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FORUM

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Grand Valley attempts twin world record

Fifty-two sets of student twins plus 12 sets of alumni twins may have set a world record, and it certainly set a mood for a festive, family celebration April 6 in the Fieldhouse.

University Communications and Alumni Relations hosted an event for current students who are twins and alumni twins. There are 101 sets of twins enrolled at Grand Valley; more than half came to the event.

“We’re here to celebrate family and to celebrate the uniqueness of Grand Valley,” said President Thomas J. Haas, who greeted the group.

Laine and Leah Girard, from Eastpointe, Mich., said it was cool to see so many twins in one place. “We thought we were the only ones, we didn’t think there were that many twins here,” Laine Girard said.

The sisters will graduate in April; Laine with

a marketing degree and Leah with a physical education degree. They said their relationship was similar to a marriage. “People don’t understand the connection we have to each other,” Leah said. “We work hard on nurturing our relationship.”

Leslie and Natalie McComb, from Lansing, may not dress alike anymore but they couldn’t fathom attending different colleges. “We considered going to different colleges, but my mom said we would miss each other too much,” Leslie McComb said.

Dan and Tom Hosford graduated from Grand Valley in 2002 and 2003, respectively. They both played football for the Lakers’ first national championship team in 2002.

Dan Hosford said that he and his brother felt very lucky to attend Grand Valley together, continuing the legacy set by their father, Jamie



Louie the Laker visits student and alumni twins April 6 in the Fieldhouse.

Hosford, who earned 12 varsity letters during his Laker years (1973-1977). Jamie Hosford died March 4 after a battle with cancer.

Photos and information from the April 6 event are being submitted to the Guinness World Records.

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ACE leaders review internationalization goals

After nearly two years of work, the Internationalization Task Force presented its report to university leaders after meeting with a review team from the American Council on Education.

Mark Schaub, co-chair of the task force, said the No. 1 recommendation from the task force is that global learning be taught to students in every major. Another recommendation was to include global learning in more co-curricular student activities.

“More global learning in the curriculum and the co-curricular space would assure that every student at Grand Valley has the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to be successful in a globally connected world,” Schaub said. He co-chairs the task force with Carol Sanchez, professor of management and director of international business programs for Seidman College of Business.

The task force held town hall meetings last fall and compiled results from a survey of the campus community regarding global learning.

Survey results and more information is online at www.gvsu.edu/internationalization. The recommendation report will be posted online before the end of the semester.

Schaub said discussion to implement the task force recommendations will continue in the fall semester.

Horak named director of FOBI

Joseph J. Horak has been named director of the Family Owned Business Institute in the Seidman College of Business.

Horak has been an adjunct faculty member in the Seidman College of Business since 2007 where he has taught a class in family business. He coached a Grand Valley team of students at the 2014 International Family Business Case Competition that won the award for Most Creative and Innovative Team. Horak’s doctorate is in counseling and leadership from



Joseph J. Horak

the Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology Department at Western Michigan University where he was honored with the department’s Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2011.

Horak was appointed to the Licensing Board for Marriage and Family Therapy by Gov. Engler and to the Licensing Board for Psychology by Gov. Snyder. Horak is a past president of the Michigan Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and previously was the senior director of Leadership Development and Family Business Consultation at DWH.

Niemeyer award recipients named

Students and faculty members were recognized for their leadership April 7 at the annual awards celebration.

Deborah Herrington, associate professor of chemistry, and Paul Isely, professor of economics, were each named Niemeyer Award Winners. Named for former Provost Glenn A.

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Niemeyer, faculty recipients of the award are honored for their excellence and loyalty to teaching, scholarship and service.

Herrington co-founded the Target Inquiry program, an innovative professional development program designed to improve the quality and frequency of inquiry-based instruction in middle and high school science classes.



Paul Isely and Deborah Herrington were recognized at the annual awards celebration April 7.

Isely serves as a West Michigan expert in many facets of the economy. Policy makers at the city, county and state levels have shown that they value his work by appointing him to government committees exploring policies.

Two undergraduate students received Niemeyer awards: Katherine Braspeninx, a senior majoring in nursing; and Danielle Meirow, a double-major in women and gender studies and biomedical sciences who is enrolled in the Honors College.

Jennifer Bowling, a doctor of nursing practice candidate, earned the Niemeyer award for graduate students.

Sustainability champions recognized

Students, faculty, staff and community members were celebrated and recognized for their sustainable efforts at the sixth annual Sustainability Champions Awards Breakfast April 3.

President Thomas J. Haas, Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell and Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies Dean Anne Hiskes discussed the importance of growing sustainable practices at Grand Valley and in

Grand Rapids. Thirty-eight sustainability champions were recognized.

Hiskes said Grand Valley's campuses serve as a living, learning model of sustainable best practices. "Our vision at Grand Valley is to make sustainability a part of everyone's everyday job," she said.

Recipients of the Nichols Sustainability Scholarship were also recognized at the breakfast. The scholarship was created in 2006 to reward students who are committed to making a difference in environmental, social and fiscal sustainability.

Faculty selfies sought for social media

Who are Grand Valley faculty members outside of the classroom?

University Communications is seeking "selfie" photos of faculty members enjoying activities outside of the classroom, like spending time with family or participating in a hobby. The photos will be shared on Grand Valley's Facebook page and Instagram and Twitter accounts in April.

Send photos and a caption to Leah Twilley, communications specialist, at twilleyl@gvsu.edu.

Field Station earns LEED Gold Certification

The new Field Station building at the Annis Water Resources Institute on Muskegon Lake has been certified as LEED Gold.

The Field Station was completed and dedicated in 2013, but LEED certification and review was not completed until early this year. LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is an internationally recognized certification system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council that certifies environmentally sustainable construction projects.

Grand Valley now owns and operates more than a dozen LEED certified buildings and facilities. LEED projects at Grand Valley account for approximately 10 percent of the LEED certified projects in the West Michigan area.

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Faculty and staff members can find an online "Sketches" submission form on the Web at www.gvsu.edu/forum.

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Grand Valley Magazine, which is published quarterly for the university community. Visit its website at www.gvsu.edu/gvmagazine.

Visit Grand Valley's online publication, GVN^{ow}, at www.gvsu.edu/gvnow, for daily news updates and video features.

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



Geography honors society



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Lambda Omega, local chapter of the International Geographic Honor Society, Gamma Theta Upsilon, inducted nine members into its honor society. Pictured are, front row, left to right, Jessica TerVeen, Alyson Mabie, Aynsley Gilmour, Kayla Doshier; back row, left to right, Mitchell Wensman, Corey Christensen, Nathaniel McComb, Ross VanPeurse and Randy Winowiecki.

What's Ahead

Students perform real-life stories in new campus production

Student-led groups Act on Racism and ReACT! are joining forces with Intersections to host a collaborative performance April 15 about sexuality, race, class and gender.

“Act Up: Dialogues About Oppression and Resistance” will include scenes derived from real-life experiences of Grand Valley students. Ten scenes will be performed by 30 students starting at 5 p.m. in room 2204 of the Kirkhof Center.

The event is approved for LIB 100 and 201 classes.

Intersections is a collaborative partnership among Grand Valley's Office of Multicultural Affairs, Women's Center and LGBT Resource Center. For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/women_cen.

G3 summer camp registration

Registration is open for G3 Camp: Grandparents, Grandkids, Grand Valley!, the summer camp that is designed for children ages 8-12 and their grandparents.

Participants will spend three days and two nights on the Allendale Campus, sleeping in the living center apartments and eating in the campus dining halls along with college students and others on campus.

The dates for G3 Camp are June 24-26; housing, meals, and sessions are all inclusive. Registration is open until April 30. Visit www.gvsu.edu/g3.

G3 is sponsored by the Regional Math and Science Center and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. For more information contact

Margo Dill at the Regional Math and Science Center at x12267.

Research ethics conference set

Grand Valley will host the annual Michigan Research Ethics Conference Friday, April 25, at the Eberhard Center on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus.

The conference is sponsored by the Michigan Research Ethics Consortium, comprised of state academic, health care and research institutions: Grand Valley, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Spectrum Health, Mercy Health, Metro Health and Van Andel Institute.

Keynote speakers will be Bruce Gordon, professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center; and Cindy Shindledecker and Lois Brako, from the University of Michigan. Gordon's morning presentation will cover consent and regulatory requirements for informed consent. The afternoon session will focus on protecting human research subjects with flexible policies.

Many Grand Valley faculty members will lead breakout sessions. The conference will run from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Cost to attend is \$150.

Visit www.gvsu.edu/rpp/mrec for more information, or call the Research Protections Program at x13197.

Workshop on working with rivals

The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies will host a workshop as part of the center's Common Ground program that will focus on helping emerging community leaders learn to work with their rivals.

Common Ground Workshop: Working with a Team of Rivals will take place April 14, noon-

1:30 p.m., Meijer Regency Room, Pew Grand Rapids Campus.

Gleaves Whitney and Brenna Cleary will use the interactive workshop to help emerging community leaders understand the idea that people with opposing beliefs and contentious attitudes can come together and work toward a common goal and realize successful end results.

MAREC hosts conference on crowdfunding

Crowdfunding has become a commonly used form of financial support for West Michigan's growing entrepreneurial and start-up community. The Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center will host a one-day conference to educate businesses and nonprofit organizations on how to properly use donation- and investment-based crowdfunding.

The Michigan Invests Locally Exemption (MILE) Act will be among topics of discussion at the conference. The act, signed by Gov. Rick Snyder in December, gives Michigan-based small businesses, start-ups and entrepreneurs the ability to raise funds from Michigan residents using crowdfunding strategies.

CrowdCon: Lakeshore Crowdfunding Conference will take place April 23, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 200 Virdian Dr. A networking social will follow from 4-6 p.m.

There is a \$50 registration fee, which covers up to two people from each organization. It is open to the public; breakfast and lunch will be provided. Registration is at <https://clients.sbdcmichigan.org/workshop>.

The event will feature a panel discussion and keynote address by Angela Barbash, founder and director of Ypsilanti-based companies of Reconsider and Revalue.

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Interfaith leadership celebrated

A special event to honor interfaith leadership was held at Grand Valley on March 27. President Thomas J. Haas and Douglas Kindschi, director of the Sylvia and Richard Kaufman Interfaith Institute, welcomed interfaith leaders and celebrated their impact in West Michigan and beyond.

The first annual Sylvia Kaufman Interfaith Leadership Award was presented to Rev. Richard Rhem, pastor emeritus of Christ Community Church in Spring Lake, where he served 37 years.

The event also included an interfaith presentation by David Ford, the Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University in England and founder and director of the Cambridge Inter-Faith Programme. Ford has written more than 10 books, has lectured throughout the world, and co-founded Scriptural Reasoning, a practice of interfaith reading in small groups representing different

faith traditions.

For more information, visit www.interfaithunderstanding.org, or call x15702.

Former pre-med students matched with residencies

It's called Match Day. On March 21, medical school students at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, and across the country, opened envelopes and learned where they would spend their residencies.

The group included Grand Valley alumni who were in the first cohort of the Early Assurance Program. The program is a partnership between MSU and Grand Valley that grants early acceptance of up to six qualified Grand Valley students to MSU-CHM.

Alex Gilde found out he was matched with his first choice: Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners in orthopaedic surgery.

Others in the inaugural cohort include Beth Fetzer, matched with Grand Rapids



Alex Gilde learns his residency match.

Medical Education Partners for obstetrics and gynecology speciality; Bobbye Koning, headed for Med-Peds in Grand Rapids; Caleb Ortega, headed for the University of Alabama at Birmingham Medical Center for anesthesiology; and Mitch Sydoski, Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners for family medicine.

The Early Assurance Program is for Grand Valley pre-medical students who are interested in practicing in an underserved area of medicine and with underserved populations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

April 14-17

9 a.m.-6 p.m.: GradFest. For locations and more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/commencement.

Mon., April 14

11 a.m.: Human Resources Career Services: "Preparing for Career Advancement" by Kim Monaghan. 1142 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

11 a.m.: Master Class: Dmitri Novgorodsky, Piano. 1325 PAC. Call x13484 or visit gvsu.edu/music for more information.

8 p.m.: Guest Artist Series: Hunter Eberly, principal trumpet, Detroit Symphony. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

8 p.m.: Choral Concert performance. CDC.

Tues., April 15

5 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series: Pablo Mahave-Veglia, cello, with Paulina Zamora, piano. 1325 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

8 p.m.: University Band performance. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

Wed., April 16

10 a.m.-6 p.m.: Michigan Blood Drive. The Connection. Visit www.gvsu.edu/service/giveblood for more information.

11:30 a.m.: Alzheimer's Group. 2264 KC. To register, contact Sue Sloop at sloops@gvsu.edu.

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

Noon: Human Resources Career Services: "Preparing for Career Advancement" by Kim Monaghan. 302E DEV. Call x12215 for more information.

6 p.m.: Projection - The Film Series, "The Double Life of Veronique." 114 LMH.

8 p.m.: Symphony Orchestra performance. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

Thurs., April 17

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

11:30 a.m.: Alzheimer's Group. 302C DEV. To register, contact Sue Sloop at sloops@gvsu.edu.

11:45 a.m.: AP Awards Luncheon. Grand River Room KC. Register at www.gvsu.edu/seminar.

Noon: Children's Enrichment Center Art Show Reception. MIPL. RSVP by April 14 at gvsu.edu/child.

8 p.m.: Jazz Orchestra performance. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

8 p.m.: Varsity Men Concert. CDC.

Fri., April 18

Strengths and Appreciative Advising," at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

Bradley S. Ambrose, professor of physics, gave an invited workshop, "Strategies for Interweaving Assessment with Instruction in an Active Learning Science Classroom," for the Creating Environments that Engage, Inspire, and Retain STEM Students Conference at Central Michigan University.

John Stevenson, associate dean of graduate studies, and **Chris Hirsch**, assistant professor of marketing, gave a presentation, "Entry-Level Student Physical Therapists' Attitudes about Patient Lifting and Transfer Practices," at the 14th Annual Safe Patient Handling and Mobility Conference in Orlando, Florida.

John Weber, professor of geology, gave a presentation, "New Thermochronologic, Paleomagnetic, and Fault-Slip Constraints on

2 p.m.: Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center: "Veterans Network (VET NET) Ally Training." 117E DEV. Register at gvsu.edu/seminar.

5 p.m.: Graduate Student Celebration. Hager-Lubbers Exhibition Hall and Loosemore Auditorium. Call x17105 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Senior Dance Concert. 1600 PAC. Contact Carrie Morris at morrccarr@gvsu.edu for more information.

Sat., April 19

7:30 p.m.: Senior Dance Concert. 1600 PAC. Contact Carrie Morris at morrccarr@gvsu.edu for more information. Reception following in room 1515.

Sports

Tues., April 15

3 p.m.: Men's Tennis vs. Ferris State University

Fri., April 18

3:30 p.m.: Softball vs. Tiffin University

TBA: Track and Field. Al Owens Classic.

Sat., April 19

1 p.m.: Softball vs. Ohio Dominican University

TBA: Track and Field. Al Owens Classic.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Sketches

The Padnos International Center hosted two international visitors from Kingston University, United Kingdom: Julian Wells, director of studies, School of Economics, History and Politics; and Eleanor Hunt, information advisor. Hunt will be on campus through May 9.

Steve Mattox, professor of geology, gave presentations, "An Integrated Approach to Teaching the Geology of Hawaiian Shield Volcanoes," "Can I Grow Enough Trees To Offset My Carbon Footprint?" and "Using Isochrons to Constrain Geologic History," at the Michigan Science Teachers Association 61st Annual Conference Program.

Amanda Cuevas, director of the Office of Fellowships, gave presentations, "Thriving in College: Fresh Perspectives on Student Success," and "Weaving

Pliocene Tectonics and Provenance, North Coast Marine Area, Trinidad and Tobago" at the American Association of Petroleum Geology Workshop in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Timothy Eernisse, development and marketing manager for WGVU, was appointed to the PBS Communications Advisory Council.

Laurence Jose, assistant professor of writing, gave a presentation, "Opening Professional Writing Genres to the Global Context: Resumes as Contact Zones," at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jason Crouthamel, associate professor of history, wrote an article, "Deutsche Soldaten und 'Maennlichkeit' im ersten Weltkrieg," published in the journal *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte*.