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FORUM

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Participants ready for Student Scholars Day

More than 600 students will participate in the 17th annual Student Scholars Day, set for April 11 on the Allendale Campus.

Oral and poster presentations will begin at 9 a.m. in the Kirkhof Center and Henry Hall. Poetry readings, theater and music performances are scheduled throughout the day in Kirkhof Center, Area 51. See a complete schedule online at www.gvsu.edu/ssd.

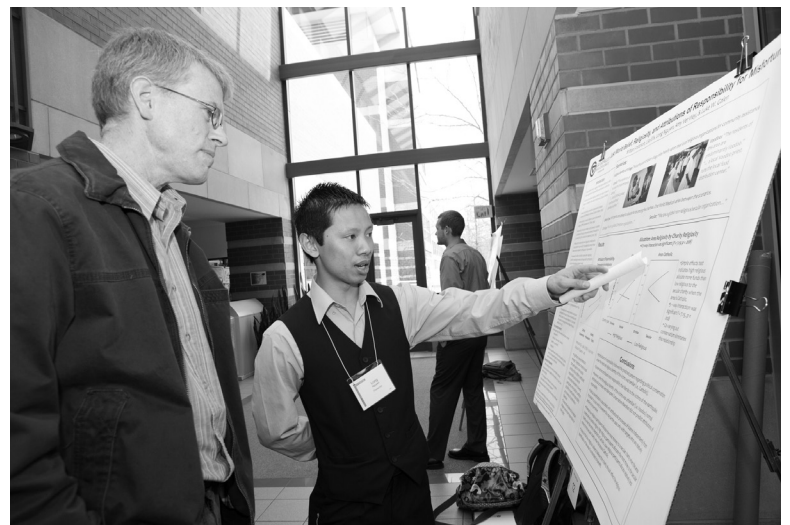
SSD began in 1996 as a way to showcase faculty-mentored research to a campus audience. Initially geared toward science and mathematics majors, the event soon grew popular and other students made requests to present their work. The first inclusive SSD was held in 1998 with 300 participants.

Keynote speaker Henry Pollack will close the day with a presentation, "Ice and Water," at 6 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2204. Pollack shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with former Vice President Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Pollack serves as a senior advisor to Gore's Climate Project. He has worked as a professor of geophysics at the University of Michigan for more than 40 years.

Below is a list of 2012 faculty mentors for SSD:

Edward Aboufadel
Feryal Alayont
Gordon Alderink
Bradley Ambrose
Donovan Anderson
David Austin
Kathleen Bailey
Mary Bair
Nathan Barrows
Sukanya Basu
M. Aaron Baxter
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Shannon Biros
Sheila Blackman
Wallace Boeve
Brett Bolen
Andrew Booth
Dale Borders



A participant in the 2011 Student Scholars Day explains his research. This year's event is April 11, when more than 600 students will participate.

Janet Brashler
Martin Burg
Michelle Burke
Anthony Chang
Alice Chapman
Patricia Clark

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Across Campus

Grand Valley unveils interactive showcase for students



In an effort to excite students about the opportunity to attend college, Grand Valley unveiled an interactive and colorful display to second- and third-graders at Harrison Park Elementary School, within Grand Rapids Public Schools district, on March 26.

The display is part of a partnership with the school that received a \$250,000 grant from the Grand Rapids Community Foundation in

Photo by Amanda Pitts

Harrison Park students point to wall clings that show a variety of professions, with faces of elementary students.

June. The grant created Challenge Scholars, a program that prepares, supports and provides scholarships for students to attend college.

More than 350 students gathered in the school gym to hear President Thomas J. Haas, Community Foundation President Diana R. Sieger and Harrison Park Principal Mike Nassar discuss the importance of higher education.

Haas visited the school last October. In February, student leaders from sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grades met with Haas and toured the campus.

Grand Valley joins governor in Germany

Grand Valley leaders were among a group of Michigan university officials who accompanied Gov. Rick Snyder on his trip to Germany last week to meet with scientists, researchers and industry leaders.

Arn Boezaart, director of the Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center, and Robert Smart, executive director of the Center for Scholarly

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and Creative Excellence, represented Grand Valley on the trip. They met with Snyder and officials from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, German researchers and scientists in Pfnztaal and with industry leaders in Stuttgart.

Boezaart said it was a great opportunity to develop new relationships. "It was a chance to showcase what Grand Valley and West Michigan have to offer," he said. "We shared information about how Grand Valley can be a participant in and contributor to technology and economic development, and discussed the research we're doing at the university."

Jeanine Beasley, associate professor of occupational therapy, was also present at a reception in Germany, where she met Snyder.

Women's Commission seeks new leadership chairs

The Women's Commission is seeking faculty and staff members who are interested in serving as chairs for the 2012-2013 academic year.

The commission works to improve gender equity by developing programs and policies that improve the quality of life for women on campus. Applicants should send a brief statement of interest via email to the Women's Commission at wcommission@gvsu.edu.

Questions can be directed to Chaunté Rodgers at rodgersc@gvsu.edu or x12215 or Takeelia Garrett-Lynn at garrettt@gvsu.edu.

New tornado sirens installed

The Allendale Campus will be better equipped in case of an emergency after new tornado sirens are installed.

Five new sirens are being installed, including two that have been installed but aren't yet operational. The sirens will be located near the corner of 42nd Avenue and Pierce Street on the south end of campus, near Kleiner Commons, near Robinson Field, on top of Zumberge Library, and near the Fieldhouse Arena.

The warning devices are much more than an old-fashioned siren. The new units have the capability to broadcast pre-recorded messages or act as a live public address system. In the case of severe weather, they will sound a normal tornado warning siren, which is linked to Ottawa County's 911 system.

Grand Valley Police Capt. Brandon DeHaan said the new warning system should be audible from all areas of campus outside of buildings, including the Meadows Golf Course. The new equipment will be loud enough to hear inside some buildings, and will also provide warning for some areas surrounding campus.

Regular tests will begin on the new system as soon as the sirens are operational, likely in April. There is still a working siren in place on campus, which will remain in place through completion of the new system.

Presidential pool shark



Photo by April Joy Galbreath

President Thomas J. Haas shoots pool with students in Pew Living Center March 28. Haas ate dinner with students from the Pew/Pickard/DeVos Community Council, participated in game night and did an overnight in DeVos Living Center for a taste of on-campus life.

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GVFaces

Joe Bitely, Climbing Center and Outdoor Adventure Center manager

For Joe Bitely, climbing is both a physical and mental activity.

"Climbing a wall is a process," said Bitely. "You have to mentally solve a puzzle, then find the strength to put it into action."

Bitely began working as manager of Grand Valley's Climbing Center in 2007. His role includes maintaining equipment, training staff, and scheduling different events for the Outdoor Adventure Center like geocaching, orienteering and kayaking. The Outdoor Adventure Center is a high adventure equipment rental shop for students, faculty and staff members.

Two years ago, Bitely began a project that has since made the Climbing Center free for Grand Valley students to use. "We've never made enough money to fully support ourselves," said Bitely. "The university has always funded us. I crunched some numbers to find out what it would take to waive the cost for students, and it ended up being doable."

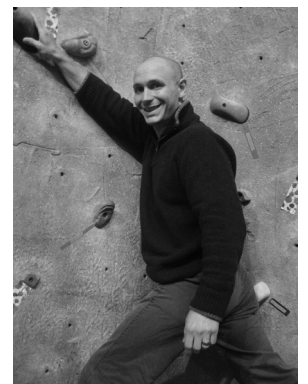
Bitely said that waiving student fees helped increase the number of students who visit the center. "We went from seeing 20 to 30 students a night, to 70 or 100," he said. "Some students are there just as much as my staff are, even if they're just hanging out, or watching

other climbers between their own climbs. I'm glad we've created such a welcoming environment."

Bitely supports this environment further by scheduling annual events such as Rock the Rock, which was held on March 29. During this time, local rock bands played as climbers scaled the different courses.

Bitely is an avid climber himself. In each of his treks, Bitely explains that there's a sense of caution that accompanies the thrill. "You never stop questioning yourself," said Bitely. "There's always a little voice in the back of your head, helping you plan out your next move as well as you can. It motivates you, but keeps you safe, too."

Even with the work he does at Grand Valley, Bitely still finds time to climb. "Over spring break, I went to Red River Gorge in Kentucky," said Bitely. "You spend the whole day climbing sandstone cliffs, and you can see for miles. Then at night, you sit around camp swapping stories with other climbers."



Joe Bitely

What's Ahead

CLAS Sabbatical Showcase set

The annual CLAS Sabbatical Showcase is designed to provide a forum for faculty members to share research and creative projects completed during recent sabbatical leaves.

Faculty and staff members can browse through the exhibits on Wednesday, April 4, from 11 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room. The CLAS Spring Celebration, with awards and lunch, will run from noon-1 p.m.

For more information, call x12495.

Exhibit chronicles lives of transgender youth

An internationally acclaimed photographer known for photographing transgender youth in the Netherlands will visit campus on Wednesday, April 4.

Sarah Wong will discuss her experience of capturing the journey of a group of transgender children. The event will run from 4-6 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2263.

Grand Valley purchased three sets of Wong's photos this year; they are displayed in the Kirkhof Center.

Henry Matthews, director of GVSU Galleries and Collections at Grand Valley, said her visit has been about four years in the making. "I first met Sarah many years ago in Amsterdam and took an instant liking to her work," he said.

"Her Transgender Project could lead others to better understand what it means to be transgender."

Wong gained international acclaim when she created an outdoor exhibit of eight large portraits, titled "Environmental Boulevard," which was displayed next to the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam.

Wong's visit is sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center, GVSU Galleries and Collections and student group Transpectrum.

Music concert to be held in Grandville

The Music Department is celebrating spring with a free community concert in Grandville. A varied program will include segments by the University Arts Chorale, under the direction of Ellen Pool, the Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Henry Duitman, and solo performances by students and faculty members.

The Spring Gala Concert is set for Wednesday, April 4, from 8-9:30 p.m. at Grandville High School, 4700 Canal Avenue SW.

Featured soloists include the two 2012 Student Concerto Contest winners: Ashley Harris, flute, will perform "Ballade" by Frank Martin; and Elizabeth Cullen, saxophone, will play the Tomasi Saxophone Concerto.

The final portion of the concert, "Operatic Favorites," will feature voice professors Kathryn Stieler, Dale Schriemer and Min Jin performing works by Bizet, Rossini and Puccini with the orchestra.

The grand finale will bring together all the Grand Valley choirs with faculty soloists and orchestra for two works by Verdi.

Film screening explores water crisis

A sneak preview of a new film that explores the global water crisis will be shown on campus.

"Last Call at the Oasis" will be screened Thursday, April 5, from 7-9 p.m. at the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium. The film opens nationally May 5 and features activist Erin Brockovich and Sierra Club Water Sentinel Lynn Henning. A Q&A with Henning will follow the free preview screening.

The screening is presented by Sierra Club's Michigan Chapter, Grand Valley's School of Communications and the Student Environmental Coalition.

"Last Call at the Oasis" examines the critical issue of the dwindling clean water options through stories highlighting water quantity and quality problems.

The documentary illuminates the vital role water plays in everyone's lives, exposes the defects in the current system and shows communities already struggling with its ill-effects.

This is the second in a series of joint screenings by the Sierra Club chapter and Grand Valley, celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Michigan chapter and the 120th of the national Sierra Club, and the 25th anniversary of the Michigan Wilderness Act.

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Sigrid Danielson
Kristy Dean
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Mary deYoung
Cory DiCarlo
Margaret Dietrich
Amanda Dillard
Brian Drake
Christine Drewel
Gwenden Dueker
David Eick
Kurt Ellenberger
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Tues., April 3

10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Pew Campus Blood Drive. 145C DEV. Call x17220 for more information.

Noon: Children's Enrichment Center hosts "Darkness to Light" Child Sexual Assault Awareness Program. 2266 KC. Call x15437 for more information.

Wed., April 4

11 a.m.-2 p.m.: CLAS Sabbatical Showcase and Spring Celebration. 2250 KC. Call x12495 for information.

Noon: Brooks College Conversations on Scholarship: "What Happened to Gale Wilhelm and Why it Matters?" by Danielle DeMuth. 236E HON. Call x18655 for more information.

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

Noon: Children's Enrichment Center hosts "Bullying Basics." 2270 KC. Call x15437 for more information.

4 p.m.: LGBT Resource Center hosts presentation by Sarah Wong, photographer. 2204 KC. Call x12530 for more information.

4 p.m.: Evolution for Everyone hosts "Mother-Infant Cosleeping," by James McKenna. 102 LTT. Call x12195 for more information.

4:30 p.m.: Latin American Studies Event: "Socio-Political Overview of Peru after 1990," by Jorge E. Parodi. CDC. Call x18110 for more information.

6 p.m.: Women's Center hosts "Sexual Assault Awareness," by Theresa Rowland and MarcQus Wright. 1201 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

6 p.m.: Projection Film Series: "Playtime." 114 LMH. Call x12195 for more information.

8 p.m.: Concert by Symphony Orchestra, combined university choirs and faculty soloists. Grandville High School. Call x13484 for more information.

Thurs., April 5

7:30 a.m.: Downtown Toastmasters. University Club Room, DEV. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for information.

2 p.m.: Johnson Center Workshop: Strategic Planning by Terry Horton. BIK. Call x17585 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Theater performance: "Antona Garcia." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for tickets.

Fri., April 6

1 p.m.: Excellence Series: "Allies & Advocates Training," by M.J. Thiel. 107C DEV. Register at www.gvsu.edu/seminar.

7:30 p.m.: Theater performance: "Antona Garcia." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for tickets.

Sat., April 7

2 p.m.: Theater performance: "Antona Garcia." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for tickets.

Sports

Wed., April 4

3:30 p.m.: Softball hosts Hillsdale University.

Fri., April 6

9:30 a.m.: Men's tennis hosts Wayne State University.

3:30 p.m.: Softball hosts Saginaw Valley State University.

Sat., April 7

1 p.m.: Softball hosts Saginaw Valley State University.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Sketches

Courtney Karasinski, assistant professor of allied health sciences, gave a presentation: "Social Competence and Language Ability in School-Age Children," at the Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention in Kalamazoo.

Giuseppe Lupis, assistant professor of music, will perform and teach at the International

Piano Academy in Marktoberdorf, Germany.

AWRI staff members **Bopi Biddanda**, **Scott Kendall** and **Janet Vail** wrote an article, "Rock, Water, Microbes: Sinkholes in Lake Huron are Habitats for Ancient Microbial Life," published in *Nature Education Knowledge*.

In the News

Linda Kennedy, WGUV development

coordinator, was interviewed on Radio In Black & White for a story about the public screening of the PBS documentary "Freedom Riders."

The **Johnson Center for Philanthropy's Community Research Institute** produced a report that was the basis for an Mlive.com story about absenteeism in Grand Rapids Public Schools.

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