

GRANT PARTNERS GVSU WITH MUSKEGON SCHOOLS

The College of Education is in partnership with the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District and Learning To Give on a grant from the Michigan Community Service Commission.

The Learn and Serve Michigan ISD/ Higher Education Partnership grant is designed to integrate academic service learning within the curriculum of five identified schools in Muskegon through teacher professional development on the infusion of academic service learning into core curriculum. Also part of the program is the evaluation of the efficacy of academic service learning on student learning outcomes.

Lead teachers from the five school districts – Fruitport, Mona Shores, Holton, North Muskegon and Muskegon – attended the LTG-MI Summer Institute at GVSU and have established school/district teams. Team members are attending a professional development course offered through the College of Education at MAISD throughout the 2004-2005 academic year. Twenty teachers have enrolled in the course for GVSU credit.

COST OFFERS WORLDWIDE STUDENT TEACHING VIEWS

Grand Valley State University's College of Education is opening up new worlds for student teachers.

The Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching (COST) allows students to teach in bilingual settings in a host of countries, including Australia, Greece, Costa Rica, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, Ecuador, Ireland, England, Mexico and Japan.

The experience provides first-hand knowledge of the foreign city, country, culture and different perspectives on world events.

Additional information on the COST program may be obtained by contacting Sherie Williams at 616.331.2076.

STUDENT ASSISTING AGAIN BEING OFFERED IN S. AFRICA

The College of Education is offering a six-week teacher assisting program in Capetown, South Africa, during the winter semester in 2005. Many GVSU students have already participated in the program which has existed for four years.

The program includes six weeks of teacher assisting enrichment in South Africa, along with 10 weeks of teacher assisting in West Michigan, and 10 weeks of condensed coursework.

Sandy Miller and Barbara Doumanian are hosting the Student Assisting program in Stellenbosch, South Africa. It is open to elementary and secondary students. Students will stay with a host family in South Africa.

The approximate cost for the program is \$3,600.

Additional information may be obtained from Dr. Barbara Doumanian (616.331.6491) or Dr. Sandra Miller (616.331.3344).

Johnson Center Is A Hub For Nonprofit Leadership

The Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership was founded in 1992 as a multidisciplinary, university wide hub developed with the support of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and Grand Valley State University.

Under the direction of Donna VanIwaarden, Ph.D., the Johnson Center promotes effective philanthropy, community involvement and excellence in nonprofit leadership.

The Johnson Center encourages understanding of the historical roots and contemporary practice of philanthropy within the university and throughout the community by focusing financial, technical and administrative support around three goals of teaching, research and service.

The mission of the center is "... to promote effective philanthropy, community improvement and excellence in nonprofit leadership."

"The Johnson Center has three primary areas of focus," VanIwaarden said. "One is university asset and working with groups inside the university for philanthropy and nonprofit curriculum.

"We are also a community resource with leadership and management support and outreach to regional philanthropic and nonprofit organizations, and we do research on regional topics. Thirdly, we are a national resource with a practice guide and website (nonprofitbasics.org)."

Johnson served as the President for the

Council of Michigan Foundations for more than a quarter of a century until her retirement in 1999. The council — an association foundations and corporations offering grants for charitable causes — has more than 450 members. Its mission is to enhance, improve and increase philanthropy in the state of Michigan.

In her honor, GVSU dedicated the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy & Nonprofit Leadership.

The Johnson Center serves as headquarters for the Michigan Nonprofit Research Program and had also developed a certificate program and grant writing for program foundations and development.

Among the priorities are engaging in questions and issues related to traditions and practices of philanthropy, volunteerism, community service learning and nonprofit organizations. That transcends into "applied research" and studies that provide immediate useful information to persons working in the field.

The Learning to Give Summer Institute hosted by GVSU's College of Education fits the criteria of the Johnson Center by encouraging the development of courses and elements of courses that examine ways in which philanthropy and volunteerism help shape communities and give expression to human, moral and social values.

Educators Attend Learning To Give Summer Institute

The inaugural Learning to Give Summer Institute hosted by the College of Education at Grand Valley State University was an outstanding success with an international impact.

Over 80 teachers and teacher-consultants participated at the LTG-Michigan Summer Institute at Grand Valley State University in July. It is expected that close to 5,000 students will be directly affected by their educators' participation and thousands more by the new lessons developed at the Institute.

A delegation from the Beautiful Fund based in Seoul, South Korea, attended and took from the Institute ways to spread the LTG message in their homeland. The College of Education Community Outreach staff continues to support their efforts through emails and friendships that were forged.

The summer institute included a kick-off luncheon for community leaders in order to announce the LTG and GVSU partnership. Keynote speaker at the opening luncheon was Dr. Thomas Sanders, the Executive Director of the Saguaro Seminar: Civic Engagement in America, a program of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. The luncheon was hosted by GVSU President Mark Murray and his wife, Elizabeth Murray.



Fred Martino of WGUVU hosts a forum during LTG-Michigan Summer Institute.

Also speaking at the Summer Institute were Dr. Joel Westheimer, of the University of Ottawa, who is recognized internationally for his work in the area of teaching democratic citizens, and Dr. Robert Grimm, Director of the Department of Research and Policy Development for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Washington, D.C.

During the LTG-Michigan Summer Institute, the staff and participants were filmed in a "town hall" discussion or forum on civil society. This hour long forum was a discussion on the underlying social issues that support the purpose of LTG and highlighted the LTG program. The forum was televised during the fall on WGUVU and other Michigan public television stations. Media exposure from the Institute was broad as the story was picked up by the New York Times news service, Booth Newspapers, and publications such as the Grand Rapids Business Journal.