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FORUM

Monday, March 23, 2009

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY
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Event celebrates successes of students, faculty

The successes of women students and faculty members were lauded at the annual Celebration of Women ceremony, held March 17 in the Kirkhof Center.

Awards and scholarships were presented by the event sponsors: Women's Commission, Women's Center, Positive Black Women and Women and Gender Studies. More than 100 people attended the ceremony.

Kathryn Remlinger, professor of English, received the Barbara Jordan Award. Presented by the WGS program, the award honors an individual who has been a longtime advocate for women, and who has helped bridge the gap between traditional academic fields and women and gender studies.

Remlinger joined the English Department in 1995. She was called a "steady force for women faculty and staff, and students" by Shaily Menon, associate professor and chair of biology, who introduced Remlinger. Remlinger is chair of the Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics, is active with a refugee resettlement group in the area, and had served as advisor for the student organization FORGE (Focus on Rethinking Gender and Education).

She also helped write the proposal to make WGS a major at Grand Valley.

Nancy Giardina, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, received the Maxine Swanson Award. Presented by the Women's Commission, the award recognizes an individual who contributes to an environment that supports the rights of all women on campus.

Giardina was recognized as a great supporter to both the Women's Center and Women's Commission. She is also active in the American Council on Education, and serves on numerous Grand Valley committees that are geared toward advising and student retention. As former chair of the Movement Science Department, Giardina developed a faculty-mentoring program and increased the number of tenure-track positions from five to 12.

Laurie Witucki, associate professor of chemistry, received the Women's Impact Award, which is presented by the Women's



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Pictured, from left, are Laurie Witucki, Nancy Giardina and Kathryn Remlinger. They were among the people recognized for their advocacy and support for women on campus during the annual Celebration of Women ceremony.

Commission to someone who is committed to improving the lives of women on campus or in the community.

Witucki serves as faculty director for WISE housing. Housed in Koeze-Weed Hall, the

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WGVU-TV named station of the year

WGVU-TV and Radio received eight awards from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters. In addition, WGVU-TV was named Station of the Year 2008 for Public Broadcasting Stations. This is the first time the station has received this honor.

WGVU-TV earned four best awards for the following shows: "Michigan Healthcare: Searching for Solutions," "Decision 2008: The U.S. Senatorial Debate," "Stefon Harris & Friends: African Tarantella — Dances with Duke," and "Battle Creek: Celebrating Flight 2008."

WGVU Radio picked up four merit awards for

"Horse Triathlon," "Weeknight Jazz promo," and "Urban." And, WGVU was honored in the Newscast category.

MBA students win business competition

Three Grand Valley MBA students took first place in a business competition that aims to give graduate students experience and the chance to win \$5,000.

Students Douglas Fischer, Supriya Hegde and Scott Setlock earned top honors in the Association for Corporate Growth Western Michigan's inaugural ACG Cup. The ACG Cup is a competition designed to give MBA and master's level finance students real-world experience while networking with this region's



From left, Douglas Fischer, Supriya Hegde and Scott Setlock hold their ACG Cup trophy.

top merger and acquisition professionals.

Teams from Davenport University, Grand

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Valley, Michigan State University and Western Michigan University competed in the finals on February 25. The awards were announced March 18 at the ACGWM Outstanding Growth Award reception at DeVos Place.

Teams from each school analyzed a complex business case provided by ACGWM and recommended strategies involving valuation, identifying capital markets, developing merger/acquisition strategic alternatives and financing options.

McManus visits campus

State Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Leelanau, met with President Thomas J. Haas and Student Senate leaders for a tour of campus and the library on March 13.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Sen. Michelle McManus shakes hands with President Thomas J. Haas near the Kirkhof Center on March 13.

McManus chairs the Joint Capital Outlay Committee. A proposal to replace Grand Valley's original library is one of the projects under consideration for state funding.

The current structure was built for a maximum enrollment of 5,000. Grand Valley now has 24,000 students.

Fundraiser seeks faculty, staff support

Relay for Life will be held in the Fieldhouse Arena on April 3-4. Each year, nearly 2,000 members from the campus community participate in the

overnight event, which runs from 6 p.m.-6 a.m.

Colleges Against Cancer at GVSU invites faculty and staff members to participate. The fundraiser serves the American Cancer Society, and the campus community has raised more than \$500,000 since the event was first held nine years ago.

The goal for this year's event, which has a Hollywood theme, is \$95,000. So far, more than \$30,000 has been raised through online donations.

Faculty and staff members interested in forming or joining a team can visit www.relayforlifegvsu.com. Cancer survivors will be recognized at a banquet held at 3:30 p.m. April 3 in the Alumni House. Visit the Web site for more information, or send an e-mail to cac@student.gvsu.edu.

Grand Valley celebrates silver anniversary of Science Olympiad

Middle and high school students from more than 80 schools in Kent and Ottawa counties showed off their science and mathematics skills March 21 at the Region 12 Michigan Science Olympiad, hosted by Grand Valley.

This marks the 25th year Grand Valley has played host to the regional tournament, which consists of 46 events in biology, chemistry, physics, earth science, computers and technology. This year's celebration theme was "A Look Back in Time," and students enjoyed retro events such as Egg Drop, It's About Time, and Paper Airplanes, among others.

"The tournament is pure excitement for middle and high school students," said Margo Dill, tournament co-director. "The students work diligently for months for this one day of competition. They are eager to compete and truly excited to be on a college campus."

Winners advance to the state tournament held at Michigan State University on May 2.

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Grand Valley State University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution.

Grand Valley, Civic Theatre announce internship agreement

Theater students at Grand Valley will now have internship opportunities at West Michigan's largest community theater.

The Theater Program and the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre announced an internship agreement to offer upper-level students the opportunity to work in all areas of production and education.

"This is a great opportunity for our students," said Karen Libman, associate professor of communications. "Through these internship opportunities with Civic Theatre, our students will step directly into the world of professional and community theater, gain valuable experience, and be more marketable when they graduate. We are so lucky to have this valuable resource available to our students."

Jill Zwarenstejn, a senior theater major from Comstock Park, will work this summer with the

Civic's education staff. Zwarenstejn has performed on Grand Valley's stage in "The Vagina Monologues," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and "Nickel and Dimed." She just completed her first short film, "Gold and Pharmaceuticals."

Sarah McDowell, a junior theater major from Fenton, will begin her internship in the directing area this fall. McDowell would like to become a director and a hair and makeup artist for the stage. Her recent accomplishments include stage managing for Grand Valley's PS Series production of "Seven Passages: The Story of Gay Christians."

"We are delighted by this opportunity to expand our educational outreach and help Grand Valley's theater majors begin the transition from school to work," said Bruce Tinker, Civic Theatre executive and artistic director. "This partnership is a great opportunity for Civic Theatre, Grand Valley and the students."

Awards, scholarships presented to students

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WISE program is an academic living and learning community designed for first-year women majoring in science, mathematics, engineering or computer science.

Karen Gibson, associate professor of physics and former Impact recipient, said since Witucki arrived at Grand Valley in 2000, "she hit the ground running

in support of women at Grand Valley."

The Women's Center presented Outstanding Female Student awards to Rachel Ahee, Anne Marie Carson, Traci Joseph and Shaunta Simon. Positive Black Women gave scholarships to six students: Patricia Bogard, Latrice Jones, Krashawn Mc Elveen, Clamika Prince, Antoinette Wolf and Jessica Young. Margaret Danenberg received the Jean Enright Scholarship.

What's Ahead

Women's History Month events continue through March

Events continue through March at Grand Valley to celebrate March as Women's History Month.

The events listed below are free and open to the public. For information about these events, call the Women's Center at x12748.

- March 23, 7 p.m.: Jessica Valenti presents "Why Feminism Still Matters," Kirkhof Center, room 2204.

- March 26, 11:30 a.m., "Made in LA," screening and discussion with director, Kirkhof Center, room 2204.

Director Almudena Carracedo will screen the documentary, which follows a struggle for labor rights by Latina immigrants working in the Los Angeles garment industry.

- March 26, 4 p.m., "The Many Meanings of Michelle Obama," Meijer Honors College, room 148.

Deidre Hill-Butler, assistant professor of sociology at Union College, will examine the ways First Lady Michelle Obama has been presented in public and private discourse. Hill-Butler has done extensive research on the role of African American women.

- March 30, 3 p.m., EqualiTEA, Kirkhof Center, room 2204.

Students, faculty and staff members are invited to the time-honored tradition of combining tea parties with discussions about politics or literature. RSVP for the event by calling x12748 or sending an e-mail to womenctr@gvsu.edu.

- March 31, 1 p.m.: Women's Center Journal Reading, Zumberge Library.

Selections from the journal *In Her Own Words* will be read by student, faculty or staff member contributors. Light refreshments will be served.

- March 31, 6 p.m., "34 Million Friends of Women of the World," Kirkhof Center, room 2204.

Jane Roberts, co-founder of the group United Nations Population Fund, will describe new initiatives of the group that works to support family planning organizations.

Art and Design holds annual Crit-O-Rama

Art and design students from area colleges will have an opportunity for professional feedback during the fourth Crit-O-Rama, hosted by Grand Valley's Department of Art and Design. This year's event will include students and faculty from the art departments of Aquinas College, Calvin College, GRCC, Grand Valley,

Kalamazoo College, Kendall College of Art and Design and Western Michigan University.

Artists from around the country will meet with students and faculty during events throughout this critical open house, held March 23-27 at the Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, 41 Sheldon Blvd., SE, in Grand Rapids. The public is welcome to the lectures given by the visiting artists and several of the faculty from participating art programs.

There will be two different sets of lectures: art faculty from participating schools will give "mini-lectures" about their artwork on Tuesday, March 24, from 7-8:30 p.m. The lectures by the six visiting artists will be on Wednesday, March 25, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and on Thursday, March 26, at 10 a.m.

"One of the rules of Crit-O-Rama is that all visiting artists be housed by faculty in their homes, rather than put up in hotels," said Bill Hosterman, an associate professor of art and design at Grand Valley and event organizer. "This helps create an ongoing intensive week of art dialogue, both in and out of work, for the faculty as well as the students."

For a complete schedule or more information, contact Hosterman at x13562.

Writers Series to host short-story author

The Grand Valley Writers Series brings author Benjamin Drevlow to the Allendale Campus on Tuesday, March 24. His reading will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Padnos Gallery, in the lower level of Calder Art Center.

Drevlow grew up in northern Wisconsin, just off the shores of Lake Superior, where he farmed, played basketball, and acquired what he said were "various semi-serious, non-life-threatening injuries." He currently lives in Whitewater, Wisconsin, and teaches at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

His collection of short stories, *Bend with the Knees and Other Love Advice from My Father*, won the 2006 Many Voices Project and was published in 2008 by New Rivers Press. Refreshments and a book signing will follow his reading. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Department of Writing at x13411.

Career Services luncheon scheduled

Career Services will host its third annual Internship Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, March 25, from 11:30 a.m.-1p.m. at Loosemore Auditorium in the DeVos Center.

The event honors students, employers, and faculty and staff members who have contributed

and participated in internships. An intern and a supervisor will be recognized for outstanding contributions, and awards will be presented to the nonprofit organization and employer of the year.

Exhibit, reception celebrate local artist

Jon McDonald, a noted regional painter who specializes in watercolor and oils, will join visitors to his Grand Valley exhibition during a special

reception. This is the second installment of a series of small exhibitions showcasing local artists on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus.



'Buddy Guy' by Jon McDonald. A reception for the artist is set for Thursday.

The reception on Thursday, March 26, at 4 p.m., will be in the West Gallery, located on the second floor of the Eberhard Center.

McDonald attended Grand Haven High School, received an Illustrator's Certificate from Kendall College in 1969, and in 1972, earned a MFA in painting with a drawing minor from the San Francisco Art Institute. Currently, he is a professor of art at Kendall College of Art and Design. He has had several one-man exhibits throughout the country. A selection of his work is exhibited in the West Gallery through July.

For more information contact the Art Gallery at x12563.

Subcommittee will host meetings about general education goals

The General Education Subcommittee will host two forums to gather input from the university community about the goals of the curriculum.

GES wants to align the goals of the curriculum with the essential learning outcomes for a liberal education identified by the Liberal Education and Americas Promise initiative of the National Leadership Council. Grand Valley's General Education program currently has two categories of goals: Knowledge Goals and Skills Goals. The proposed revision creates a third category of goals, Personal and Social Responsibility Goals.

The forums will be held on March 30, from 3-5 p.m. in the DeVos Center, room 223E; and March 31, from 3-5 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2250. Call x18655 for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Mon., March 23

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts Alzheimer's Support Group. 2242 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

1 p.m.: Chinese Studies Week Lecture. "Confucius, Marx, and China's Quest for Harmony," by Josef Gregory Mahoney. 218 HON. Call x18110 for more information.

7 p.m.: Women's History Month Event. "Why Feminism Still Matters," by Jessica Valenti. 2204 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

Tues., March 24

9 a.m.: Presentation, "THEM: Images of Separation," by David Pilgrim. Fountain Street Church, Grand Rapids. Call x13296 for more information.

11:45 a.m.: Venderbush Leadership Luncheon. KC.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "Fundamentals of Investing." 499C DEV. Call x12215 for more information.

1 p.m.: Human Resources Excellence Series. "International Students and Staff: What You Don't Know Will Make you Laugh." University Club Room, DEV. Call x12215 for more information.

4 p.m.: Chinese Studies Week Lecture. "Traditional Chinese Medicine," by Yanni Lou. B1120 MAK.

6:30 p.m.: Grand Valley Writers Series presents Benjamin Drevlow. Padnos Gallery, CAC. Call x13411 for more information.

Wed., March 25

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

Noon: Arts at Noon. The Perugino String Quartet. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

6 p.m.: Music by Saxophone Students, Jonathan Nichol. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Thurs., March 26

7:30 a.m.: Grand Rapids Toastmasters. University Club Room, DEV. Call x17378 for more information.

11:30 p.m.: Women's History Month Event. "Made in LA," screening with director Almudena Carracedo. 2204 KC.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "Navigating Family Financial Life." 1104 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

2:30 p.m.: Chinese Studies Week Lecture. "The Economics of US-China Exchange Rates," by Wei Sun. 203E DEV.

4 p.m.: Women's History Month Event. "The Many Meanings of Michelle Obama," by Deidre Hill-Butler. 148 HON.

7:30 p.m.: Theater Production. "Lady from the Sea." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for more information.

Fri., March 27

3 p.m.: Chinese Studies Week Lecture. "Steel Rails, Delicate Snow: The Qinghai-Tibet Railway and the Tibet Issue," by Peimin Ni. 148 HON.

7 p.m.: Chinese Studies Week Performance. "Chinese Dance and Cultural Dialogue." 148 HON.

7:30 p.m.: Theater Production. "Lady from the Sea." LAT, PAC.

8 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series. Richard Stoelzel and Kevin Maloney, trumpets, with Ksenia Leletkina, piano. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Sat., March 28

10 a.m.: Asian Student Union hosts RICE Conference. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x12177 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Theater Production. "Lady from the Sea." LAT, PAC.

Sun., March 29

2 p.m., 7:30 p.m.: Theater Production. "Lady from the Sea." LAT, PAC.

3 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series. GVSU Faculty Woodwind Quintet. Sherman Val Solkema Recital Hall, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Sports

Wed., March 25

3 p.m.: Softball hosts Northwood University.

Sat., March 28

1 p.m.: Softball hosts Cornerstone University.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

In the News

Bopi Biddanda, research scientist at the Annis Water Resources Institute, was interviewed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for a story about his research on unknown ecosystems in Lake Huron for the program "Quirks and Quarks."

Sketches

George Klay Kieh Jr., professor of political science and African and African American Studies, wrote an article, "Reconstituting the Neo-Colonial African State," published in the *Journal of Third World Studies*.

James Edwards, assistant professor of social

work, gave a presentation, "Wiki up! Technology in Social Work Macro Practice," at Michigan State University for the Social Work Continuing Education Program.

Azizur R. Molla, assistant professor of anthropology, chaired a session, "Risk and Decision Making in Health," at the Society for Applied Anthropology conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Maria Landon, affiliate instructor of marketing, wrote an article, "Spartan Successful Blend: Fuel and Food," published in the *Grand Rapids Business Journal*.

William Neal, professor emeritus of geology, co-wrote an article, "The Coastal Compartment Management Plan: Using Puerto Rico as a

Model," published in *Southeastern Geology*.

Teresa Castelao-Lawless, professor of philosophy, gave a series of lectures on the evolutionary epistemology and the politics of Karl Popper at the University of Urbino in Italy.

Gordon Alderink, associate professor of physical therapy, was elected to a three-year term as vice president of the Commission for Motion Laboratory Accreditation during the annual meeting of the Gait and Clinical Movement Analysis Society in Denver, Colorado.

Criminal Justice faculty members **Patrick Gerkin** and **John Hewitt** gave a presentation, "Johnny Cash: The Criminologist Within," at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.