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# FORUM

**A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY**

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## High school students earn college credits at CHS

Kent County high school sophomores and juniors interested in a career in the health sciences field are receiving free college credit from area universities through the Health Sciences Early College Academy.

The academy, which is sponsored by Kent Intermediate School District, currently runs in conjunction with Grand Valley's College of Health Professions.

"This is the only program that allows students to acquire college credit while being enrolled in high school," said Duane Kiley, Kent ISD regional career technical education supervisor. "More importantly, this program allows students to interact in a college setting with college courses and professors, which gives them advanced preparation for their career in higher education."

The academy is open to sophomores and juniors in the Kent County area who have completed specific health sciences courses, have at least a 3.0 GPA, and are interested in continuing a study of health sciences throughout college.

The program really resonates with high school students from inner-city schools who may not

have the support system or opportunity to attain higher education, according to Roy Olsson, dean of College of Health Professions.

"This program exposes students to the academic transition from high school to college as well as the environment at Grand Valley," Olsson said. "Grand Valley has the benefit of getting a more diverse population of students interested in pre-course work in the health sciences."

Students can take classes at three different Kent County locations: Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, Grand Rapids Central High School and Byron Center Complex of Metro Health Hospital. The academy plans to expand courses to Ferris State University and Grand Rapids



Photo courtesy of Health Sciences Early College Academy

Students in the Health Sciences Early College Academy study a mannequin in the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences.

Community College in the fall.

For more information about the Health Sciences Early College Academy, visit the Kent ISD website at [www.kentisd.org](http://www.kentisd.org).

## Across Campus

### 5K fun run to welcome Vietnam vets planned

Grand Valley's Student Veterans Organization will host a 5K fun run/walk on the Allendale Campus to celebrate and officially welcome home Vietnam veterans and their families.

The "Welcome Home 5K" is set for Sunday, March 28, at 2 p.m. Students, faculty and staff members, their families and members of the public are encouraged to participate. The course will start by Lubbers Stadium and continue by the Laker Turf Building through south campus, ending at the Student Services Building. Refreshments will be served in the Kirkhof Center following the event.

The idea behind this new event is credited to Diane Roper, Facilities Services staff member. Roper's husband, Steven, served in

the Army during the Vietnam War and the couple is active in local and national veterans organizations. Roper approached Work Life Connections, then the Student Veterans group became involved. Roper said a recent U.S. House resolution passed, asking communities to welcome home vets who never received a proper welcome after the Vietnam War.

Also helping with the event is Julie Yunker, GVSU Police Academy director. Yunker served in the Air Force before enrolling in college. She said police academy recruits will help staff the race course.

Grand Valley's March event also serves as a precursor to a larger event in Grand Rapids on July 3, when thousands of Vietnam vets and their families will be welcomed home at an event at Fifth Third Ballpark.

Participation in the Grand Valley 5K is free,

participants are asked to bring a baseball hat as a registration fee. The hats will be collected and given to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. John Koch, member of the Student Veterans Organization, said when veterans take bus trips to West Michigan Whitecaps games, many don't have hats to wear.

For more information about the fun run, visit [www.gvsu.edu/veterans](http://www.gvsu.edu/veterans); information and registration links are at the bottom of the Web site.

### Update given for Faculty and Staff Campaign

University-wide participation for the annual Faculty and Staff Campaign stands at 38 percent, with more than 875 faculty and staff members having made a gift or pledge.

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Mary Ann Watters, Regional Math and Science Center assistant and campaign co-chair said, "The response we have seen from our faculty and staff is wonderful. It is great to see first-hand the commitment our colleagues show towards our students as they excel with our help."

With approximately six weeks remaining until the campaign volunteer celebration, co-chair Paul Stephenson, associate professor of statistics, said he hopes more faculty and staff members choose to support the "Growing a Greater Grand Valley" campaign. "Grand Valley is a community. We can send a strong message to other supporters of the university by reaching 50 percent participation for this campaign," he said.

To date, seven departments have reached 100 percent participation, 50 faculty and staff members have made first-time gifts, and 30 faculty and staff members are first-time volunteers for the campaign.

For more information on the campaign, including a list of funds to give to, visit [www.gvsu.edu/fscampaign](http://www.gvsu.edu/fscampaign).

## Eating disorder presentation aims to create awareness

Shari Bartz concluded Conversations on Loving Your Body week on March 4 with a presentation, "How to Approach Someone You Think May Have an Eating Disorder," in the Kirkhof Center.

The event and other planned activities were organized by the Women's Center to raise awareness about body images.



*Photo by Bri Goodyear*

Shari Bartz, assistant professor of movement science, gives a presentation on eating disorder awareness in the Kirkhof Center.

Bartz, program director for athletic training and assistant professor of movement science, has conducted research on eating disorders and their effects on young people for nearly 15 years. During her presentation, she discussed how to talk to people about their illness.

"Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any other mental disorder," said Bartz. "In fact, they are 10 times higher."

Bartz encouraged students, faculty and staff members to talk with the person they suspect has an eating disorder. She said that help can be offered by educating yourself about eating disorders, setting up a meeting, offering professional references and showing support.

"Eating disorders are illnesses, not choices," said Bartz. "You can make a difference, but you need to make the choice to get involved." The Counseling and Career Development Center offers services to help students who suffer from eating disorders. Call x13266 or visit [www.gvsu.edu/counsel](http://www.gvsu.edu/counsel) for more information.

## Students give conference presentation about mentoring

A group of Grand Valley students shared insights about mentoring with practitioners and academics at the 21st Annual National Youth-at-Risk Conference in Savannah, Georgia, February 28-March 3. The students are members of the Pals Student Mentors program.

The Grand Valley team gave a presentation on how they were able to develop the unique student mentoring program with funds from a grant. Pals faculty advisor Kathleen Bailey, professor of criminal justice, said she hopes Grand Valley's program can serve as a model for other universities looking to establish mentoring organizations.

"The program has developed with the goals of providing mentoring opportunities for students and caring mentoring relationships for at-risk youth," said Bailey. "The program continues to remind me about the profound importance of relationships and how we, as people, are the instruments of change."

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## GRAND VALLEY MAGAZINE

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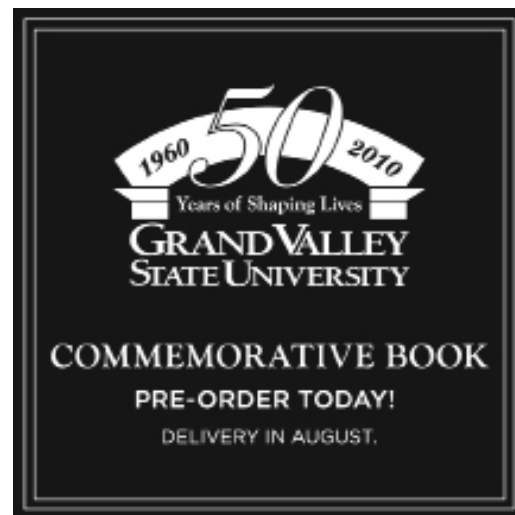
## Pre-orders taken for 50th anniversary book

Pre-orders are now underway to secure copies of *Grand Valley Celebrates 50 Years of Shaping Lives*, the university's commemorative 50th anniversary book.

Rich with more than 300 historic and new photographs, the book also includes images of 50 favorite works of art on campus, and stories of academic milestones, leaders, student life, athletics and successes. A timeline highlights Grand Valley's history from a small college, to five cluster colleges, to a thriving university and the academic home for more than 24,000 students and 74,000 alumni.

The hardcover book is \$19.95. Those who preorder will receive a free gift, a commemorative bookmark will be included with all orders placed before May 1.

Visit [www.gvsu.edu/forum50book](http://www.gvsu.edu/forum50book) to pre-order a copy, or for more information. Credit cards will not be charged until the books are in stock,



beginning in August. Shipping is \$8.50. Save on shipping by placing an order to hold a book at the Allendale or DeVos Center bookstores.



## What's Ahead

### Healthy cooking class



Photo courtesy of Health and Wellness

Pictured are, left, Chaunte Rodgers and Valerie Rhodes-Sorrelle at a healthy cooking demonstration held in February hosted by Health and Wellness. Workshops on learning to cook diabetes-friendly dishes are planned for March 17-18. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness](http://www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness) for more details.

### RSVP for Women's Tea Party

To celebrate March as Women's History Month, the Women's Center will host a tea party on March 23 in the Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room.

The event will begin at 3 p.m. and include discussions, refreshments and scene's from "Rent" performed by student actors. RSVP by March 17 by calling the Women's Center at x12748 or sending an e-mail to [womenctr@gvsu.edu](mailto:womenctr@gvsu.edu).

### GVSU launches new leadership degree in Muskegon

Grand Valley is offering a new degree completion program that it hopes will educate a new generation of leaders in Muskegon and beyond.

The Muskegon Leadership Program is a partnership between Grand Valley and Muskegon Community College. It allows students to earn bachelor's degrees in liberal studies, with emphasis in business leadership or nonprofit leadership. The

courses will be held at the Stevenson Center for Higher Education on the campus of Muskegon Community College. The students will go through the program together as a cohort, helping them develop a group of lifetime friends and colleagues.

"This program is perfect for people with a genuine desire to become leaders — from first-time college students to community college transfer students or returning adults," said Simone Jonaitis, executive director of Continuing Education. "The coursework will encourage students to question, study and understand the complexities of today's professional world. With a focus on problem solving, critical thinking and communication skills, it will provide the expertise that employers are looking for."

MCC and Grand Valley will host information sessions about the program on March 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the Blue and Gold Room and 5:30 p.m. in the Stevenson Center Room 1200. For more information, visit [www.gvsu.edu/muskegonleader](http://www.gvsu.edu/muskegonleader), call (231) 777-0505 or e-mail [muskadv@gvsu.edu](mailto:muskadv@gvsu.edu).

### LGBT Center among sponsors of film series at Wealthy Theatre

Grand Valley's LGBT Resource Center is sponsoring a film series that will premiere at Wealthy Theatre in Grand Rapids on March 19.

"Queeries" will feature prominent and cutting-edge LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) movies. The events will be more than movies, according to Wealthy Theatre Director Erin Wilson. The lobby will be a hub of socializing, networking, available information from sponsors and community partners and much more.

Each movie will be briefly introduced by community leaders and speakers. Colette Seguin Beighley, assistant director of the LGBT Resource Center, will be among the people introducing "Hedwig & The Angry Inch." The movie will start at 8 p.m.

The film series is sponsored by the GVSU LGBT Resource Center, with partners including The Network, Speak Equal, GR Community Media Center, Wealthy Theatre, Kent County HIV/AIDS, Ameriprise Financial and Rumors Nightclub.

The series is made possible through a grant from the Arcus Foundation.

### Science and religion connect at Grand Dialogue

Science and religion from a Buddhist perspective will be explored during the Grand Dialogue in Science and Religion held at Grand Valley. This annual conference is an inter-institutional, inter-disciplinary, inter-faith exploration of science and religion.

Grand Dialogue will be held on Saturday, March 20, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Loosemore Auditorium in the DeVos Center.

The keynote speech, "Experience, Reason, and Faith in Science and Religion: A Buddhist Perspective," will feature B. Alan Wallace, who has edited, translated, authored and contributed to more than 30 books on Tibetan Buddhism, culture, language and the interface between science and religion. His most recent books include: *Mind in the Balance: Meditation in Science, Buddhism, and Christianity*; *Embracing Mind: The Common Ground of Science and Spirituality*; and *Hidden Dimension: The Unification of Physics and Consciousness*.

Wallace is a graduate of Amherst College, with majors in physics and the philosophy of science, and holds a doctorate in religious studies from Stanford University. He studied Tibetan Buddhism, language and culture for more than 15 years, and was ordained a Buddhist monk by the Dalai Lama in 1975. Wallace is the founder and president of the Santa Barbara Institute for Consciousness Studies.

The conference is free and open to the public, with registration at [www.GrandDialogue.org](http://www.GrandDialogue.org), or by calling x15702. An optional lunch for \$5 is also available with registration by March 16. Afternoon breakout sessions feature presentations from faculty and representatives of the member colleges and universities.

A complete list of the breakout topics can be found on the Web site.



Alan Wallace

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In October of 2008, the program known as Powerful Relationships Overcoming Violent Experiences (PROVE) was funded with a grant from Project Safe Neighborhoods. This grant provided \$29,000 to develop and expand the Grand Valley program to provide healthy and positive relationships with at-risk youth to help them resist violence and gang involvement.

This preventative initiative was designed to enhance mentoring in West Michigan by providing theory-based training, enhanced supervision, organized activities and an innovative electronic support and reporting system in the Grand Valley program.

"It is amazing to see how much the program

has grown from having a leadership of four volunteer coordinators to having specialized executive board positions and the support of two advisers," said staff advisor Markus Neuhoff. "Each week, at our executive board meetings, the students always find new ways to improve the program."

For Neuhoff, the program benefits not only the youth who are mentored, but also the mentor volunteers. "Volunteers are able to develop their interpersonal skills," said Neuhoff. "Volunteer experience reflects positively both in future employment and post-graduation opportunities."

To learn more about the Grand Valley Pals Student Mentors program, visit [www.gvsupals.com](http://www.gvsupals.com).



Pals Student Mentors program members are pictured; back row, from left, Todd Workman and Shorayi Mareya; bottom row, from left, Kathleen Bailey, Markus Neuhoff and Tiffany Beaudry.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## General Events

Art Gallery Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. -5 p.m.  
Thurs. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

## Through March 19

Gallery Hours: Enduring Traditions: History and Meaning in Southwest Pueblo Indian Pottery. Art Gallery, PAC.

## Mon., March 15

Noon: Cesar Chavez Celebration Event: Screening film, "Abused: The Pottsville Raid." 2204 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

7 p.m.: Physics Department Lecture: "When Will We Find Extraterrestrials?" by Seth Shostak. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x12274 for more information.

8 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series presents Mark Williams, trombone. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

## Tues., March 16

1 p.m.: FTLC Workshop: "Research Assignment Design Workshop." Steelcase Library, DEV. Call x13498 for information.

## Wed., March 17

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "Healthy Living Cooking Demos: Diabetes." 2215/2216 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Noon: Arts at Noon Series. Perugino Quartet.

CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. 1142 KC. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters](http://www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters) for more information.

1 p.m.: FTLC Workshop: "Research Assignment Design Workshop." 305 ZUM. Call x13498 for more information.

4:30 p.m.: Cesar Chavez Celebration Event: Discussion of "The Blueberry Children: Migrant Farms and Child Labor." 2263 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

8 p.m.: Concert with University Arts Chorale, Cantate Chamber Ensemble. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

8 p.m.: Guest Artist Series presents Andrea Ceccomor, flute, and Giuseppe Lupis, piano. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

## Thurs., March 18

7:30 a.m.: Grand Rapids Toastmasters. University Club Room, DEV. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters](http://www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters) for more information.

11:30 a.m.: Work Life Connections: GVSU Alzheimer's Support Group. 2242 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Noon: Women's Commission meeting. 1104 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "Healthy Living Cooking Demos: Diabetes." University Club Room, DEV. Call x12215 for more information.

2 p.m.: Johnson Center for Philanthropy Workshop: "Partnering with Grant

Makers." 230 Bike Factory. Call x17585 for more information.

3 p.m.: FTLC Workshop: "Working with Second Language Writers." 202E DEV. Call x13498 for more information.

## Fri., March 19

9 a.m.: Human Resources Excellence Series: "Workstyle Differences: Are They a Good Thing?" 123 CHS. Call x12215 for more information.

11 a.m.: AWRI Seminar: "The Interface Between Metacommunity Ecology and Microevolution in Freshwater Zooplankton," by Jelena Pantel. Multi-purpose Room, LMC. Call x13749 for more information.

3:30 p.m.: Evolution for Everyone Lecture: "Ardipithecus: Ape or First Ancestor?" by Justin Adams. 308 PAD. Call x12195 for more information.

8 p.m.: Guest Artist Series presents John Adler, trumpet. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

## Sun., March 21

Noon: Baseball hosts Hillsdale College.

## Mon., March 22

1 p.m.: FTLC Workshop: "Working with Second Language Writers." 2201 KC. Call x13498 for more information.

## Faculty and Staff Sketches

### Sketches

**Salim M. Haidar**, associate professor of mathematics, wrote an article, "On J. Ball's Fundamental Existence Theory and Regularity of Weak Equilibria in Nonlinear Radial Hyperelasticity," published in *Integral Methods in Science and Engineering: Techniques and Applications, Volume 1*.

**John D. Hewitt**, professor of criminal justice,

co-wrote an article, "The More Things Change the More They State the Same: Race on the Cover of 'Sports Illustrated,'" published in the *National Social Science Journal*.

**William Neal**, professor emeritus of geology, was named as a research fellow for Western Carolina University's Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines.

**Deborah Bambini**, associate professor of nurs-

ing, and **Andy Booth**, assistant professor of physician assistant studies, gave a presentation, "Interprofessional Education Simulation Experiences," at the International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare in Phoenix, Arizona.

**John Schmit**, associate professor of communications, will give a presentation about his documentary film, "Lake Invaders: The Fight for Lake Huron," at the Prescott College Spring Environmental Lecture Series in Arizona.