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Grand Valley State University educates students to shape their lives, their professions and their societies. The university contributes to the enrichment of society through excellent teaching, active scholarship and public service.

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The Sustainable Agriculture Project celebrates its 10-year anniversary this year. Read how the farm has become a learning-living laboratory on page 22. (Elizabeth Lienau)

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On these pages
A hand-written message hangs from the ceiling at Adams Park Apartments, where nursing students and faculty regularly provide health screenings and education events for residents. Read about the partnership beginning on page 4. (Bernadine Carey-Tucker)



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of Nursing

**KCON partners with housing commission
on community nursing collaboration**

STORY BY MICHELE COFFILL / PHOTOS BY BERNADINE CAREY-TUCKER
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In a dining room full of people waiting for an early Thanksgiving meal, seven students from the Kirkhof College of Nursing were easy to spot.

Several handed out soup in plastic bowls while others staffed a table filled with bread, lunch meats and cheeses and served sandwiches. They roamed the room taking blood pressure readings while one student called off raffle numbers and directed people to the table of donated food.

Meridell Gracias, affiliate faculty of nursing, supervised those students on a November afternoon at Adams Park Apartments in southeast Grand Rapids and called the scene unstructured but said it was the epitome of community nursing. Adams Park is a 188-unit building managed by the Grand Rapids Housing Commission (GRHC) and is home to disabled adults and low-income senior citizens.

Since 2014, nursing faculty members and students have partnered with GRHC to provide health screenings, health interventions and education events for residents of Adams Park and other GRHC properties. Cynthia McCurren, dean of KCON, said community health rotations such as these are high-impact learning opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students that focus on the social determinants of health care.

Both partners benefit. Hattie Tinney, deputy executive director of GRHC, calculated 500 students have provided 15,000 hours of care for residents since the collaboration was established; it was recognized with an award of merit for resident and client services by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials at its 2018 conference.

“I’ve worked here for nearly 40 years, and to me, this is the most important collaboration we have,” Tinney said. “The students change but the program remains consistent.”



Consistent care on the ‘front porch’

Consistency is key, Tinney said. At Adams Park, for example, residents know a team of nursing students will be in the community room each Tuesday afternoon, leading games of nutrition bingo, providing health information or teaching a cooking lesson. Last year, KCON students helped residents establish a vegetable garden outside their building.

Groups of students also lead activities at other GRHC properties. At Mount Mercy Apartments, a 180-unit building on Grand Rapids’ northwest side, an interdisciplinary team of GVSU nursing and movement science students spent a semester leading senior citizens through an exercise research study complete with Fitbits to track steps.

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**HATTIE TINNEY,
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF GRHC**

Nursing student Austin Johnson takes a blood pressure reading with a resident of Adams Park Apartments.

“If students are new to nursing, they’re learning how to talk with someone from a different background or different socioeconomic class. More experienced students are helping to care for our residents who have diabetes,” Tinney said.

For some vulnerable residents, it’s often the only health care they receive outside of emergency room visits, she said.

“I think of the community room at Adams Park as a front porch, people talk to other people on their front porches. The social stimulation the students provide makes a huge difference for some of our residents,” she said.

One resident said she enjoys talking with students. Melissa was referred to GRHC by Network 180, Kent County’s community mental health agency. Before moving to Adams Park in early 2018, she said she was homeless for three months after being forced from her Holland area apartment when the landlord died. “My blood pressure is good but I enjoy coming here for the bingo and social activities. It’s nice to know that the students are here,” she said.

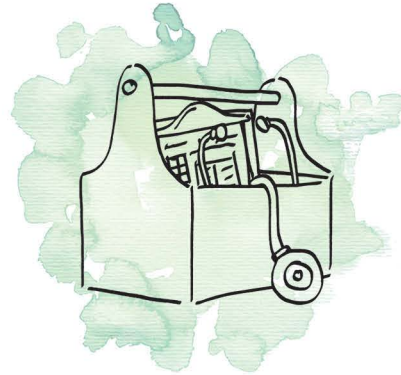


Gracias started taking students from her community nursing class to Adams Park six years ago but her involvement began as a volunteer 20 years ago. She began providing blood pressure checks then expanded her volunteer role by helping the building's staff members establish a healthy living program with support from Michigan State University Extension.

"A lot of the residents are in really fragile health," Gracias said. "They won't tell you that, they think their health is good, but two problems are very prevalent: hypertension and diabetes."

Johnny Boyd suffers from both; he is 62 and has lived at Adams Park for nearly two years. Boyd, who is trying to quit smoking, regularly undergoes blood pressure checks during Tuesday clinics.

"These students do great work and give service to a lot of people who can't go out and get care," Boyd said.



Mackenzi Mazzola is pictured in the community room of Adams Park Apartments, on the southeast side of Grand Rapids.

Building trust

During one of her visits to Adams Park, Kelsey Morgan, a junior from Rockford who is majoring in nursing, learned her mother and a resident were acquaintances.

"One of the ladies told me she went to the same high school as my mom. Each time we come here as a class, we're building relationships," Morgan said. "We're not going to come in here each week and tell someone, 'You should eat this and not that.' You have to build trust before talking to someone about their health or eating habits."

Nursing student Austin Johnson admitted standing at a food line serving sandwiches does not look like traditional nursing, but said he understands the theory behind performing these kinds of activities in the community.

"I like seeing the positivity that all these people get to experience even from the short time we're here," Johnson said.

He said helping others is important to him also; Johnson worked as a machinist for four years before switching to what will be a nursing career.

"I knew I needed to do something different, something that wove social skills into my passion for science. This is a good taste of what community nursing is," he said.

For Gracias, community nursing centers around recognizing and empowering the dignity in people. She said serving soup, sandwiches and pie to the residents who attended the pre-Thanksgiving meal was important. "These are people who don't get to go to a restaurant, so nobody says to them,



Sara Harman talks with residents during a Thanksgiving week luncheon.

‘I’m happy to serve you.’ You’re doing a lot more than handing out a turkey sandwich,” she said.

That was the reasoning behind arranging the table full of pantry items like canned peas, stuffing mix and peanut butter as a raffle rather than a give-away. “It’s a game then and not a handout,” Gracias said. The items were collected and donated by Delta Zeta, one of Grand Valley’s sororities.

During a debriefing session with students after their Thanksgiving week visit, Gracias reminded students of a hallmark of community nursing.

“When you work in community nursing, you need to be comfortable with uncertainty. It’s not like working in a hospital. Community nursing is about building relationships and making people feel welcome,” she said.

At center, Meridell Gracias, affiliate faculty of nursing, hands cups of juice to Adams Park residents.



Grant establishes onsite primary care

Through a \$493,690 grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, teams of Grand Valley faculty, staff and students are providing onsite care to older adults and senior citizens who are served by GRHC and the Dwelling Place, a nonprofit organization in Grand Rapids.

The project began in January at Mount Mercy Apartments and Reflections, a senior housing community managed by Dwelling Place in southeast Grand Rapids. The GVSU Family Health Center, a nurse-managed center operated by KCON, is the collaborating partner and deploys primary care teams.

McCurren said interdisciplinary teams are providing care to patients with a focus on improving mental, physical and functional health, which will help decrease emergency room and hospital visits, delay nursing home placements and support aging in place.

The grant from the Health Fund was among \$14 million in awards to Michigan organizations. Della Hughes Carter, assistant professor of nursing, is overseeing the grant and said anticipated outcomes include decreased number of falls, improved medication tracking, and reduced financial costs.



Brittany Hunter, '08,
applies her classics
background to her
job as a Software
Designer/Delivery
Lead at Atomic Object
in Grand Rapids.
(Elizabeth Lienau)



CLASSICS TO CAREER



Alumni reflect on applications of studying classical texts in their current professions

STORY BY MATTHEW MAKOWSKI

A COMMON MISCONCEPTION about collegiate Classics programs is that the study of “dead languages” is a “dead end” in terms of career paths for students.

Melissa Morison, associate professor of Classics and department chair, said Grand Valley alumni are proving that is a myth by using the transferable skills they acquired through the degree program to earn success in their professions.

“The study of ancient Greek and Latin helps all students develop self-discipline, an ability to unlock difficult problems through the application of a combination of rigorous logic and creativity, an unflinching refusal to quit when things get tough, and other useful habits of mind,” said Morison.

Classics alumni also find themselves prepared to face the challenges in the world today because Morison said they are the same as those faced by ancient societies.

“What constitutes good government? What is justice? What is the best way to manage diversity and difference? Through close study of such questions and the ways ancient people rose to meet these challenges, Classics students are thinking deeply about real-world problems and are then equipped to work with others in a variety of industries to think collaboratively about real solutions,” said Morison.

Morison said a common trend is for students to double major, pairing the skills and knowledge obtained in Classics with another field of study that can lead to careers in law, communication, art, economics, medicine, library science, information technology, and more.

Here are five Classics alumni whose careers have been influenced by experiences analyzing and studying classical texts.

Jaclyn Panter, '08

Space Planner (Fresh Department), Meijer Inc., Grand Rapids

Favorite classical structure: Pantheon in Rome

“What do you want to be when you grow up?”

This common question posed to young children typically leads to answers including professions like doctor, firefighter, singer or Lego master builder. But for Jaclyn Panter, the answer was always “archaeologist.”

Panter’s interest in archaeology extended throughout her childhood and into her time at Grand Valley.

“I had a particular interest in ancient Rome and Greece coming into Grand Valley, so when I saw an ancient civilization course offered as part of my Honors course track, I was immediately hooked,” she said. “I promptly changed my major and immersed myself in the Classics Department.”

Panter said faculty and staff in the Classics Department encouraged her to customize her educational experience based on her interests. This led to Panter tailoring her emphasis to include archeology and architectural history and museum studies.

All of these focus areas taught her concepts she applies to her current job as a space planner for Meijer. Panter is responsible for designing how and where deli, bakery, meat and seafood products will be placed on their respective fixtures in stores.

“I bring to my daily work an understanding of how people move through space and experience a constructed environment,” said Panter. “I also apply my experience by translating basic architectural rules to merchandising, like the utilization of symmetry as a simple way to help unfamiliar customers understand a new space.”





(Elizabeth Lienau)

Brittany Hunter, '08

Software Designer/Delivery Lead, Atomic Object, Grand Rapids

Favorite classical text: Anything from the Stoic philosophers, such as Marcus Aurelius (Greek) or Seneca (Latin)

In her role as a software designer and delivery lead at Atomic Object, Brittany Hunter leads a team of software designers and engineers as they build custom software products for a variety of clients. She also works with potential customers to understand the scope of what they want to build.

Hunter said most of the skills needed for her role were learned and amplified as a Classics major.

"Studying classical languages was a never-ending exercise in methodically parsing through a problem, holding multiple possible solutions in my head based on the possibilities and constraints posed by the grammar and syntax, and honing in on the meaning as I solved each word,

all while evaluating which information is important to solving the challenge at hand," Hunter explained.

Hunter uses these skills daily when managing budgets, working with new customers from unfamiliar sectors, negotiating contracts and reading through complex legal documents to assess risks and opportunities.

Most importantly, Hunter said her time studying Classics taught her that in business and all other aspects of life, everyone walks through each day carrying hopes, fears, motivations and experiences.

"Studying ancient drama, philosophy, poetry and stories in the Classics program shaped my understanding of the human experience and enhanced my ability to empathize with those around me," she said, adding she has become an effective team leader because of her ability to build strong relationships.

Amanda Sinning, '07, '14

Provider Life Cycle Associate, Priority Health, Grand Rapids

Favorite classical text: *The Aeneid*

Amanda Sinning's team at Priority Health manages data entry for the company's provider network, namely making additions and changes for health care providers like enrolling new providers, linking them to provider groups and updating their practice locations.

Sinning said her Classics background helps her manage the needs of the 30 requests from providers she processes daily. She said learning how to be organized has been the most applicable lesson she learned throughout her degree program.

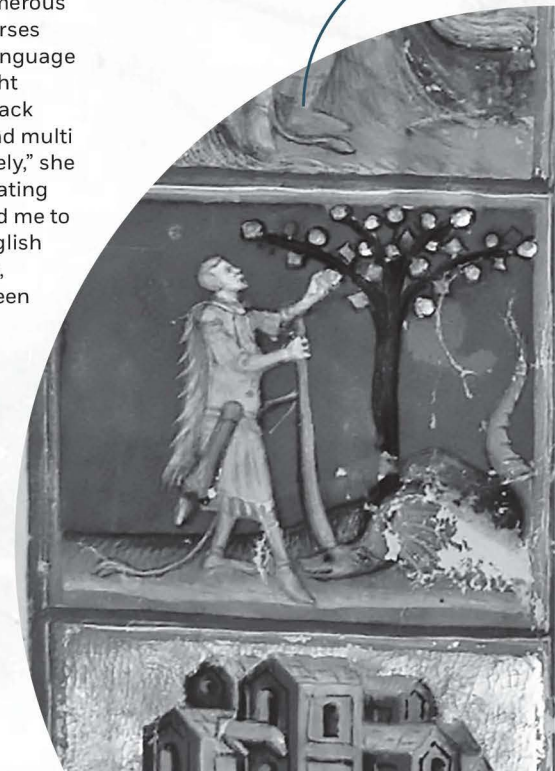
"Organization is king in my role, and juggling numerous Classics courses and a new language quickly taught me how to track deadlines and multi task effectively," she said. "Translating Latin allowed me to hone my English writing skills, which has been

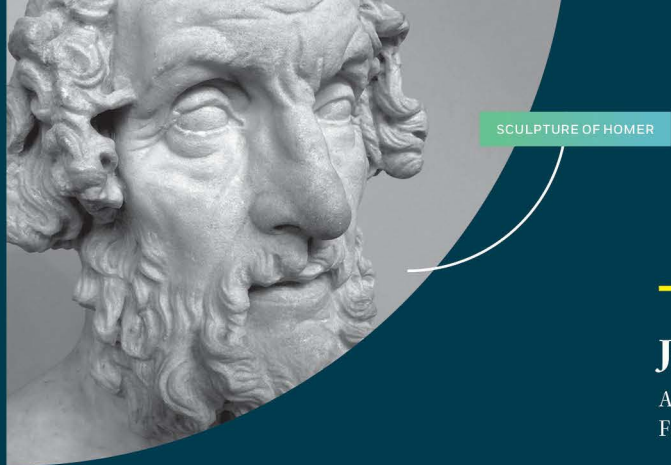
a great help with drafting e-mails and training presentations for our team."

Sinning said she appreciates her background in the well-rounded discipline of Classics because the field covers a bit of everything, from literature, foreign languages and history to law, ethics and art.

"Classics majors build a unique skill set that stands out to employers and fits into any position," said Sinning. "They're prepared for just about anything that the workplace can throw at them because they're used to dealing with multiple, complex units of information at the same time."

FROM THE AENEID





SCULPTURE OF HOMER

Chani Jones, '15

Collections Manager,
Martin Museum of Art
at Baylor University

Favorite classical text:
Homer's Odyssey



Chani Jones is responsible for preserving the art collection and overseeing the management of collection records at the Martin Museum of Art at Baylor University. As part of a small staff, she also wears other hats, including exhibition planning.

When developing exhibitions, Jones' team strives to create interesting and accessible showcases that reach a diverse audience ranging from advanced art history students to K-12 groups and the general public.

To successfully achieve that goal, Jones applies skills she acquired while studying Classics, including enhanced problem-solving, analyzing information in unique ways and effective communication.

"All those skills enable me to take research, whether my own or a colleague's, and pare it down into a narrative of short, digestible and accessible parcels of information for public consumption," said Jones. "They allow me to find those points of common human experience and present information in such a way that our museum visitors are able not only to comprehend it, but also to find a personal connection to it."

Jones said without the opportunities she was provided at Grand Valley, including a study abroad experience in Rome, she would not be on the career path she's on today.

"I was able to attend the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies and study ancient and Renaissance art and architecture first-hand, as well as visit internationally recognized museums — an experience that has been invaluable in my field," she said.

Jones also credits her current career success to her time working as an undergraduate collections management assistant for Grand Valley's Art Gallery team, which provided her with opportunities to learn museum practices.

James Kennedy, '09

Assistant Attorney General for the State of Michigan
Favorite classical text: *The Consolation of Philosophy* by Boethius

It's no small feat to legally represent the Michigan Bureau of State Lottery, Michigan Liquor Control Commission, and the Michigan Gaming Control Board, which is why James Kennedy is thankful to have a background in Classics.

"While I am not required to translate Greek or Latin texts, my job is heavily dependent on my ability to use language persuasively and to research issues of importance to my clients," said Kennedy, assistant attorney general for the State of Michigan.

After graduating from Grand Valley in 2009, Kennedy took a year off to prepare for the LSAT. He graduated with a law degree from the University of Notre Dame in 2013 and then began working as a clerk for an Indiana

Circuit Court judge. Following his clerkship, Kennedy worked for a small firm in Indiana, before moving back to Michigan to work on school policy in 2015. Later that year, he took a position with the Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division of the Attorney General's office and has been there for more than three years.

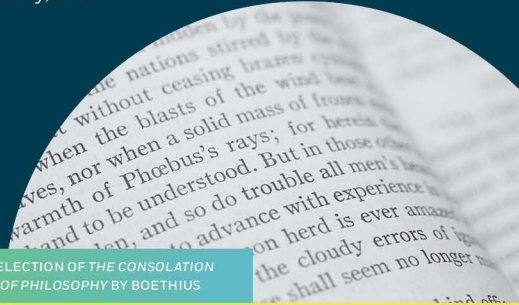
Kennedy said there is a good reason why many students choose to earn a Classics degree.

"It is a universal education. It is a shame that people see Classics as a pathway that only leads to academia," said Kennedy. "The Classics are an education in humanity, and

I think we have lost a great deal of perspective by abandoning them to become an exclusive preserve of the ivory tower. The perspective of antiquity is an antidote to narrow historical thinking."

Kennedy said that learning more than one language through translating classical texts at Grand Valley set him up for success.

"The Classics opened a whole world of thought and reading, which is closed to those who can only read English," he said. "The ability to read Latin is the greatest benefit of my Classics degree, and one that I use on a regular basis."



SELECTION OF THE CONSOLATION
OF PHILOSOPHY BY BOETHIUS



Just Like **MAYBERRY**

STORY BY DOTTIE BARNES
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**ALUMNA SAVES
HOMETOWN
GROCERY
STORE!**

Listening to Laurie Finney Beard share memories of days gone by and describing what it was like to grow up in the small town of Virginia, Illinois, in the 1950s and '60s was something right out of "The Andy Griffith Show."

That television series, which aired in black-and-white from 1960-68, was set in Mayberry, a fictional town where life was simple and the cast of characters was close-knit and looked after each other.



SPECIAL

Beard said Virginia, a farming community about 30 miles west of Springfield with nearly 1,600 residents, was, and still is, very much like Mayberry.

"My dad was the town pharmacist and owned Finney Drug Store on the town square. It had a soda fountain, so it was the popular spot where everyone gathered," Beard recalled. "It was active and lively and everybody knew each other."

Decades later, Beard's idyllic memories would lead her to take a bold step to save her hometown grocery store.

Just a small town girl

After graduating from Virginia High School in 1969, Beard earned a bachelor's degree in economics and finance from Millikin University in Decatur. She got married and moved to Chicago for a few years and worked as a bank examiner. Her family moved to Grand Rapids in 1976 and in 1981 she earned an MBA from Grand Valley.

Beard had a long, successful career in banking and remains tied to Grand Valley by serving on several boards. She was an investment broker for Paine Webber and A.G. Edwards & Sons before helping to start a new bank in Grand Rapids in 1991 — Founders Bank & Trust. She became president and CEO of Founders in 2001.

She retired from banking in 2016 as region president for Old National Bank in Grand Rapids, which had acquired Founders. She continues to serve on the Grand Valley University Foundation Board and the Seidman College of Business Dean's Advisory Board.

Beard was named Alumnus of the Year in 2002 by the Seidman College of Business, and Distinguished Alumni of the Year by Grand Valley's Alumni Association in 2013.

While Beard is grounded in Grand Rapids, much of her heart lies in her hometown. When her dad died in 2006 and her stepmother planned to move to Florida in 2012, she bought her childhood home.

"That home was built in 1885 and has been in my family since 1949. All my childhood memories were wrapped up in that house. It was like a part of me. So, I bought it," she said.

Beard would travel back to Virginia every few months to visit friends and check on the house. She still subscribes to the local newspaper, which is how she learned the only grocery store left in town was in jeopardy of closing.

"I was waiting for someone to step up and save it," she said. "I was beyond words thinking about what would happen to my hometown if it lost the grocery store. I love my home town and I love the people."

Beard also said she was intrigued by the opportunity. "I felt drawn to the challenge of it at this point in my life," she explained. "Like there's something I'm not quite done with."



"My dad would say, 'Your name is on the front door, so a customer's first impression has to be first class.'"

Laurie Finney Beard

Father's footsteps

The grocery store, McCausland Food Market, opened in 1961. It was a fixture on the town square, along with the county courthouse, the bank, the gas station and the drugstore.

The owner of McCausland died in December 2017 and Stephanie Hobrock, the store's longtime manager and Beard's high school friend, was doing all she could to keep the doors open.

"I pinched pennies, reduced the amount ordered, reduced employee force and spent some of my own money to keep the store afloat," said Hobrock, a retired teacher of 42 years. "Laurie's offer was like manna from heaven."

Beard purchased the 6,000-square-foot store in March 2018 based on "huge amounts of nostalgia" but was well aware of the challenges ahead.

"I knew it didn't make economic sense, but that wasn't the leading factor for me at that moment," Beard explained. "I knew what I was getting into, I grew up in retail. I had the store inspected and I did my homework."

She also thought back to her very first job at her family's drugstore — scrubbing the front door.

"I'm obsessed with a first impression," she explained. "My dad would say, 'Your name is on the front door, so a customer's first impression has to be first class.' The front door to McCausland Food Market is cleaned every day."



Laurie Finney Beard, '81, purchased McCausland Food Market in an effort to save her hometown grocery store located in Virginia, Illinois.

Bucking the trend

Beard has done a lot more than scrub the front door. McCausland Food Market has a new roof, all new lighting, an upgraded electrical system and several new coolers.

She even switched wholesalers to find ways to lure new customers from the local Walmart 13 miles away.

"The wholesaler is helping us with ideas on what's working and what's not working for small hometown grocery stores," she said. "We have lowered prices on many items and they are helping us reset the store with some new products."

Every few months, Beard spends time at the store greeting customers, stocking shelves, working the cash register and bagging groceries.

The tradition of delivering groceries upon request and carrying bags to customers' cars will continue. Beard plans to put a few tables near the front of the store to encourage people to stay and eat and socialize. The tables will likely be near the single chair that has been by the front door for years.

"We have a longtime customer who runs the antique shop on the square," Beard explained. "He comes in for the paper every day. We keep a chair by the front door for him. He will shop for a while and then will need to take a break. He loves to 'people watch'

for a bit and then will finish his shopping."

McCausland currently has 12 part-time employees and is open seven days a week.

Beard said while she understands the draw to "one-stop big box stores," a grocery store can be the lifeblood for a small town.

"I'm bucking the trend. If we can get new people in to see the changes, upgrades and competitive prices, they will likely become loyal customers," she said. "I know I've benefited from my work experience and what I learned in my master's classes at Grand Valley. I'm determined to give this little grocery store my best effort."

Beard learned about challenges and unending hope from her many years watching baseball at Wrigley Field.

"I'm a die-hard Cubs fan. I'm optimistic," she said.

LAKER EFFECT

- Earned an MBA in 1981
- Currently serves on Grand Valley University Foundation Board
- Currently serves on Seidman College of Business Dean's Advisory Board
- Previously served on GVSU Vice Provost for Health Advisory Board
- December 2014 Commencement speaker
- Awarded an honorary Doctorate of Business in 2014
- 2013 Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni of the Year
- 2002 Seidman College of Business Alumnus of the Year

Thank You



CAMPUS NEWS

West Michigan media members surround incoming President Philomena Mantella after the announcement of her appointment January 22.

(Amanda Pitts)

Trustees appoint university's fifth president, first woman

Grand Valley's Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Philomena V. Mantella as the university's fifth president. Trustees voted unanimously to appoint her to the presidency at a special board meeting held in the Kirkhof Center January 22.

Mantella is currently the senior vice president and chief executive officer of the Lifelong Learning Network at Northeastern University, a private research university in Boston. She has a doctorate in college and university administration from Michigan State University and master's and bachelor's degrees in social work from Syracuse University.

Former Board Chair John Kennedy chaired the search advisory committee for the replacement of retiring President Thomas J. Haas. Kennedy said the trustees recognized the importance of the search process in fulfilling their responsibility in selecting Mantella, who begins her tenure on July 1.

"We had a strong pool of candidates we considered, and we want to thank and congratulate the members of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee for their dedication and judgment," Kennedy said. "Many university community members shared their hopes for a new leader, and we are confident that Philomena Mantella will be an outstanding president."

Board Chair Mary Kramer said: "This was a unanimous vote because the trustees saw a finalist with experience in key areas,

"Grand Valley is well positioned to extend its prominence, access and impact throughout the state and beyond.

I am honored and thrilled to serve as president during this exciting next chapter in Grand Valley's journey."

PHILOMENA V. MANTELLA

from enrollment management and student life to an entrepreneurial approach to building lifelong learning opportunities. Dr. Mantella has the right combination of experience in higher education and will shape a strategic vision to lead Grand Valley in the years ahead."

The 18-member advisory committee was made up of trustees, faculty, staff members, an alumnus and representatives from the student body and community. In addition to Kennedy, the board was represented by trustees Kramer, Megan Sall and Kate Pew Wolters.



(Bernadine Carey-Tucker)

The trustees recognize Mantella's strengths and experience in strategic planning, global market expansion and in the evolving ways successful institutions are delivering education. Mantella said she recognizes Grand Valley's current success and promising future.

"I am impressed and energized by the strength of Grand Valley," Mantella said. "I'm also inspired by the opportunities it has in today's educational and economic landscape. Michigan and our nation need breakout universities like Grand Valley that carry the promise of a degree and a path to prosperity for learners from all backgrounds.

"West Michigan is a dynamic region, and Grand Valley is well positioned to extend its prominence, access and impact throughout the state and beyond. I am honored and thrilled to serve as president during this exciting next chapter in Grand Valley's journey."

Haas said trustees made a wise choice. "Her background is impressive, and her passion for education and her warmth as a person are obvious. I look forward to working with her and others to ensure a smooth transition to her leadership," he said.



Mantella and President Thomas J. Haas smile for a selfie (Valerie Wojciechowski); Robert H. Avery, Mantella's husband, is pictured. (Amanda Pitts)

RECOGNITIONS

Seidman College named among best to earn MBA

Grand Valley's Seidman College of Business has been named as one of the top business schools in the nation for 2019 by Princeton Review. Grand Valley was recognized as one of the best universities to earn a Master of Business Administration (MBA).

Selection was narrowed to the top 252 business schools, based on academics and student responses to questions about campus life and career plans. Princeton Review analyzed data from 23,000 survey responses from MBA students across the country.

University earns gold status from veterans group

Grand Valley has been recognized for the fourth year in a row as a "Gold Level" veteran-friendly institution by the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency.

The MVAA's veteran-friendly school program recognizes academic institutions of higher learning that are committed to supporting the needs of student veterans and dependents. Three levels, including gold, silver and bronze, are awarded by the organization.



Grand Valley breaks ground on DeVos Center for Interprofessional Health

More than 300 people attended a groundbreaking ceremony October 23 for the Daniel and Pamella DeVos Center for Interprofessional Health on Grand Valley's expanding Health Campus in downtown Grand Rapids.

The new center, under construction at 333 Michigan St. on the Medical Mile, will be the third and flagship building on the Health Campus, joining the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences and Raleigh J. Finkelstein Hall. Construction is expected to be completed in May 2021.

President Thomas J. Haas thanked donors and elected officials for their "continuing transformative support" of Grand Valley and its students. Haas said the naming of the building for Dan and Pamella DeVos reflects the genuine care and concern they have for the community and its future.

"We will generate a great return on your investment by continuing to provide top talent for our region and our state," Haas said. "I'm often told by employers across the

state that our health sciences graduates are exceptional caregivers."

The DeVos Center for Interprofessional Health will include 15 classrooms and 14 interactive laboratories, and help accommodate expanding programs in growing fields at both the undergraduate and graduate level. The Kirkhof College of Nursing will be housed in the center, bringing faculty and students together in collaborative spaces to accommodate interactive learning.

The new five-story, 160,000-square-foot center will allow Grand Valley to significantly expand and update its simulation center and space available for collaborative work. Dan DeVos said the groundbreaking ceremony was also a

University, state and community leaders break ground for the Dan and Pamella DeVos Center for Interprofessional Health. Expected to open in 2021, the center will be the third and flagship building on the Health Campus. (Amanda Pitts)

celebration of his late parents, Rich and Helen DeVos, who had an early vision for the Medical Mile and matched the generosity of their son and daughter-in-law as leadership donors for the building.

"I've heard my dad and others say, 'What would West Michigan be like without Grand Valley?' It is hard to imagine," DeVos said. "Grand Valley faculty, staff members and students will give the building life and students will use it to change lives."

The State of Michigan is providing \$29 million for the \$70 million project; the remaining funds will come from private donors and university bonds. For more information, visit gvsu.edu/giving/interprofessionalhealth.



Digital library, traveling exhibit of Alten works launches

Grand Valley's Art Gallery has launched a new online digital library that provides a comprehensive database of the life and works of late artist Mathias J. Alten. The university currently owns the largest single public collection of Alten's work.

The Mathias J. Alten Online Digital Library allows users to seamlessly browse through Alten's life and work on computers and mobile devices. Nathan Kemler, assistant director of Galleries and Collections, said this system answers the question of how to best engage Grand Valley students and the global community in Alten's legacy in a modern technological age.

"The digital library provides our students and faculty with an ever-growing and changing wealth of both primary and secondary visual research materials to support academic learning," said Kemler. "This collection of paintings, archival materials, scholarship, timeline entries and oral histories is presented fully integrated together thus encouraging learning connections across both time and space."

The digital library, which can be accessed via the Art Gallery's website, gvsu.edu/artgallery, includes eight new paintings recently added to Grand Valley's Alten collection. Seven paintings, including six rare depictions of the Lake Michigan shoreline, were gifted by Anita Gilleo, one of Alten's granddaughters.

Alten's legacy will spread beyond Grand Valley when the "Mathias J. Alten: An American Artist at the Turn of the Century" exhibit travels to museums and galleries around Michigan in 2021 during the 150th anniversary of Alten's birth. Art Gallery staff members are currently developing the traveling exhibit, which will include more than 40 works of art and other objects that provide context for Alten's artistic legacy, such as pictures, personal items, oral histories and letters.

Visitors at the Gordon Gallery, on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus, admire one of the more than 150 works of art by Mathias Alten in Grand Valley's collection.
(Kyle Bultman)

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REPLENISH OPENS FOOD RESOURCE ON HEALTH CAMPUS 1

Replenish, the university's food pantry and food resource for students located in the Kirkhof Center on the Allendale Campus, has expanded to Grand Rapids.

A second location has opened in the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, room 353, on the Health Campus.

Sharalle Arnold, associate director of the Gayle R. Davis Center for Women and Gender Equity, said food insecurity among college students is a nationwide problem. More than 1,000 Grand Valley students have received assistance from the pantry since it was established in 2009.

The expansion is a partnership among the Center for Women and Gender Equity, Office of the Vice Provost for Health, and the Student Nurses Association.

UNIVERSITY EARNS LARGEST GRANT FROM CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM 2

Grand Valley will upgrade campus security and enhance its bystander intervention program with grant money from the state of Michigan.

Grand Valley received \$248,000 from the Campus Sexual Assault Grant Program; of the 22 colleges and universities that earned a total of \$1 million in funding in 2018, GVSU's award was the largest.

Most of the funding will be used to update and enhance the university's current security camera system over two years, according to Grand Valley Police Capt. Kourosh Khatir.

Krystal Diel, campus victim advocate, said grant money will also allow expansion of prevention efforts, like the bystander intervention program facilitated by peer educators.

The grant program was established in 2015 by former first lady Sue Snyder.

THE CONNECTION NAMED FOR VICE PRESIDENT 3

The Board of Trustees on November 2 approved the naming of the Connection on the Allendale Campus as the Lynn M. Blue Connection, in honor of Lynn "Chick" Blue, vice president for Enrollment Development.

Blue is the longest-serving employee at Grand Valley, achieving the 50-year mark in September. She was instrumental in designing the Connection, a 24,000-square-foot-building opened in 2010 on the south end of campus that includes dining, classrooms and study areas.

President Thomas J. Haas said throughout her career, Blue has made it her mission to advocate for students. "The Lynn M. Blue Connection is a place where students come together both academically and socially, which is a perfect fit given Chick's longtime dedication to student success and focus on their overall well-being," Haas said.

In January, Disability Support Resources moved to occupy the second floor of the building.

Blue established the Blue Working Family Endowed Scholarship to assist students who have graduated from Michigan high schools, yet are unable to attend college because of economic reasons.



Where did they land?

Report details post-graduate destinations

More than 60 percent of Grand Valley alumni who participated in the Career Center's 2016-2017 First Destination Survey reported having a job offer before graduating. Another 30 percent reported accepting an offer less than three months after graduating.

For decades, the Career Center has reported alumni post-graduate destination plans through its annual First Destination Report. A survey is sent to graduates several weeks after December and April commencement ceremonies.

Susan Proctor, employer development manager at the Career Center, said survey results allow the university to evaluate its career-related services, capture the types of experiential education students engage in while attending Grand Valley, and share the success they find after graduating.

"We are not only proud of the high destination rate of our graduates, but we are also extremely proud of the high level of students participating in experiential learning, which is a key component to student retention and success," said Proctor.

Of the nearly 3,000 alumni who took the last survey, 67 percent reported remaining in West Michigan and 11 percent went on to continue their education.

Read on page 8 how alumni from Grand Valley's Classics program have found career success after graduation.



Jordan Harps, '17, landed a job with the Madison Square Garden Company in Manhattan after attending a sports marketing networking event while still a student. She now works for the Cleveland Cavaliers. (courtesy photo)

GRAND VALLEY MOURNS DEATH OF ONE OF ITS FOUNDERS



Grand Valley mourned the death of Richard Kaufman, one of the university's founders and longtime supporter, who died November 27 at age 91.

Richard (Dick) and his wife, Sylvia, wanted to promote a vibrant and diverse community for all generations, and promote interfaith understanding and acceptance. With their support, the Kaufman Interfaith Institute was created at Grand Valley in 2007, following two decades of work by the Kaufmans developing interfaith programs in Muskegon and around the world.

In November, university leaders announced an additional major gift from the couple to endow the Sylvia and Richard Kaufman Interfaith Directorship in perpetuity.

"Dick's legacy will live on in the work being done at the Kaufman Institute," said Douglas Kindschi, director of the Kaufman Institute. "The vision of Dick and Sylvia motivates us each day to pursue dialogue and service, and we will continue to work toward understanding and acceptance for all."

Education was also important to Dick, who grew up in Detroit and graduated from Yale and Harvard Business School. Later, he earned a master's degree in divinity from the University of Chicago, and, at the time of his death, was on the verge of earning a doctoral

Richard Kaufman, one of Grand Valley's founders and longtime supporter, died in November at age 91. The Kaufman Interfaith Institute was created in 2007 and, in November, university leaders announced a gift from the couple to endow the Sylvia and Richard Kaufman Interfaith Directorship. (courtesy photo)

degree from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

"Dick was a great friend to Grand Valley from the very beginning, working with Bill Seidman to help launch our university," said President Thomas J. Haas. "As a lifelong learner and champion of inclusion and equity, he became a role model for our students and our community. He will be deeply missed."

He was chair of Amstore Corporation, the business his family helped establish. Amstore is a 100-year old West Michigan supplier of store equipment to leading American retailers.

An international philanthropist, Dick served in leadership positions on the board for the Shalom Hartman Institute in Israel, and was active in the national Interfaith Youth Core. The Kaufman Foundation actively supports education, museums, the arts, Jewish agencies, and interfaith efforts around the world.

For more information about the Kaufman Institute, visit gvsu.edu/interfaith.

Q&A

Kevin Patterson, '04 and '05

STORY BY NATE HOEKSTRA / PHOTO BY MITCH RANGER

When Grand Valley alumnus Kevin Patterson earned the position of partner at BDO USA, a global accounting firm, he was the youngest person in the company and the first person of Asian descent to do so on the auditing side in Grand Rapids.

This was part of a plan Patterson worked hard to achieve. He said his drive to succeed pushes him to be involved in the Grand Rapids community and set a positive example for his 1-year-old daughter, Ella.

After earning a CPA license, Patterson worked for Crowe Horwath and moved to BDO four years ago. Patterson spoke at Grand Valley's convocation ceremony in August, and described his connection to the Seidman College of Business, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees. He talked about his success and the important roles Grand Valley graduates have at BDO USA.

Why do you think you were successful in making partner at such a young age?

Well it's a lot of work and I enjoy being a team player. Being successful in accounting and auditing means lots of attention to detail and making sure you are paying attention to the needs of your clients. I also get to provide a diverse viewpoint to the team here. It has been my experience there's not a lot of diversity in West Michigan, especially at the higher ranks. But at BDO I felt that my opinion was valued, and that means bringing a different perspective because I'm adopted from South Korea.

Does being adopted factor into your drive to succeed?

I grew up in Ravenna, which is a small farm community, and it's predominantly white. My parents tried to conceive a child for several years and adopted me when I was 5. It was a real blessing to be adopted, and I have really appreciated West Michigan throughout my life.

People here value positive contributions to the community.

In Ravenna, I was very involved and had good friendships. Now that I'm in Grand Rapids and making a name for myself in the business community, I look back on my upbringing and I think part of the reason I have been successful is because of my experiences growing up where hard work and strong character are rewarded. I think hard work is recognized no matter what group you're associated with.

You enjoy giving back to Grand Valley as a mentor.

Seidman faculty members often like a real-world partner to come in to talk to students, so I visit accounting and auditing classes and talk about what my day-to-day experiences are like. I always bring another alum who works at BDO with me to give them a chance to get back on campus and help give students that experience.

Many staff members at BDO are Grand Valley graduates, right?

Out of our 200 or so employees, about half have some sort of a tie to Grand Valley. I'm one of the recruiters and I conduct on-campus interviews. Last year we had 30 interns, and about half were from Grand Valley.

Once people are hired into the company, we use a software program called Yammer that's like social media at work, and there's a whole page for Grand Valley alumni. We also have social events where we can get to know other alums. We've met with accounting professors and really feel the love of the university. Grand Valley is our best feeder school in West Michigan, and to have it at the top of all the colleges in the area is a really great thing.





Why is community involvement important to you?

I am involved in Junior Achievement as well as the Ronald McDonald House, and I serve on several other committees for different groups. Having our daughter, Ella, has changed my perspective on service.

Being involved in the community is laying the groundwork for what Ella is going to see and do. I get to help with financial literacy programs for organizations like Junior Achievement. It motivates me to fill those gaps for students who don't have all of the resources that others may have. I really see the impact now that I'm a father and I'm looking at it a little closer.

What drives you to be a role model?

I really strive to follow the path of strong servant leaders. I want to be a servant leader both at BDO and in the community, and a lot of that involves focusing on being relentlessly positive and always trying to improve things where you are. And things don't have to be bad to be improved. Grand Valley is a great example of that. President Haas has been an amazing servant leader for the university. People I talk to from the university seem to think everything is going pretty well, but I've heard him say he continues to work on making improvements every day.

I think that's what it means to leave places better than how you found them.

Watch how the garden pictured on the cover grew in a video posted online at gvsu.edu/gvmagazine.

Growing, growing, still going

'The farm' celebrates 10 years STORY BY LEAH TWILLEY

What started as a class project in 2008 has grown, quite literally, from a small community garden to a fully operational farm that hundreds of Grand Valley students have used as a learning-living laboratory.

The Sustainable Agriculture Project, or farm as it's often called, is celebrating its 10-year anniversary this year. The four-acre space south of the Allendale Campus on Luce Street includes two hoop houses and a greenhouse, and offers community-shared agriculture and community garden programs.

"This all began 10 years ago when a group of students and Kelly Parker (professor of philosophy) had a vision for a garden," said Anne Hiskes, dean of the Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies. "It has turned into a high-impact learning environment that demonstrates the university's dedication to sustainable education."

Students and classes from many disciplines use the space to learn about topics ranging from food systems and environmental science to biology and art, including Dulcee Boehm's studio art class.

Boehm, visiting faculty member of visual and media arts, introduced her students to the SAP by assigning them to organize an art exhibit that used SAP as its exhibition space.

Boehm, who graduated from Grand Valley in 2012, has seen the SAP grow first-hand. A native of Perry, she grew up participating in 4-H and wanted to spend more time outside, so she got involved as a volunteer in 2010.

"When I came to Grand Valley, that part of my life was cut off, but I realized it didn't have to be like that," she said. "I remember being really glad to be outside working with my hands, whether it was weeding or harvesting vegetables."

Last year, 24 interns from 12 disciplines plus countless volunteers spent 712 hours on the farm. Youssef Darwich, manager of SAP, said the farm also gives students opportunities to learn individually on their own time.

DEMONSTRATION GARDEN INSTALLED NEAR ARBORETUM

Campus community members celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the Sustainable Agriculture Project in October with a dedication ceremony for a new garden on the Allendale Campus. The Demonstration Garden is located next to Au Sable Hall.

During the ceremony, President Thomas J. Haas said the new garden is a great example of student input. "When we first started talking about a farming space at Grand Valley, we worked closely with students," he said. "It's important that we listen to students and understand what they want to experience at Grand Valley."

The 15-by-15-foot garden includes raised beds, which mimic the size of a typical, homemade garden. It's maintained by student volunteers and SAP interns.



"We want to demonstrate the power of experiential education and give students the opportunity to learn skills that will take them where they want to go in their future," he said.

That philosophy has earned the SAP national recognition. In October, it received the Innovative Project Award from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. The awards program honors AASCU member institutions for excellence and innovation in several major areas of campus life and leadership. Yumi Jakobcic, director of the Office of Sustainability Practices, and Darwich accepted the award at AASCU's Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

As the farm continues to grow, Darwich said its roots will remain the same. "Each year, we still maintain our community garden for students and community members," he said. "It's one of the ways that the farm pulls people together; they get excited to work productively toward a common goal."

Darwich said there are many ideas for the future of SAP.

"There are all sorts of ideas and opportunities for us to expand, but we are a community-driven initiative, so the direction is determined by everyone involved," he said.



Yumiko Jakobcic, director of the Office of Sustainability Practices, speaks at the October 2 dedication of the demonstration garden near Au Sable Hall. (Valerie Wojciechowski)



Ten years on the farm are pictured: constructing a hoop house, planting, harvesting and selling produce.



GVSU SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE PROJECT

At right, Alexa Miller stands next to a painting, 'Floating Bed,' in the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences and asks nursing, health professions and art students to discuss what they see.

More than a diagnosis

Health professions students adopt visual thinking strategies to be more mindful with patients STORY BY MATTHEW MAKOWSKI / PHOTO BY ELIZABETH LIENAU

Examining a painting and discussing with classmates what they see is a typical day in the life of students majoring in the visual arts. It was new territory, however, for students majoring in health professions who enrolled in a new course at Grand Valley, "Learning to See: Visual Training for the Health Professional."

Developed by Jill Eggers, associate professor of visual and media arts, the course teaches students majoring in health professions how to become better diagnosticians and more empathetic communicators through visual learning using art.

This is accomplished through various visual thinking strategies — activities designed to develop students' background knowledge on a subject through the use of critical thinking skills that focus on detail to enhance understanding.

Throughout the inaugural offering of the course during the fall 2018 semester, students participated in guided meditations, examining works of art, drawing exercises, art gallery tours and in-depth group discussions.

As a general education art course (ART 380 for students hoping to register), Eggers said students of any major, not just those majoring in nursing or health professions, can benefit from the lessons taught through visual thinking.

"Having students from different disciplines is a real asset to the course," said Eggers. "It creates a dynamic that's in play, not just by bringing art and medicine

together, but by the way people who are talking and practicing together in the studio communicate and think differently, while also learning from each other."

BUILDING BETTER DIAGNOSTICIANS

While conceptualizing the course, Eggers was directed to a similar visual thinking course offered at Harvard Medical School, "Training the Eye."

"There has been research done on these types of courses that show students who take them have decreased diagnostic errors later in their careers," said Eggers. "Misdiagnosis is a huge problem in the health care system, so this seemed like a lovely way to bring together the arts and medicine in a method that shows it's effective at teaching people to be better diagnosticians."

Cynthia McCurren, dean of the Kirkhof College of Nursing, said visual thinking is a critical skill for students entering the health professions because the strategies place a heavy emphasis on developing person-centered care.

"Confidence in and reliance on basic physical observations has been replaced by unnecessary and expensive tests, and a consequent

distancing between the patient and the health care provider," said McCurren. "Visual thinking techniques can improve observing, interpreting, analyzing, collaborating and the ability to slow down and notice details."

Visual thinking through studying art can also help students improve their communication skills, which McCurren said are necessary when providing diagnostic reasoning as well as improving team work.

"WHAT DO YOU SEE?"

Eggers consulted with Alexa Miller, who co-developed and has taught the Harvard Medical School course for 10 years, to bring the "Learning to See" course to Grand Valley.

Eggers received a teaching innovation grant from the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center once the course was established to bring Miller to campus in October for a community presentation and two workshops with students.

"Learning to See" students also engaged throughout the semester with other pieces of art in Grand Valley's permanent collection, which consists of more than 15,000 works.

Eggers stresses to her students that the exercises in examining art and articulating thoughts are just as much about practicing active listening as they are about verbalizing ideas.

"How do you listen to somebody rather than sit there looking at them thinking about what you're going to say? Students learn to talk about what they see in non-

judgmental ways, going beyond initial biases toward one kind of art or another to talk about their experiences," said Eggers.

Kristine Vander Velde, a senior majoring in studio arts, said the art analysis sessions helped open up her mind to new ways of processing ideas as an artist.

"I have had a few experiences where I initially tuned into certain parts of a piece of art, but couldn't figure out why, so I moved on to a more obvious place of interest," she said. "During the discussions with other students and listening to how they responded, the pieces of art made more sense to me."

Alexandra Troia, a senior majoring in allied health sciences, recalled really starting to connect the dots between the worlds of art and medicine while responding to artwork with her classmates during a class excursion to the Grand Rapids Art Museum during ArtPrize 2018.

"One of my key takeaways from this class is the importance of compassion and empathy toward patients," said Troia. "While there is so much emphasis for health care professionals to be essentially disconnected in order to avoid feeling difficult emotions, there is value in experiencing these emotions and I believe they improve patient care."

DRAWING PLASTINATES

When speaking with students and faculty members about possible activities for the course, Eggers repeatedly heard from pre-med students that they are expected to draw for anatomy and physiology courses.



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CYNTHIA MCCURREN,
DEAN OF KIRKHOFF
COLLEGE OF NURSING

Eggers said having basic drawing skills enables future health professionals to become more visual thinkers, but also adds another form of communication when working with patients.

Students used some of the more than 300 specimens housed in Grand Valley’s Plastination Lab (the only lab of its kind in Michigan) as subjects for their drawing assignments. Plastination is the process of infusing animal, human or plant tissues with a variety of plastic or silicone products to permanently preserve specimens for educational and instructional purposes.

Tim Strickler, professor of anatomy, is the director of the lab. He said he was happy to offer specimens to Eggers’ students because he believes in the power of seeing the big picture of an idea through drawings before attempting to understand individual concepts.

“I learned from several teaching mentors that simple drawings can often convey organizational details that students miss when they just study notes and tables,” said Strickler. “Drawings and pictures are easier to remember than endless lists of details.”

NAVIGATING UNCERTAINTY

A large portion of comprehending visual thinking strategies through

the course required students to “navigate uncertainty.”

“This means not coming to conclusions or judgments immediately, but learning to really observe and increase the depth and breadth of our awareness and observation,” said Eggers. “Much of medical training places emphasis on having answers, but the best clinicians tell us that we need to be comfortable with uncertainty in order to be effective diagnosticians.”

There was plenty of uncertainty throughout the semester because many of the students with more technical minds found challenges in their assignments since “Learning to See” is structured as an art course.

Troia said that her biggest challenge was adjusting to a different teaching style.

“As a science major, I am not accustomed to the subjective nature of the Visual and Media Arts Department,” said Troia. “I am a very Type-A, left-brained individual and I struggle with open-ended assignments, so this course really put me outside of my comfort zone and forced me to be creative.”

Eggers said the meditation portion of the course helped teach students how to relax and focus so they could process their assignments and future careers.

“The medical profession is crying for these skills because, while we’re wonderful in the U.S. at teaching the science and application of western medical care, bedside manner is something that we’re continually hearing is missing and degrading.”

Cooling the brain's blood flow

Researchers hope to increase activity for MS patients

STORY BY DOTTIE BARNES / PHOTO BY BERNADINE CAREY-TUCKER

From the moment he relocated from England to Allendale in 2008 to work in the Movement Science Department, Ross Sherman, associate professor of exercise science, has focused his research on environmental extremes, altered body temperature, and recovery strategies, so he is familiar with the benefits of various cooling techniques.

"Neck cooling in particular is one effective way to cool down athletes," Sherman said. "Cooling devices are used by athletes who are practicing on a hot day, or who play in warmer climates."

He added that these devices benefit race-car drivers and even those serving in the military.

Last year, a conversation with a friend got Sherman thinking about how neck cooling devices might also help people with multiple sclerosis. His friend was discouraged and shared how his mother couldn't do many activities in the summer because of the heat.

"One of the common phenomena of MS is that those with the condition are more sensitive to heat," Sherman explained. "They are more aware of a change in their core temperature and become easily fatigued."

About 80 percent of people with MS also have Uhthoff's syndrome, when changes in body temperature make a person's existing MS symptoms worse. Symptoms include muscle weakness, numbing sensations and changes in vision, balance and coordination.

"It is crucial for those with MS to exercise in order to help their muscles and to have a better quality of life. But, adequate exercise becomes extremely difficult or not even possible when their body heats up," he said.

No one has researched the use of readily available neck cooling devices on MS patients during exercise, Sherman said, studies have only been conducted before and after physical activity. "Using these devices before activity is beneficial, but the benefits don't last very long. Using them after exercise is too late to help prolong activity," he explained.

Sherman is now working with other Grand Valley faculty members to test the effects of a neck cooling device on MS patients while they perform various tasks. This collaborative study is, in part, made possible by a \$9,000 grant through Grand Valley's Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence.

Shaunna Kelder, assistant professor of occupational therapy, and Barbara Baker,



Ross Sherman, associate professor of exercise science, and Shaunna Kelder, assistant professor of occupational therapy, monitor the core body and skin temperature of an MS patient.

associate professor of physical therapy, conduct testing in the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences on the Health Campus in downtown Grand Rapids.

Danita Vander Kodde, a physician assistant in neurology at Spectrum Health Medical group, screens and assesses MS patients for the study.

Sherman found a reasonably priced neck cooling collar online that he believes

will be most effective. The design is lower in front and higher in the back, it is easy to freeze and stays cold for about 30 minutes, and most importantly, it is easy to fit and remove.

"The theory is that the device cools the blood in the carotid arteries, so →

Rifle club offers unique opportunities to students

STORY BY MICHELE COFFILL

Rifle Club members Joseph Lentine and Cassie Coulston-Gerigk (photo courtesy of GVSU Rifle Club)

just before the blood enters the brain it's getting direct cooling applied to it," he said.

Preliminary data showed MS patients are able to walk and perform a little better than they would without wearing the device. Sherman hopes that as more participants are recruited and complete the study, the data will show more consistent and greater benefits with neck cooling.

Testing is currently being performed in a normal temperature environment so the researchers expect results would be more profound in a heated room or in summer environmental conditions.

Sherman said there may be a secondary benefit when using the neck cooling device. People with MS can find it difficult to perform daily living activities, like cooking, cleaning, yard work, showering and even getting dressed when their core temperature rises.

"We don't want to miss the bigger picture," he said. "The psychological aspects may be more impactful. A person may not feel their fitness improve, but they'll know they are able to do tasks they've never done before or haven't been able to do in many years. If we can move that needle even a little, then it is a successful outcome."

When Joseph Lentine talks about the precision needed to be successful when shooting an air rifle, he's not kidding.

Lentine, a junior from Saline who is majoring in engineering, was 1/10th of a point away from a score of 580, which is getting close to a perfect air rifle score (600) during a match in Kentucky. The reason for missing by a 1/10th of a point? His shoulder twitched ever-so slightly.

Lentine is among 20 students who belong to the co-ed Rifle Club, one of 50 club sports available at Grand Valley. Club members practice at the Grand Rapids Rifle and Pistol Club in Wyoming.

Head coach Cameron Zwart, a 2007 Grand Valley graduate, said all students are welcomed regardless of experience.

"We have novice and more seasoned competitors, most students have minimal experience and joined because they wanted to do something different," he said.

Lentine did not have any experience with guns before arriving on campus as a first-year student. He noticed the club's banner during Campus Life Night, an event held at the start of the fall and winter semesters for student organizations to recruit new members.

"I thought it would be interesting, so I showed up for a few practices and really liked it," he said.

Grand Valley competes in the Western Intercollegiate Rifle Conference against teams from universities and colleges in Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, North Dakota, South Carolina and Georgia. Lentine said they travel to matches but also compete in what's known as postal matches, in which competitors shoot on their home ranges and exchange scores.

"Postal matches date back to the early 1900s," he said.

Guns, ammunition and equipment are provided by the club. Members compete with smallbore and precision air rifles. During competitions, smallbore rifles are shot 60 times total from three positions (prone, kneeling, standing), air rifles are shot 60 times from a standing position.



"This is a sport where it's all on you, no one is going to pass you the ball."

CAMERON ZWART

Like collegiate golf tournaments, Zwart and assistant coaches Gerry Cooke and Tim Schmeltzer will declare five members eligible for a match and take the scores of the top four shooters. Cooke established the club at Grand Valley in 1995 when he was a student, bringing the idea of a rifle club to Student Life with several other students who were interested in joining.

Lentine said he enjoys the pacing of shooting the air rifle. Competitors can

take up to 75 minutes to complete their shots, each of the 60 shots are worth 10 points and shooters are aiming for a target with holes arranged in a rectangular pattern.

"We were at Morehead (Kentucky) State, and I needed to get a nine on my last shot. I took my time to get my breathing and heart rate down, but my shoulder twitched slightly when I shot, so I got a 8.9, 1/10th of a point away from 580," he said.

Even at 579 points, Zwart said it was an air rifle school record.

"It takes practice. We can take a novice and get that person to the level of a highly competitive shooter," Zwart said. "This is a sport where it's all on you, no one is going to pass you the ball."

FOCAL POINT

Sentimental surroundings

President Thomas J. Haas shares meaning behind items in his office

STORY BY DOTTIE BARNES / PHOTOS BY AMANDA PITTS

Favorite family photos displayed of his wife, Marcia, their three children and six grandchildren, along with a yellow sports car, a gift from his granddaughters.



This oriental rug was in the office of Seaman A. Knapp when he was president of Iowa State University from 1883-84. Knapp is the great-great-grandfather of Marcia (Knapp) Haas.



An antique bunsen burner is pictured. Haas earned a master's degree in chemistry from the University of Michigan and a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Connecticut.



Haas created his own Challenge Coins, patterned after military medals, to honor select people.



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Visit gvsu.edu/gvmagazine for a video tour with President Thomas J. Haas and get details about these items, including why Haas and President Barack Obama are smiling so big in a photo together.



A plaque commemorates the hole-in-one Haas shot in 2017, with a 7-iron from 140 yards, while golfing with friends in Hertford, North Carolina.

In 2015, he received an honorary doctorate from Cracow University of Economics in Poland (part of the seal is pictured); his grandparents emigrated from Cracow to New York's Ellis Island in 1915 and settled on Staten Island where he grew up.



Tom and Marcia were able to meet President George H.W. Bush several times and received one of his famous handwritten notes thanking Haas for honoring him with the Coast Guard Academy's Hedrick Fellowship.



While in the Coast Guard, Haas served on two cutters on the Great Lakes. "When the board hired me to be president of Grand Valley, they hired a real Laker."



With a little help

Team of health care workers readies Andersen for Ironman World Championship

STORY BY MICHELE COFFILL

Barely four months after undergoing surgery to remove an advanced melanoma and with only nine weeks of training, Amy (Bross) Andersen finished the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii.

The high heat and humidity forced Andersen, associate director of communications for University Development, to stop at nearly every aid station during the marathon component of the famous triathlon. The water and ice kept her physically moving, and Andersen said the motivational words her longtime coach told her to remember during the race kept her mentally alert.

Three words — embrace, wise and reflect — to conquer each portion of the Ironman (a 2.4-mile ocean swim, a 112-mile bike ride through terrain that climbed 600 feet, and a 26.2-mile run) and to remember the past year's journey.

In addition to her coach, it took a team of area health and medical experts to make sure Andersen got to the Ironman finish line.

EMBRACE

In 2017, Andersen finished the Ironman in Louisville, Kentucky, in 10 hours and 21 minutes, second in her age group. That qualified her for the October 2018 world championships in Hawaii.

"I never planned on a Kona slot but after qualifying in Louisville, I didn't want to pass up the opportunity," she said. More than 80,000 athletes vie for slots at the Ironman World Championship and about 2,000 qualify.

In February, Andersen began training for the Ironman under the tutelage of Ben Hammer, a local athlete and Ironman veteran.

After months of winter preparation, miles on an indoor bike, treadmill and in the pool, debilitating pain in her back and hip forced Andersen to drop out of the spring races on her calendar. An MRI revealed several bulging back discs and a stress fracture in a rib. Andersen said those first signs of trouble were nothing compared to the phone call she received

from a doctor in June.

"I took the call at work and heard the words 'advanced stage melanoma and it has likely spread' and that 'Kona was unlikely.' I started sobbing," she said.

Andersen had noticed a mole on her abdomen turned darker but waited a few months until her annual appointment with a dermatologist to have it checked.

"I had to wait for the biopsy to come back, then received the call that it was in an advanced stage and they were handing me off to the University of Michigan Skin Cancer Center," she said. "A few days before my surgery, the surgeon called and said they had a team review my labs and the cancer cells were thought to be contained but I still needed surgery. It was an emotional whirlwind."

The surgeon was successful in removing the cancerous tissue on Andersen's abdomen and, after another agonizing wait, told her the cancer did not

reach her lymph nodes, chemotherapy was not needed and "Kona was back on the table," she said.

After three weeks of recovery (Andersen said her surgeon wanted six) she slowly began training with nine weeks to go before the Ironman in Kona.

The word "embrace" was meant to remind Andersen that she survived an emotional roller coaster and had made it to Hawaii despite these setbacks.

BE WISE

While prepping for the Ironman, Hammer told Andersen to be wise as she transitioned out of the water and onto her bicycle.

"The bike is my favorite part and one of my biggest strengths. I needed to ride smart — be wise — and not get wrapped up in the competition like I am often guilty of doing," she said.

She learned why energy conservation was important. The scenic route around the coast of Kailua-Kona and through its lava fields has a total ascent of 3,045 feet with one climb of 645 feet.

"It was definitely hot riding 112 miles through lava fields but because of the wind on the bike it wasn't as harsh as when I hit the run," she said.

REFLECT

Then the marathon began. The heat and humidity caused Andersen to lose fluids at a faster than normal rate. "It was near impossible for me to stay even remotely hydrated and functioning in those kind of conditions," she said.

Hammer told her to remember the word "reflect" during the run. "He said, 'You have made it through so many hurdles and obstacles this year. Reflect back on your journey when things got



"I may have qualified for Kona on my own, but I didn't make it to the finish line on my own."

AMY (BROSS) ANDERSEN

rough and remind yourself of who you are and how far you have come," she said.

Andersen finished the marathon and said it wasn't easy. Her husband, family, friends, including close friend, Tarra DaPrato, were there to encourage her from the roadside.

After learning of Andersen's melanoma, DaPrato, also a local triathlete, underwent a skin check and mole removal that was diagnosed as melanoma.

“Tarra and I are alike in countless ways, but dealing with melanoma is something neither of us expected we’d be facing together. I can’t begin to explain how much it meant to have her there,” said Andersen.

She completed the Ironman time in 12 hours, eight minutes and said a lot of that time was spent reflecting on the people who helped her get to Hawaii.

TEAMMATES

After surgery and injuries, Andersen relied on her health care team to help speed her recovery. Her team included Dr. Edwin Kornoelje, Metro Health Sports Medicine; Vince Scheffler, chiropractor at Chiropractic Unlimited who specializes in active release therapy; physical therapist Scott McKeel, a GVSU graduate who works for Generation Care; and Stephanie Oakes, an adjunct instructor in Grand Valley’s physical therapy program who specializes in functional dry needling to reduce muscle pain and increase movement.

“I may have qualified for Kona on my own, but I didn’t make it to the finish line on my own. I had these

roadblocks that often felt too massive to push through, but I also had a team of the best health care people in West Michigan who were flipping their schedules around and going above and beyond for me,” she said.

Andersen’s Ironman time in Kona was, of course, not a personal best but she said the conditions and shortened training time made it a

different type of personal best.

“My plan going into Kona was to choose gratitude,” she said. “There was a chance I would have to bow out of the race because of my medical condition. I’m so grateful to have had an enormous support system of the best people in my corner.”

Below: Tarra DaPrato with Andersen at the Ironman. Opposite Page: Andersen with coach Ben Hammer



From left are Scott McKeel, Stephanie Oakes, Vince Scheffler, Amy (Bross) Andersen and Dr. Edwin Kornoelje. (Bernadine Carey-Tucker)



ALUMNI NEWS

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Read about African Americans who were firsts at Grand Valley. Back row, from left, are James Moore, Curtis Jones, Cheryl Franks, Ron Gates and Danny Poole; front row, from left, are Julianne Vanden Wyngaard and Betty Burton Groce.

(Kyle Bultman)





At right is Kim McKenzie, '03, with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. McKenzie has worked with Ginsburg for 12 years. (Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States)

Assisting ‘Notorious R.B.G.’

Alumna enjoys career at high court

STORY BY SUSAN M.K. HOWARD, '10 AND '15

Kimberly McKenzie, '03, loves to travel, is an amateur wine connoisseur, and regularly volunteers at her 200-year-old church on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. She also attends movie screenings, events and public speaking engagements with the woman known as “Notorious R.B.G.,” Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

McKenzie, who grew up in Okemos, a Lansing suburb, is the senior judicial assistant to the longtime U.S. Supreme Court associate justice; she has worked on Ginsburg’s staff for 12 years. McKenzie’s first job at the Supreme Court was as a marshal’s aide.

“After graduating from Grand Valley, I moved to D.C. for an internship,” McKenzie said. “After completing the internship, a friend told me about an entry-level position in the Supreme Court where you run errands for the justices while court is in session. I went for it.”

McKenzie graduated with a bachelor’s degree in international relations and German in 2003. She was attracted to Grand Valley’s small class sizes and said she cherishes her experiences, especially participating in the university’s first delegation

to the Model Arab League, a National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations leadership development program.

Five months after becoming a marshal’s aide, McKenzie was asked if she wanted to join Ginsburg’s staff as aide to chambers, one of three administrative staff members for the Justice. She was told her personality would be a good fit for the team, and she accepted the position. Pleased with her performance, Ginsburg eventually asked McKenzie to be her judicial assistant and then her senior judicial assistant.

“At the Supreme Court, I work with a variety of people, many of whom attended Big Ten and Ivy League schools,” she said. “I’m proud to have attended Grand Valley and know I received a quality education. Plus, it’s just a great community of people.”

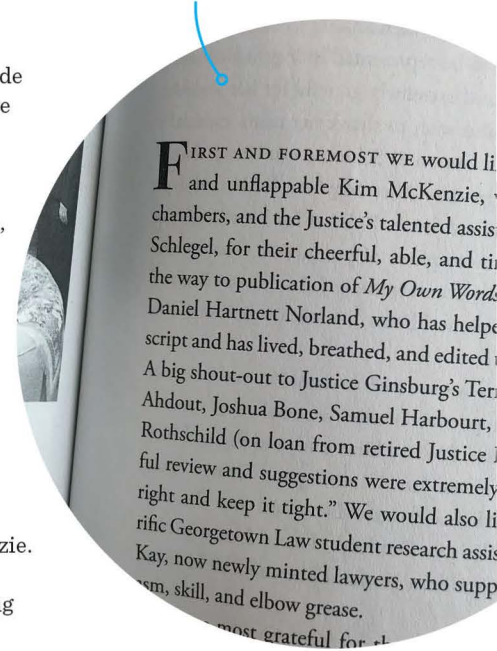
No two days are the same for McKenzie. Her job has her managing Ginsburg’s staff and the office workflow, prioritizing the Justice’s time, planning events and speaking engagements, helping with news releases, and serving as gatekeeper to the flood of calls and letters Ginsburg, who is considered a women’s rights icon, receives.

“My work in this role has been uniquely challenging as the Justice’s popularity has increased, but rewarding at the same time,” said McKenzie. “People are beginning to see how influential Justice Ginsburg’s career has been in advancing gender equality.”

While it would be impossible for Ginsburg to meet with everyone who requests time, McKenzie finds it fulfilling to facilitate connections that time allows.

“I know it means a lot to people to share their story with her, and they express themselves in lots of ways, from sending cards to photos of Halloween costumes to crocheted dolls,” she said. “And it means a lot to Justice Ginsburg, too. She thought the crocheted doll of herself was so neat that she gave it to her great-granddaughter and wrote a note of thanks to the young woman who made it.”

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg calls Kim McKenzie ‘unflappable’ in her book, ‘My Own Words.’



McKenzie said her time working at the Supreme Court, and with Justice Ginsburg in particular, has been an incredible opportunity. She said she greatly admires her boss’ dedication and drive.

“Since I’ve worked for Justice Ginsburg, she has recovered from fractured ribs and survived pancreatic cancer,” said McKenzie. “Yet, she never lets these serious setbacks affect her important work.

“I’ve learned by her example to not waste time on self pity during the stresses of life, but to continue to focus on the work people are counting on me to do.”

Lakers at the Alumni Tailgate and Beer Garden.



ALUMNI FEATURED EVENT

Homecoming 2018

Alumni returned home October 5-7 and enjoyed a variety of fun-filled events, including the 5K Run/Walk & Breakfast, Alumni Brunch, Alumni Tailgate & Beer Garden, and the football game. Alumni showed what it means to be a Laker for a Lifetime; thank you to all who volunteered and attended.



Save the Date:
Homecoming 2019, October 26



Kids have fun at the Homecoming 5K Run/Walk.



A photo op with Louie the Laker at the Alumni Tailgate & Beer Garden.



Class of 1968 holds golden reunion

Amidst Homecoming activities, members of Grand Valley's second graduating class returned to the Allendale Campus for their 50th reunion. They kicked off the weekend by reuniting and reminiscing over dinner at the Alumni House.

In the morning, class members enjoyed brunch while listening to a Laker panel of entrepreneurial alumni, followed by a campus tour.

Current students joined the reunion group for lunch, and stories were exchanged about campus life in 1968 and 2018. A trip to the Seidman House to examine University Archives memorabilia

was next, followed by the alumni tailgate and pep rally before the Laker football game.

Their weekend concluded with a brunch. Throughout the reunion, memories were shared, friendships were rekindled, and class members were able to see how much their alma mater has changed in the past 50 years.



KCON Alumni Reception
9/25/18



GVSU National Athletic Training
Association Conference 6/28/18



ALUMNI EVENTS

As Lakers for a Lifetime, we gather to catch up with old friends and make new ones, to serve our communities and current students, and to give back to Grand Valley. Events take place throughout the year and across the country.



GVSU Wrestling 50th Anniversary Alumni Celebration & Fundraiser 9/29/18



GVSU Volleyball Alumni Day Tailgate 9/29/18

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHICAGO ALUMNI RECEPTION WITH PRESIDENT HAAS:
March 21

COMMUNITY OUTREACH WEEK:
March 23-30

GRADFEST:
April 15-18

VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION:
May 1

ENRICHMENT DINNER:
June 4

DETROIT AREA ALUMNI RECEPTION WITH PRESIDENT HAAS:
June 6

WASHINGTON, D.C. ALUMNI RECEPTION WITH PRESIDENT HAAS :
June 20

For additional events and information, visit gvsu.edu/alumni/events.
Events are subject to change.

Football Alumni Cookout 8/26/18



**LAKER SPORTS DAY
9/22/18**



LACROSSE



BASEBALL



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SWIM & DIVE



Trailblazers highlight Founders Day event

Seven trailblazers, including people who were among the first African Americans at Grand Valley as students or faculty members, led a Founders Day event for students.

“Paving the Way for Future Generations” was held October 24 at the Alumni House. Chris Barbee, director of alumni relations, said the idea came to him while visiting the Grand Rapids Public Museum with his daughter. Barbee said he noticed an exhibit highlighting the late Dr. Julius Franks and other African Americans who in 1962 led integration in the Auburn Hills neighborhood in Grand Rapids by purchasing property to establish middle-class housing for people of color.

Franks was also among the founders of Grand Valley and the only African American. “I started to wonder how many people knew that

an African American man was among the founding members of Grand Valley,” Barbee said.

The idea of highlighting “firsts” took off and Barbee enlisted help from Human Resources and others on campus to compile a list of notables.

Seven African Americans were highlighted: Cheryl Franks, representing her father, Dr. Julius Franks; Curtis Joseph Jones, first male professor; Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, first female professor; James Moore, first male student to enroll at Grand Valley in 1963; Betty Burton Groce, first woman to serve on the Grand Valley Foundation board; Danny Poole, first student athlete to earn a scholarship; and Ron Gates, who portrayed the Great Laker, Louie the Laker’s predecessor.

Moore stressed how different the campus was in 1963, with one building and 200 students. “It was

a big, bold experiment; Grand Valley took a chance on us and we took a chance on Grand Valley,” he said.

After sharing their experiences with students, panelists offered advice to be successful in college and career.

Barbee said students asked questions and stayed after to connect with panelists. “I hope that students walked away with an idea of what it was like to be in a population where not a lot of people looked like you, and understand the challenges they faced,” he said.

The event was sponsored by Alumni Relations, the African American Alumni Chapter and the Division of Inclusion and Equity. View more photos online at gvsu.edu/alumni/pavinggallery.

Providing opportunities

Lauren Quiniff, '08

INTERVIEWED BY AMY BROSS, '00 / PHOTO BY ELIZABETH LIENAU

Lauren Quiniff, '08, works as a behavioral health specialist for Spectrum Health; she provides therapy for patients and also links them to community resources to help them feel their best.

Tell us a bit about yourself.

I am originally from the western suburbs of Chicago. While I was at Grand Valley, I went home for the first two summers, but after that I wanted to stay in Grand Rapids year-round. My parents have now moved to West Michigan as well. I have an older sister who still lives in the Chicago area with her family. I am very close to them and make frequent trips to visit. My nieces are 7 years old and 5 months old.

What do you like to do for fun?

I love spending time with my nieces. I also make it a priority to exercise a few times a week, but I hope to work out more since I just signed up for my first 5K. As much as it feels like a social work cliché, I like to do yoga. I'm also very interested in art and usually have some kind of creative project going.

What motivates or inspires you?

My passion for working with mental health diagnoses is what motivates me the most. There are mental health resources available, but they aren't always easy to access, especially for people who aren't feeling their best. I know that for many patients, having someone check in with them or send them in the right direction means a lot.

My hope for the future is that as we bring mental health into our accepted forms of treatment, like primary care, we continue to work to destigmatize it.

Why did you choose Grand Valley to earn your bachelor's degree?

I was looking at schools that offered a synchronized skating team. At the time, I was very active in figure skating. However, that wasn't what my ultimate decision was based on. I still remember driving on campus for my first visit and having an immediate "wow" reaction. When I got my acceptance letter I nearly cried. I knew it was the right place for me.

Why did you decide to go into the health care field?

I've always been very interested in health care. Even when I was younger, I enjoyed TV shows that were centered around hospitals or medical issues. My first job after graduation was in health care and it was such a good fit I never left the field. I love that I can influence not only peoples' mental health, but their physical health as well.

What do you do at Spectrum Health?

I am a behavioral health specialist in an internal medicine and pediatrics office. I provide therapy services for the patients within the practice. I also provide other social work services for patients, such as linking them to community resources and following up with them to make sure they are remaining physically and mentally healthy. I really like that my job is a hybrid between therapist and care manager, because my daily work is always changing and it keeps me updated on what resources are available to people in the community.

What made you decide to give your first gift to Grand Valley the year you graduated?

My time at Grand Valley meant a lot to me and still does. I have no idea what my life would be like if I wasn't a Laker, but I know it wouldn't be the same. Giving to Grand Valley allows students to have the best education possible. It's still a privilege, not a right, to attend college and I want students to get all they can from the experience.

Why did you join the Alumni Leadership Circle?

I see the Alumni Leadership Circle as a continuation of my desire to give back to the place that helped shape who I am today.

Why is it important to designate your gifts to both new buildings on the Health Campus?

I know that by giving to Raleigh J. Finkelstein Hall and to the Daniel and Pamela DeVos Center for Interprofessional Health that I'm helping to

train and support my patients' future caregivers, and perhaps, a future co-worker. I've had the opportunity to see many students experience the health care field during clinical education, and it's great to see how Grand Valley is helping these students meet their goals.

What about the Health Campus expansion excites you?

I am most excited to see the health care programs, and their students, grow and thrive. I'm also excited to see all the additional resources that can be offered to students in this new space. Health care is always changing and adapting to new technology, so education must adapt as well.

How would you encourage other alumni to give?

There are so many reasons to put off giving, or to not give at all. However, I challenge others to think about what Grand Valley has meant to them and how it has shaped their lives. How does Grand Valley touch your life? Maybe it's in a way you might not even realize. Giving is a small gesture of thanks for all you have received from your experience at Grand Valley.



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BIRTH/ADOPTION

Zachary Infante was born on September 21, 2018, and was proudly welcomed by parents, Nicole Bergman Infante, '01, and Joseph Infante, and big brother Nathaniel.



AWARD/ RECOGNITION

Trina Poston, '03, is now a portfolio manager for Priority Health. She is responsible for prioritization and alignment of strategic projects to ensure the department/business unit projects are aligned to overall enterprise business objectives.



WEDDING

Zack Tauriainen, '16, and Giselle Gomez, '17, were married on October 6, 2018, in Allendale.

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IN MEMORIAM

Laurie A. Bok

M.S.N., 1987, of Wyoming, on October 16, 2018

Steven W. Brock

B.S., 1981, of Kentwood, on October 28, 2018

David C. Conrad

B.B.A., 1988, and M.B.A., 1981, of Columbus, Ohio, on August 24, 2018

Mildred M. Drollinger

B.S., 1985, and M.S.W., 1993, of Alto, on August 26, 2018

Joseph M. Duba

B.S., 1997, of Grand Rapids, on October 4, 2018

Shelly M. Gilman

B.S., 1987, and M.Ed., 1997, of Six Lakes, on October 20, 2018

James R. Glessner III

B.N., 1999, of Caledonia, on October 23, 2018

Sharon L. Griswold

B.S., 1986, of Muskegon, on November 11, 2018

Kristel J. Heinz-Ciullo

M.B.A., 1996, of Grand Rapids, on October 30, 2018

Janice K. Heys

M.Ed., 1983, of Ann Arbor, on August 23, 2018

Joseph G. Hornik

B.S., 1977, of Spring Lake, on October 25, 2018

Jason T. Knickerbocker

B.S., 2014, of Grand Rapids, on October 5, 2018

Betty J. Martin

B.S., 1970, and M.S.W., 1990, of Caledonia, on September 20, 2018

Charles P. McGrath

B.A., 1996, of Grand Rapids, on November 22, 2018

Stephen M. Mills

B.S., 1983, and M.H.S., 1985, of Grand Haven, on August 20, 2018

Douglas J. Morgan

M.B.A., 1999, of Rockford, on August 22, 2018

Judith A. Pastori

B.A., 1969, of Muskegon, on September 25, 2018

Marian A. Penney

B.S., 1973, of Grand Rapids, on October 23, 2018

Michael L. Rawson

B.S., 2000, of Hudsonville, on August 10, 2018

Douglas B. Roberts

B.S., 1972, of Grand Rapids, on November 22, 2018

Jeffry L. Roberts

B.E., 2006, of Coopersville, on September 28, 2018

Tracy L. Ryan

B.S.W., 1996, and M.S.W., 2003, of Grand Rapids, on October 30, 2018

Ward N. Scovel

B.Ph., 1974, of Penn Valley, California, on October 13, 2018

Klara R. Smith

B.A., 1968, of Grand Rapids, on November 1, 2018

Jerry L. Snyder

B.S., 1974, of Grand Haven, on October 8, 2018

Kay S. Szymanski

M.Ed., 1989, of Grandville, on November 21, 2018

William R. VanArk

B.S., 1968, of Wyoming, on October 7, 2018

Barbara E. VandenToorn

B.A., 1971, of Caledonia, on September 25, 2018

Amanda L. Van Popering

B.A., 2002, of Grant, on October 2, 2018

Allison R. VanSkiver

B.S., 1997, and M.Ed., 2012, of Grand Rapids, on October 7, 2018

N. Douglas Weston

B.B.A., 1983, of Casnovia, on October 1, 2018

Keri A. Woodard

B.S., 1990, of Howard City, on September 27, 2018

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Meet the Lakers

Incoming President Philomena Mantella meets students during an extensive tour of Grand Valley. See more in a video posted online at gvsu.edu/gvmagazine.

(Above, Amanda Pitts; at right, Valerie Wojciechowski)