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PAS develops partnership with telemedicine provider

Grand Valley has partnered with Answers Health on Demand of Grand Rapids to give physician assistant students opportunities to learn about telemedicine.

Telemedicine allows health care providers to offer online diagnosis and treatment for patients who have issues like child health concerns, fever, flu, ear pain, rashes and prescription refills, to name a few.

"Telemedicine is the future of health care, so we want our students to gain a general understanding of how it works and how it can be utilized," said Martina Reinhold, assistant professor of physician assistant studies.

Reinhold and Theresa Bacon-Baguley, associate dean for research in the College of Health Professions, initiated the integration of telemedicine into the physician assistant curriculum.

"We look ahead and determine the needs of the future in order to prepare our students for what lies ahead in health care," said

Bacon-Baguley. "We see the use of telemedicine growing."

Students will participate in a rotation with AHOD providers to observe incoming telemedicine appointments, get an overview of billing and reimbursements and learn about the legal aspects of telemedicine.

"AHOD is a telemedicine collaborative comprised of independent providers throughout Michigan who are working together to improve access to affordable, convenient care, and we are excited to partner with Grand Valley to help educate the next generation of providers," said Haley Kamp, program manager for AHOD.

Bacon-Baguley spearheaded the partnership with AHOD and said more in-depth exposure to telemedicine will soon be part of the curriculum for PA students. "I feel very fortunate to be part of an institution

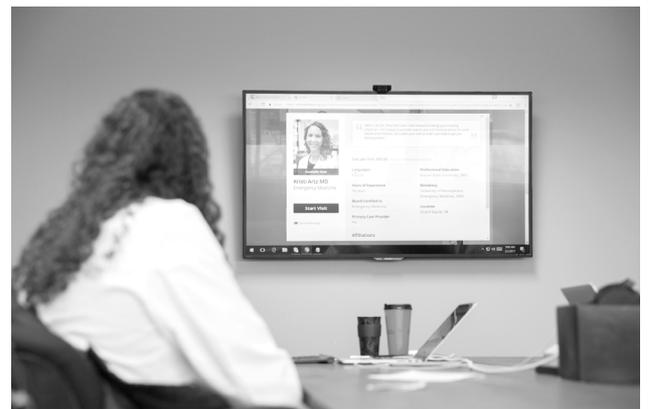


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Physician assistant students learn about online health care at Answers Health on Demand of Grand Rapids.

that values and supports programming that facilitates student success in a rapidly changing medical landscape."

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Professor examines controversial executive order

Mark Richards, professor and chair of political science, addressed the controversial



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

Mark Richards talks about President Donald Trump's travel ban at a February 6 presentation in the Kirkhof Center.

executive order by President Donald Trump that limits travel from seven predominantly Muslim countries at a presentation on February 6.

Richards addressed several aspects of the executive order during the presentation at the Office of Multicultural Affairs. He explained how the government system of checks and balances could potentially impact the scenarios that could play out with the future of the order.

Richards said that a large number of executive orders from an incoming president isn't uncommon, and that many new presidents use them to accomplish a policy goal without Congress, assuming the order is properly vetted and the rollout is smooth. He noted that Barack Obama and George W. Bush both used executive orders.

But, he also noted that the president must have constitutional authority or legislative authority to act. He explained that in this case, both supporters and critics of the order are citing portions of the Immigration and Nationality Act,

which seems to contradict itself in parts.

"The act says that the president can suspend entry when allowing it would be detrimental to national security, but it also says the president can't discriminate based on the place of a person's birth, so the act seems to hit both sides in this case," Richards said.

Other factors that could impact how the order will be handled in the near future are based on the Administrative Procedures Act, which Richards said dictates that executive orders can't be "arbitrary or capricious," which is part of the basis for the lawsuit against the ban that was filed by the State of Washington on January 27.

Richards also indicated that if a federal agency has to issue a rule to implement an order, there have to be opportunities for public comment as part of the process.

In addition to explaining the language of the executive order, Richards led a discussion about the potential impacts to business, the economy, immigrants and refugees as well as the impact on civil rights.

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executive order wasn't clear from the discussion, as Richards said that action from Congress or the judicial branch will be needed to clarify the execution or rollback of the order.

Richards encouraged students and faculty to stay informed on the issue as it continues to progress through the court system.

AWRI offers student internships

The Annis Water Resources Institute is offering several Robert B. Annis Foundation Undergraduate Student Internships for summer 2017.

The deadline to apply is March 3; criteria for applying is online at www.gvsu.edu/wri/internships.

AWRI is also seeking applications for the Bill & Diana Wipperfurth Student Research Scholarship, a fall semester scholarship program for graduate or undergraduate students. Apply for this scholarship at www.gvsu.edu/myscholarships; the deadline is March 1.

Departments earn 'healthy' designation

Three campus departments were newly designated "healthy" through participation in a Health and Wellness program.

President Thomas J. Haas visited Biomedical Sciences, History and the Registrar's Office January 31 to present Certified Healthy Department certificates. These departments earned the designation for the first time; a total of 14 departments earned a certified healthy designation this academic year.



President Thomas J. Haas and staff members from Human Resources congratulate the history faculty and staff members on becoming a Certified Healthy Department.

This marks the third year for the program. To qualify, departments submit an application that demonstrates criteria like use of exercise release time, flexible work arrangements and participation in the Healthy Choices Wellness Program.

Details about the program can be found online, www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness.

Volunteers sought to test new software for fountain

A Grand Valley group is seeking volunteers to test a new software program that will allow users to choreograph the lighting, music and water movements of the historic musical fountain in Grand Haven.

Engineering and computing students — led by Terry Stevens, affiliate professor in the School of Engineering — developed the software as part of an ongoing partnership between the City of Grand Haven and Grand Valley to update the city's well-known fountain.

Stevens said the software will eventually become publicly available to people who wish to choreograph their own song. Choreography designs will be submitted to the Grand Haven Musical Fountain committee.

"The goal is to rapidly expand the fountain's play library," Steven said. "Before we can do that, we must finalize the software by getting feedback from testers."

Students interested in testing the software can contact Stevens at terry.stevens@gvsu.edu.

This semester, another student group will design and build a new water feature for the fountain. The water formations have not been updated since the fountain was installed in 1963.

Stevens is a member of the Grand Haven Musical Fountain Committee and installed the fountain's initial industrial control system (PLC) in 1983. He has led several student projects at Grand Valley to retrofit and update the fountain, including its PLC in 2013 and the choreography software in 2014.

He said the students will research and design the water feature as their senior project during the winter semester, and spend the spring and summer semesters building it.

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Faculty, staff recognized at Presidents' Ball

Laker blue wasn't the only color celebrated February 3 at the 31st annual Presidents' Ball.

More than 4,500 students, faculty and staff members attended the color-themed ball, "Uncharted Color: A Journey Through the Meaning of Color," at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. Student Senate President Ella Fritzemeier and Grand Valley President Thomas J. Haas hosted the event, which included color-themed rooms and swing dancing.

Members of the campus community were presented with awards during a special ceremony. Ashley Schulte, victim advocate, received the Laker of the Year Award; Jonathan White, executive director of the Homeland Defense Initiative and professor of interdisciplinary studies, received the Student Award for Faculty Excellence; and Provost Gayle



Photos by Valerie Wojciechowski

Jonathan White, Ashley Schulte and Provost Gayle R. Davis (not pictured) received awards at the February 3 Presidents' Ball.

R. Davis received the President Appreciation Award.

Presidents' Ball is organized by the Laker Traditions team in the Office of Student Life. It is one of Grand Valley's oldest traditions; the first ball took place in 1986.

What's Ahead

Fundraiser will benefit study abroad opportunities for students

Staff members at the Padnos International Center hope an old-fashioned spare change fundraiser will drive members of the campus community to support study abroad opportunities for students.

The Study Abroad Scholarship Fund Drive will run through February 20. Students, faculty and staff members can make cash donations at the 20/20 Desk in Kirkhof Center, Padnos International Center (Lake Ontario Hall, room 130) and other offices around campus. Donations can also be made online at www.gvsu.edu/pic/give.

The campaign centers on a “bus bank” that resembles the route 50 Campus Connector buses operated by the Rapid. Students who donate at campus locations will receive a bus bank.

Mark Schaub, chief international officer, said the image of a bus is familiar to students around the world.

“It’s more powerfully symbolic of how the Grand Valley community can pool its spare change toward the new Global Programs endowment,” Schaub said, adding that the endowment will be dedicated to funding need-based scholarships for study abroad programs.

Last year, more than 800 students participated in a study abroad experience.

Maya Grant, a senior majoring in sociology, spent the fall semester in Bangalore, India, after earning the Photography Study Abroad and the Mark A. Murray scholarships. “I couldn’t have done any of this if I didn’t earn the scholarships,” she said.

Grant grew up in the Traverse City area and said she had never been on an airplane until it was time to leave for India. During a layover in Germany, she found other international students on her flight who were traveling to Christ University in Bangalore.

She is now a study abroad advocate and tells her friends to take advantage of scholarship opportunities to study abroad. “Going to the international center was easy, they really simplify the process for you,” Grant said.

The Study Abroad Scholarship Fund Drive is supported by the Office of Student Life.

University joins ‘Love Your Data’ campaign

Grand Valley librarians and faculty members join others across the country who are participating in “Love Your Data Week” from February 13-17.

The campaign serves to share resources and ideas. Matt Schultz, metadata and digital curation librarian, supports faculty members who are looking to manage and preserve their data. He said many funding agencies require data management details as part of a proposal.



The Rapid Campus Connector is used as a bus bank in a fundraiser to collect donations to fund study abroad opportunities for students.

“Everyone is starting to get more familiar with data,” Schultz said. “We want to provide the necessary resources to facilitate the various stages of the process.”

“Love Your Data Week” will highlight a variety of data management resources that are available throughout the country. The campaign runs entirely through social media and participants are encouraged to share information and resources that pertain to daily themes.

Elizabeth Psyck, a librarian who focuses on political science and manages Grand Valley’s government documents collection, wants the campaign to demonstrate the inherent value of data management.

“Grand Valley is unique because we have students doing research at an undergraduate level,” Psyck said. “Students get to see the real value of data as they build up their research with a faculty member or a librarian.”

Grand Valley’s Big Data Initiative encourages collaboration among faculty members who are working with big data. Maria Cimitile, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, said “Love Your Data Week” is another opportunity to further one’s expertise of the digital world.

More information can be found at loveyourdata.wordpress.com/lydw-2017/ and participants are encouraged to Tweet with #LYD17 and #loveyourdata.



Archive photos of campus protests are on exhibit through February 22 at the Mary Idema Pew Library.

Student activism highlighted in exhibit

While campuses across the country are experiencing a new generation of student activists, past student movements at Grand Valley are highlighted in an exhibit sponsored by several departments.

“Voices of GVSU: Activism Through the Decades” features university photos of student protests and *Lantern* articles that highlight social justice efforts from 1963-1979. The exhibition will run through February 22 at the Mary Idema Pew Library exhibition space.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Kutsche Office of Local History, Special Collections and Archives, and Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship.

The event is approved for LIB 100/201. More information is online at www.gvsu.edu/kutsche.

Lecture series will spotlight current issues

A new lecture series will provide a space for the campus community to discuss public issues and gain an understanding of democratic principles, processes and history.

The series, “Democracy 101: A Series of Critical Conversations,” is organized by the Community Service Learning Center in the Office of Student Life. The first lecture will take place Wednesday, February 15, and address the challenges faced by third parties.

Melissa Baker-Boosamra, associate director for Student Life, said lectures will focus on timely topics about the nation’s democracy.

“We want to provide an opportunity to engage campus members in conversation about the challenges our democratic system is currently facing, as well as providing skills to address those challenges,” she said.

Lectures will take place in the Kirkhof Center, details are highlighted below. All events are approved for LIB 100 classes. Highlighted events are below, see full list at www.gvsu.edu/service/democracy.

• Elections and Two-Party Systems: Why Do Third Parties Have It So Rough?

February 15, noon-1 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 2215, by Heather Tafel, associate professor of political science

• **Do Protests Matter? February 22,** noon-1 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 2270, by Louis Moore, associate professor of history

• **The Path to Dictatorship: How Hitler Consolidated Power (1933-34)** February 28, 4:30-6 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 2263, by Gary Stark, professor emeritus of history

• **The Role of Media in a Democracy** March 1, noon-1 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 2204, with Len O’Kelly, assistant professor of communications; Katie Gordon, program manager of the Kaufman Interfaith Institute and coordinator of Campus Interfaith Resources; and Elizabeth Psyck, government documents librarian for University Libraries.

Lecture to explore water resource management in Park Service

Many water resource issues in the U.S. National Park Service involve legal, political, socioeconomic and cultural implications, requiring park managers to consider more than just scientific reasoning alone when making decisions about water resource management.

As a result, park officials typically need to be collaborative with neighbors and partners to protect, manage and restore water resources.

Ed Harvey, U.S. National Park Service Water Resources Division chief, will discuss this topic Wednesday, February 15, from 3-4 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center.

The lecture, sponsored by the Geology Department, will introduce examples that will describe how parks identify water resource needs, issues and concerns, and how they develop and apply scientific information needed to make water resource management decisions. Some of the specific challenges that will be presented include trans-boundary issues, partnership building, scientific uncertainty, funding and personnel.

Harvey’s campus lecture is a part of the Geological Society of America’s 2017 Birdsall-Dreiss Distinguished Lecture Series.

FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

In the News

Communications faculty members **Len O’Kelly** and **Eric Harvey** participated in a panel, “Speak Up GR: Fake News,” sponsored by the Grand Rapids Public Library. They were also interviewed by WYCE Radio for a story about fake news.

Gulembo to retire

Kathy Gulembo, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, will retire in June after 25 years at Grand Valley.

Gulembo began working in the Seidman College of Business and moved to the Office of Provost in 2004 as the academic budget analyst. Since then, she has earned two promotions, accepting her current position in 2014.

Gulembo’s primary responsibility is over human and financial resources, working closely with the budget staff in the Finance and Administration Division.

Provost Gayle R. Davis said Gulembo’s work and collegial nature will be missed.

“Kathy’s expertise and creative budget management as well as her



Kathy Gulembo

collaborative personal style has made her a vital part of the Provost’s Cabinet, the faculty salary and budget committee, and the university budget committee,” Davis said.

Sketches

Stephen Rowe, professor of philosophy and liberal studies, co-edited a volume of essays on higher education, *Educating for an Ecological Civilization: Interdisciplinary, Experiential, and Relational Learning*, published by Process Century Press. **Rowe, Peimin Ni**, professor of philosophy, **Vandana Pednekar-Magal**, professor of communications, and three alumni are among the authors.

Danielle Lake, assistant professor of liberal studies, and **Judy Whipps**, professor of liberal studies and philosophy, were co-authors of an article, “Pragmatist Feminism,” published in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

Craig Benjamin, professor of history, Honors College, wrote and filmed a new 36-lecture course, “The Big History of Civilization,” for the Teaching Company’s Great Courses Series.

Kelly Strutz, assistant professor of public health, wrote an article, “Moderately Elevated Blood Pressure During Pregnancy and Odds of Hypertension Later in Life: The POUCHmoms Longitudinal Study,” published in *BJOG: An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*.

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Built in 1963, the choreographed musical fountain performs nightly from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The fountain was the largest musical fountain in the world when it was built, and held the title until 1998 when the Bellagio Fountains in Las Vegas were built.

University again named tops for commuters

Grand Valley again has been named a “Best Workplace for Commuters” for 2017 by Best Workplaces for Commuters. The university has received the designation each year since 2009.

The BWC program is managed by the Center for Urban Transportation Research with support from the National Center for Transit Research and the Florida Department of Transportation.

The “Best Workplaces for Commuters” designation recognizes employers across the country who offer exceptional employer-provided commuter benefits that meet National Standard of Excellence criteria.

To earn the national designation, employers must provide benefits that result in at least 14 percent of their employees no longer driving alone to-and-from work within a 12-month period.

GVSU Transportation Services partners with The Rapid, which also made the list, to offer a variety of sustainable transportation options for faculty, staff and students, including carpooling and car rental options, park and ride options, and bike rental opportunities. All faculty, staff and students can ride any Rapid bus route for free; in 2016 ridership was at 2.6 million.

GVSU earns bike-friendly status

Grand Valley was named a Bicycle Friendly University by the League of American Bicyclists, a national organization that encourages the use of bicycles for health and well-being.

The university received a silver award and joined 164 colleges and universities across the country that are designated as Bicycle Friendly Universities (BFU), including fellow silver awardees Michigan State University and University of Michigan. Grand Valley was judged on several factors including education, encouragement, engineering, enforcement, and evaluation and planning.

“This designation not only shows that Grand Valley supports bicycling as a recreation and transportation option, but it demonstrates the university’s ongoing commitment to sustainability and a healthy campus



The League of American Bicyclists named Grand Valley a bicycle friendly university.

community,” said Joe Bitely, assistant director of Campus Recreation, who submitted the BFU application.

Grand Valley provides a variety of bicycle-related services and support on the Allendale Campus, including a bike rental program, bike maintenance shop located in Laker Village, bike tune-ups at the Farmers Market, bike repair station and 4,173 bike parking spaces across campus.

Becoming a Bicycle Friendly University was one goal Grand Valley committed to in May 2016 as a participant of the Partnership for a Healthier America, Healthy Campus Initiative.