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# FORUM

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## Students play key role in future of TRiO programs

About 130 high school students associated with TRiO programs learned the organization's history and their key role in its future.

The students participated in a two-day leadership conference, February 28-March 1, co-chaired by Arnie Smithalexander and Josh Brandsen, from Grand Valley's TRiO Upward Bound office.

Smithalexander said students left the conference with homework to send an important message about TRiO to President Obama and others in Washington, D.C.

During the conference, students worked to develop key social media messages about the importance of TRiO and how it works to send students to college who otherwise might not have an opportunity to go.

On March 19, those messages will be sent via Twitter to @WhiteHouse using the hashtag #TRiONATION. Smithalexander said the messages can be simple success stories such as "TRiO is successful and I'm a part of it."

She hopes to spread the news about the March 19 Tweet-a-thon to other TRiO offices and that

the word spreads nationally.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of when President Lyndon Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act, part of Johnson's "War on Poverty." One of the outcomes of the act was establishing TRiO offices.

Keynote speaker Selene Ceja told students that TRiO has faced opposition from the start. "No one thought that low-income students could go to college," said Ceja, who works in public policy for the Council for Opportunity in Education in Washington, D.C. "Since then, funding has been a challenge."

Ceja told students they were the new advocates for the program.

"You can tell your own story," she said. "With the right tools, stories have started a revolution,



Photo by Amanda Pitts

TRiO students learn about the history of the organization through poster presentations in the Kirkhof Center. They voted on a hashtag to send Tweets to Washington, D.C., about the importance of TRiO programs.

like the Arab Spring, using social media."

Michigan State University Student Support Services (a TRiO office) students developed posters with the history of TRiO, famous alumni and how TRiO works to help conference participants develop their messages.

## Across Campus

### Chair makes debut at hearing thanks to faculty research

While attendees at a Senate subcommittee meeting were tuned to the testimony given by university presidents, a few people concentrated on the furniture in the room.

A brand-new chair built by a West Michigan firm made its debut February 27 in Loosemore Auditorium at the Michigan Senate Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee meeting, thanks in part to research by a Grand Valley faculty member.

Barb Hoogenboom, associate professor of physical therapy, met izzy+ CEO Chuck Saylor when he needed therapy for a back injury in 2007. She said he was interested in "excellent sitting" and wondered how an office chair could influence that.

Hoogenboom and several graduate assistants used the biomechanics lab and researched chair comfort and support, and enlisted opinions from many people in the College of Health Professions. "We have additional long-term research studies planned now that the



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

State senators sit in a new chair designed by a West Michigan firm and researched by a faculty member and students.

development of the chair has progressed and it's been released," she said.

One of the chair's differences is in back support. Instead of lumbar support, the Wabi chair focus is on the seat pan to build a better seating position.

Hoogenboom offered advice for office workers who sit for long periods of time. "Limit time spent sitting, or break up work tasks to allow for movement," she said. "When sitting, maintain excellent posture in a workplace designed for optimal posture and work."

### Nominations open for sustainability champions

Students, faculty and staff members who practice and support the ideals of sustainable living can be nominated to be a Sustainability

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Champion. Selected champions will be recognized at the sixth annual Sustainability Champions Award Breakfast April 15 in the Kirkhof Center, organized by the Sustainable Community Development Initiative.

Nominations can be made at [www.gvsu.edu/sustainability/champion\\_nomination.htm](http://www.gvsu.edu/sustainability/champion_nomination.htm).

## Registration open for leadership reception

Registration is open for the Venderbush Leadership Lecture, a biannual event that recognizes student leadership on campus.

The winter reception will take place on Monday, March 17, at 2 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Mary Idema Pew Library. Register by March 14 at [www.gvsu.edu/leadership](http://www.gvsu.edu/leadership).

State Representative Winnie Brinks will provide the keynote presentation. New members of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honorary will be recognized and the Student Organization Center will present the Immediate Impact Award.

## Professor receives MiCC service-learning award

Heather Carpenter, assistant professor of nonprofit management, was honored with the Michigan Campus Compact Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award. The biennial award is the highest MiCC bestows on faculty and staff members in the state of Michigan.

Carpenter was honored during Civic Engagement Institute 2014: Celebrating 25 Years of Connecting Campus and Community, held February 3 at Grand Valley.

Carpenter was recognized as a strong advocate for service-learning through her instruction of undergraduate and graduate courses, her intellectual contributions as an author and scholar, and her support of Grand Valley's service-learning initiatives. Carpenter integrates service

learning into all her courses through projects such as personnel manual reviews, nonprofit consulting projects, social media strategies and fundraising plans. These projects have helped her students get jobs, promotions, and improve nonprofit operations within the Grand Rapids community.

Michigan Campus Compact is a coalition of college and university presidents who promote Michigan college students to be civically engaged through creating and expanding academic, co-curricular and campus-wide opportunities.



Heather Carpenter, left, received the Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award from Michigan Campus Compact.

## Racism-free community partners



Grand Valley was recognized by the Partners for a Racism-Free Community as a full partner, which means an organization that is committed to racism-free efforts.

Accepting the recognition are, from left, Dwight Hamilton, Jeanne Arnold and Sean Huddleston. There are 16 area full partners, including Goodwill Industries, Kent ISD, Heart of West Michigan United Way, Bethany Christian Services among others.

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## GVFaces

### Aaron Caccamo, Strategic Sourcing Specialist

Aaron Caccamo is always striving to find ways to cut costs and get the most out of a product's lifestyle.

Caccamo is a strategic sourcing specialist for the Procurement Services department. His sustainable mindset is what led to the surplus store that recently opened in Grand Rapids. The store provides the public an opportunity to purchase products that have neared the end of their shelf-life.

"The store serves to benefit the overall university and aligns with Grand Valley's sustainability efforts to allow a way to reuse products that would ultimately end up in landfills," said Caccamo. "Funds raised by the sale of products will also be placed in a general fund to be invested back in the university."

The idea for the store was developed by Kim Patrick, director of Procurement Services. Patrick and Caccamo worked together over the past year to make the store a reality.

The surplus store celebrated its grand opening February 8 with a total of \$30,000 in sales. Looking ahead, Caccamo said he hopes to create a website for the store allowing for online

sales, and plans to partner with E-waste providers to dispose of products that can't be sold in a sustainable manner.

Caccamo is also responsible for managing the purchasing needs of various university departments. He advises faculty and staff members regarding the university's travel budget and purchasing card program.

He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Aquinas College in 1999. He went on to earn a master's degree in political science with an emphasis in American government from Central Michigan University in 2006. Before coming to Grand Valley, Caccamo worked in purchasing for Stiles Machinery in Grand Rapids.

"I enjoy my role at Grand Valley because I truly value the opportunity to find avenues to save the university money and help people understand the purchasing process so they can save money for their own departments," he said.



Aaron Caccamo

# What's Ahead

## Intercultural Festival runs this week

A campus tradition that recognizes and celebrates varied cultures will take place through March 15 in the Kirkhof Center.

The Intercultural Festival will feature food, music, dance and displays from a variety of cultures and will showcase student organizations and guest speakers from diverse backgrounds.

More than 30 events will take place throughout the week, showcasing French, Japanese, Polish, Russian and Native American cultures, among others. See a list of events at [www.gvsu.edu/if](http://www.gvsu.edu/if).

## Hauenstein Center, SowHope team for event

The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies and SowHope are teaming up to celebrate International Women's Day by hosting a documentary screening about the challenges women face in the developing world.

The screening and discussion with SowHope CEO and Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell will take place on Wednesday, March 12, in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium. The first screening is set for 4:30 p.m., followed by discussion with Mary Dailey Brown, CEO of SowHope; the second screening will be 7 p.m., followed by a panel discussion hosted by Mayor Heartwell. RSVP online at [hauensteincenter.org/RSVP](http://hauensteincenter.org/RSVP).

SowHope is one of the only global organizations focusing exclusively on the holistic needs of women living in extreme poverty.

## Events enhance photographic exhibit

The Art Gallery exhibition, "The History of Space Photography," features images from the last 50 years of space exploration. Three upcoming events are planned in conjunction with the exhibit, which runs through March 21.

• **Big History: The History of Everything by Craig Benjamin; Wednesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., in Cook-DeWitt Center**

RSVP at [www.gvsu.edu/artgallery](http://www.gvsu.edu/artgallery).

• **New Music Ensemble Annual Composition Competition; Thursday, March 13, 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center**

Student composers create 60-second works in response to "The History of Space Photography" exhibit. A judging panel chooses three winners for cash awards, and the audience favorite also wins a prize.

• **What's Up with the Spring Sky: Sky Viewing with Doug Furton; Sunday, March 16, 7-9 p.m. (weather permitting) Kirkhof Center, Area 51**

Join Doug Furton, professor of physics, for a planetarium tour of the sky, followed by a chance to see the moon and Jupiter through a classic four-inch Unitron refractor telescope. RSVP at [www.gvsu.edu/artgallery](http://www.gvsu.edu/artgallery).

## Video participants sought

The Kaufman Interfaith Institute and University Libraries have partnered to sponsor a Ravel/Unravel campaign.

A nationwide multimedia campaign, Ravel/Unravel encourages people to openly and respectfully learn and talk about their identity, religion, spirituality and culture.

"We are looking to create brief interviews with students, faculty and staff to record their unique experiences," said Katie Gordon, Kaufman Interfaith Institute program manager.

Participants will be asked four specific questions about their religious or spiritual identity and stereotypes that have impacted them. Their responses will be recorded, uploaded to the Ravel/Unravel site and featured on the video screen in the first floor Learning Alcove in the Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons.

Erin Fisher, University Libraries program manager, said the goal is to get 100 participants to record a video and share their faith or non-faith experience.

For interview locations and more information on the Ravel/Unravel Campaign, visit [www.gvsu.edu/interfaith](http://www.gvsu.edu/interfaith).

## Writing Center will host NAP

The Meijer Center for Writing will host a productive Night Against Procrastination for students seeking an all-night study event.

NAP will begin at 8 p.m. March 13 through 8 a.m. March 14 in Lake Ontario Hall. The entire building will be open, but students are asked to check in at the center, room 120.

Patrick Johnson, assistant director, said games will be organized and writing center consultants will be available. Food will be supplied.

Visit [www.gvsu.edu/wc](http://www.gvsu.edu/wc) for more information, or call x12922.

## SynergyWorks conference planned

More than 150 people are expected to attend the second SynergyWorks conference, which will explore the next steps for university and community partnerships. The conference is set for Friday, March 14, from 8-11:30 a.m. in the Eberhard Center.

Featured speaker Daniel Hall, vice president for community engagement at the University of Louisville, will describe Signature Partnership, a university-wide initiative with West Louisville. Hall's topic, "Transforming Community: A University-Wide Imperative," will provide a case study for how a university can work intentionally with its local neighborhoods to achieve impact and benefit for both.

In addition, participants will have the opportunity to join one of six interactive conversations and workshops that will feature

strategies for collaborating across disciplines, systems and sectors.

Ruth Stegeman, director of the Office for Community Engagement, will share how last year's roundtable recommendations are being implemented. "Mostly unwittingly, Grand Valley faculty, staff and students are working in the same urban neighborhoods, sometimes with the same organization," said Stegeman.

For more information visit [www.gvsu.edu/community](http://www.gvsu.edu/community).

## Concerts will showcase S3 research

A project that had a student and faculty mentor researching unpublished works of a 19th century composer will come to fruition during concerts in Allendale and the musician's hometown in Missouri.

Holly Cassell was a Student Summer Scholar. She worked last summer with Lisa Feurzeig, professor of music, to research the published and unpublished works of William Henry Pommer, a German-American composer.

A series of concerts will celebrate their ongoing project. Grand Valley student and faculty musicians will perform Pommer's works on Friday, March 14, at 8 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center. The public is invited to the free performance.

On April 4-5, Cassell and Feurzeig and five Grand Valley faculty will travel to Hermann, Missouri, for two concerts in collaboration with Janice Wenger, a University of Missouri-Columbia faculty member and Pommer expert.

Cassell wrote commentary for the recordings of these concerts, which will be part of a new auditory exhibit at the Deutschheim State Historic Site in Hermann. Feurzeig said there are almost no recordings of Pommer's music.

## Departments, student groups team to bring activist to campus

Palestinian-American author and humanitarian Susan Abulhawa was born to Palestinian refugees of the 1967 war, when Israel captured what remained of Palestine, including her family's traditional home in Jerusalem.

Now living in Pennsylvania, the human rights activist is a frequent political commentator and the founder of Playgrounds for Palestine, an organization that supports children living under Israeli military occupation in Palestine and in refugee camps elsewhere.

Abulhawa will present "Healing Children of Conflict" on Monday, March 17, at 1 p.m. in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium.

Her visit is cosponsored by Grand Valley's English Department, Middle East Studies program, Modern Languages and Literatures, the student group Peace Means and Healing Children of Conflict.

For more information about HCC, visit [www.healingchildrenofconflict.com](http://www.healingchildrenofconflict.com).

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## General Events

### Mon., March 10

8 a.m.-5 p.m.: Fidelity Retirement Planning Individual Appointments. 1140 KC. Visit [www.fidelity.com/atwork/reservations](http://www.fidelity.com/atwork/reservations) for more information.

5 p.m.: Arab Culture Club hosts Taste of Arab World. 2270 KC. Call x12345 for more information.

6 p.m.: World Affairs Council of Western Michigan Great Decisions Lecture: "Turkey at a Crossroads," by Jerry Leach. Performing Arts Center, Aquinas College. Call (616) 776-1721 for more information.

7 p.m.: Women's Center hosts "Hands Off! Ending the War on Women." UICA, Grand Rapids. Call x12748 for more information.

### Tues., March 11

8 a.m.-5 p.m.: Fidelity Retirement Planning Individual Appointments. 297C DEV. Visit [www.fidelity.com/atwork/reservations](http://www.fidelity.com/atwork/reservations) for more information.

9 a.m.-5 p.m.: TIAA-CREF Retirement Planning Individual Appointments. 2228 KC. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness](http://www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness) for more information.

Noon: Women's Commission Her Story with

Jo Ann Wassenaar. 2204 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

1 p.m.: Intercultural Festival Lecture by Zulema Moret. 2215/2216 KC. Call x12345 for more information.

### Wed., March 12

9 a.m.-5 p.m.: TIAA-CREF Retirement Planning Individual Appointments. 1249 KC. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness](http://www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness) for more information.

Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. 2259 KC. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters](http://www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters) for more information.

Noon: Arts at Noon Series: iAN & ANi Duo. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

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

12:30 p.m.: Hauenstein Center Wheelhouse Talk with Michael Hyacinthe. UICA, Grand Rapids. Visit [www.hauensteincenter.org](http://www.hauensteincenter.org) for more information.

3:30 p.m.: Human Resources Excellence Series: "Bias Incident Protocol Training," by Team Against Bias. 2270 KC. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/seminar](http://www.gvsu.edu/seminar) to register.

6 p.m.: Psychology hosts Projection Film Series: "Planet of the Apes." 114 LMH. Call x12195 for more information.

### Thurs., March 13

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

9 a.m.-5 p.m.: TIAA-CREF Retirement Planning Individual Appointments. 2227 KC. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness](http://www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness) for more information.

11 a.m.-3 p.m.: Summer Job Fair. HRY. Call x13311 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "What Daddies Do Best." 1247 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

8 p.m.: New Music Ensemble Annual Composition Competition. 1121 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

### Fri., March 14

8 a.m.: Office for Community Engagement hosts SynergyWorks 2014. 215 EC. Call x19120 for more information.

1 p.m.: Faculty Fulbright Information Session, Reception. 107C DEV. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/](http://www.gvsu.edu/) seminar to register.

8 p.m.: Student Summer Scholars Event: Exploring the Music of William Henry Pommer. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

## Faculty and Staff Sketches

### Sketches

**Maja Krcmar**, associate professor of physics, co-wrote an article, "A Comparative First-Principles Study of Martensitic Phase Transformations in TiPd<sub>2</sub> and TiPd Intermetallics," published in *Journal of Physics: Condensed Matter*.

**Heather Carpenter**, assistant professor of public, nonprofit and health administration, wrote an article, "A Look at Experiential Education in Nonprofit-Focused Graduate Degree Programs," published in the *Journal of Nonprofit Education and Leadership*.

**Donald Mitchell Jr.**, assistant professor of education, received the 2014 Vallejo Memorial Award for Emerging Scholarship from the American Educational Research Association's Multicultural/Multiethnic Education Special Interest Group. He also gave three presentations at the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Peimin Ni**, professor of philosophy, wrote an article, "The Way of the Family and the Gongfu of Regulating the Family," in the *International Journal of Chinese and Comparative Philosophy of Medicine*.

**Norwood Viviano**, professor of art and design, has a second solo exhibition, Mining Industries, at Heller Gallery in New York. Several pieces from his earlier installation, Cities: Departure & Deviation, shown at Heller in 2011, were selected for the 14th Biennale in Venice.

**Erik Nordman**, associate professor of biology, gave a presentation, "Africa: the Next Renewable Energy Frontier," at the MAREC Energy Climate Speaker Series. He also wrote an article, "Energy Transitions in Kenya's Tea Sector: A Wind Energy Assessment," published in *Renewable Energy*.

**Lisa Feurzeig**, professor of music, wrote a book, *Schubert's Lieder and the Philosophy of Early German Romanticism*, published by Ashgate.

**Judy Whipps**, professor of liberal studies and philosophy, gave a presentation about Emily Greene Balch at a conference, "Peace and the Environment: A Symposium Exploring the Legacy and Insights of Six Nobel Peace Prize Laureate," at Simon Fraser University, in Vancouver, B.C.

**John Kilbourne**, professor of movement science, wrote an article, "Seymour (Sy) Kleinman: Remembering a Visionary in

Physical Education," published in *PeLinks4U*. He also gave the keynote address at the Focus on Learning, Movement, and Communication Conference in Middelfart, Denmark.

**Barbara Harvey**, science liaison librarian, co-wrote an article, "A Community of Practice: Librarians in a Biomedical Research Network," published in *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*.

**Kim Walton**, program director for MAREC, wrote an article, "Renewable Energy: Benefits Beyond the Money," published in the Proceedings of the National Solar Conference for 2013 held in Baltimore, Maryland.

Biology faculty members **Michael Lombardo** and **Patrick A. Thorpe** co-wrote an article, "Latitudinal Variation in Clutch Size-Lay Date Regression in Tachycineta Swallows: Effects of Food Supply or Demography?" published in *Ecography*.

**Joy Washburn**, associate professor of nursing, received the 2013 Excellence in Education Award from Kappa Epsilon-at-Large Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International.