at x12300.

The Opera Theatre production of 'Urinetown: The Musical' will begin January 31.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Mon., Jan. 27

3 p.m.: Sociology Lecture: "Creating a Labor Movement in China," by Sarah Swider. 2215/2216 KC. Call x13730 for information.

Tues., Jan. 28

11:45 a.m.: Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration: "Five Reasons We Should Learn About China," by Yi Zhao. 1240 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "Same-Sex Marriage Legal Ramifications," by Wendy P. Holtvluwer. 2266 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.

7 p.m.: Writers Series presents Amorak Huey and Caitlin Horrocks. CDC. Call x13411 for more information.

Wed., Jan. 29

11:30 a.m.: Johnson Center Brown Bag Lunch and Learn: "A Conversation About Intercultural Competence," by Regina McClinton. BIK. Call x17585 for more information.

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

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "Same-Sex Marriage Legal Ramifications," by Wendy

P. Holtvluwer. University Club, DEV. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar for information.

6 p.m.: Psychology hosts Projection Film Series: "A Single Man." 114 LMH. Call x12195 for more information.

Thurs., Jan. 30

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

11:30 a.m.: Area Studies hosts African Diaspora Conversation with Donald Mitchell. MIPL. Call x18110 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "What Mommies Do Best." 2201 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

2-4 p.m.: FTLC hosts Academic Advising Forum with Kristen Renn. 2250 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.

3 p.m.: Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration: "Year of the Horse: What Does It Mean For Us?" by Hung Nguyen. 2266 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

6 p.m.: Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration: Asian New Year Festival. 2250 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

6 p.m.: Women's Center hosts "Stalking: Know It. Name It. Stop It." 2266 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

Fri., Jan. 31

7:45-10 a.m.: 2014 Colliers West Michigan Economic and Commercial Real Estate Forecast. DeVos Place, Grand Rapids. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seidman to register.

7:30 p.m.: Grand Valley Opera Theatre presents "Urinetown, the Musical." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for tickets.

Sat., Feb. 1

9 a.m.: Black History Month: Cultural Day Excursion to Chicago. Call x12177 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Grand Valley Opera Theatre presents "Urinetown, the Musical." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for tickets.

Sun., Feb. 2

2 p.m.: Grand Valley Opera Theatre presents "Urinetown, the Musical." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for tickets.

Sports

Sat., Feb. 1

1 p.m.: Track & Field hosts GVSU 5-Way.

1 p.m.: Women's Basketball hosts Wayne State University.

3 p.m.: Men's Basketball host Wayne State University.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

In the News

Roger Moiles, affiliate professor of political science, served as a panelist on WGVSU's "West Michigan Week" following Gov. Rick Snyder's State of the State address.

J. Kevin McCurren, executive director of the Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation, was interviewed by the *Lansing State Journal* for a story about Grand Valley's family business study, and by the *Indianapolis Star* about microbrews and entrepreneurship.

Leslie Muller, assistant professor of economics, was interviewed by several media outlets about a GVSU study on the impact of the Affordable Care Act on local businesses.

Shorouq Al-Mallah, operations manager at the Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation, was featured in an article by *Urban Innovation Exchange*.

Jonathan White, professor of interdisciplinary studies and executive director of Grand Valley's Homeland Defense Initiative, was interviewed by several media outlets for stories about

the threat of terrorism at the Sochi Winter Olympics.

Karen Libman, professor of communications, was interviewed by the *Times of India* about the annual conference of the Asian Regional Theatre and Education Network, which she attended and presented workshops.

James Dunn, professor of biology, was interviewed by WXMI-TV for a story about the impact of freezing temperatures on agriculture.

Sketches

Lihua Huang, assistant professor of social work, gave a presentation, "Technology Mediated Social Participation in Long-Term Care," at the International Conference on Aging and Society in Chicago, Illinois.

English faculty members **Christen Pearson** and **Janet Navarro** co-wrote an article, "Bullying, ELLs, and the Additional Confound of Disabilities: What Are the Problems, and What Can Be Done About Them?" published in *Serving for a Better World, MITESOL Conference Proceedings Volume 7*.

Bopi Biddanda, professor of Water Resources, and a graduate student gave an invited talk, "Muskegon Lake Observatory 2011-2013: From Observations to Discoveries," at the Great Lakes Observing System Annual Meeting in Ann Arbor.

Occupational therapy faculty members **Dianna Lunsford** and **Jeanine Beasley** and eight students participated in a service learning trip to Ibarra, Ecuador, providing occupational therapy services to residents there.

Alejandra GarciaDiaz Villamil, research manager for the Johnson Center for Philanthropy's Community Research Institute, gave a presentation "Reducing Summer Learning Loss: From Program Quality To Outcomes," at the ARNOVA Conference in Hartford, Connecticut.

Michael Wolfe, associate professor of psychology, wrote an article, "Processing and Representation of Arguments in One-Sided Texts about Disputed Topics," published in the journal *Discourse Processes*.