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## University mourns death of Hauenstein

Grand Valley joins the West Michigan community in mourning the death of Ralph W. Hauenstein. He died in Grand Rapids January 10. He was 103 and just two months from his birthday; services were held January 15.

Hauenstein was a major supporter of Grand Valley, including his significant gifts to found, and later expand, the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies.

Hauenstein went beyond financial support for the university, sharing both his insights and his time as a member of the Grand Valley University Foundation advisory cabinet. He was often seen with the students in the Cook Leadership Academy in the Hauenstein Center. Up until recently, he attended many of the programs and events of the center, which are designed to promote ethical leadership.

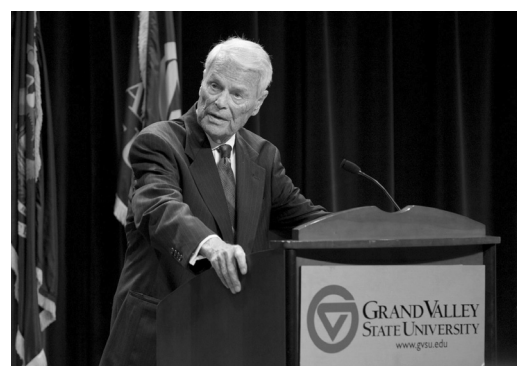
After a career in newspapers in Grand Rapids, he served in intelligence during WWII under General Eisenhower. After a distinguished military career, he became a business leader in the import-export business. Hauenstein went

on to become a leading philanthropist in the region.

"Ralph Hauenstein was an extraordinary individual," said President Thomas J. Haas. "He was a man of great honor, great integrity and all who knew him feel it was a privilege. His presence in our lives and in this community will be sorely missed."

He received an Honorary Doctorate from Grand Valley in 2004, saying in a speech: "If you are going to be a leader, if you are going to serve your community and your country, then you must not be timid or resigned to come-what-may. You must take the future into your own hands, to the extent that you are able. You must work to turn the odds in your favor. What is needed are courageous, visionary leaders."

Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center, said: "Ralph Hauenstein's life of leadership and service inspires everything that we do at the Hauenstein Center. He was active in our programs, strategic vision and students' development. Ralph had the gift of friendship.



Ralph W. Hauenstein died January 10 at age 103. He founded and later gave gifts to expand the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies.

He was an effective, ethical leader in every endeavor he undertook. In an age that fixates on celebrity, Ralph was a true hero, the real deal. He always stressed ethics, integrity and service to others. He was a dear friend, and we will miss our mentor deeply."

## Across Campus

### Selgo surprised by scholarship named in his honor

Athletic director Tim Selgo thought he was attending an alumni reception to give a brief update on Laker athletics.

He didn't know that the 45-plus people in the room were there to surprise Selgo and his wife, Terry, by announcing they established a scholarship to honor them.

The Tim and Terry Selgo Student Athlete Endowed Scholarship began covertly last fall, according to Kim Schmidt, associate director of Alumni Relations. "Two alumni approached me and wanted to do something to honor Tim," Schmidt said, adding that the fund snowballed quickly.

In August, Selgo announced plans to retire at the end of this academic year after leading Laker athletics for 20 years.

The scholarship fund reached endowment status and will be disbursed in the fall. It will benefit student athletes who have completed their athletics eligibility but still have some coursework remaining to complete their degree. The scholarship will be distributed to those

who demonstrate financial need.

Selgo's entire family was at the December 8 reception at the DeVos Center. "It was truly a wonderful evening and was very special to me that Kim, Grand Valley's athletics staff members, and so many friends and supporters of Laker Athletics would begin this fund in our name and come out on a December weekday for this reception," Selgo said. "It was a special night to remember."



Photo by Sandra Jennings

Tim Selgo, center, is pictured with his family at a December announcement of a scholarship created in honor of him and his wife, Terry.

Donations to the scholarship can be made online at [www.gvsu.edu/giving/selgo](http://www.gvsu.edu/giving/selgo).

### Faculty move to endowed chair, director positions

Wael Mokhtar, associate professor of engineering, has been named the new director of the School of Engineering. Diane LaFreniere, affiliate professor of engineering, has been named the new James R. Sebastian Endowed Chair in Engineering Cooperative Education and Educational Development.

Mokhtar and LaFreniere began their new positions in January. Both positions were previously held by Chris Plouff, now assistant vice president for Academic Affairs in the Provost Office.

Mokhtar joined Grand Valley in 2009 as an assistant professor. He has served as assistant director of the School of Engineering and previously served as department chair for Lake Superior State University. He has a doctorate from Old Dominion State University in Virginia and degrees from Alexandria University in Egypt.

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Paul Plotkowski, dean of the Padnos College of Engineering and Computing, said Mokhtar will lead the school during a time of rapid enrollment growth; the school has grown from 600 students in 2008 to more than 1,200 students in 2015.

Mokhtar said he will focus on helping future engineers succeed both in and out of the classroom. “From a strategic point of view, it’s important that we manage the growth of the school while maintaining a high standard for our students,” he said.

LaFreniere joined Grand Valley in 2014 as affiliate professor of engineering. She attended Michigan Technological University and has worked for Ford Motor Company, Rockwell International and University of Toledo. As the Sebastian endowed chair, LaFreniere will focus on preparing undergraduates to work in Michigan’s industrial sector by furthering the assessment, accreditation and cooperative education efforts within the school.

The Sebastian endowed chair, which was established in 2008, is named for James R. Sebastian, Sr., founder of Rapistan, who led the effort to introduce engineering at Grand Valley in the 1980s.

Plotkowski said in her time at Grand Valley, LaFreniere has already demonstrated tremendous passion for the cooperative education program, which will celebrate 30 years this spring.



Wael Mokhtar



Diane LaFreniere

## Report: health care costs for chronic conditions vary even by zip codes

Researchers at Grand Valley said health care costs for people with chronic conditions, like diabetes or coronary artery disease, are higher in areas north and southwest of Grand Rapids.

Seidman College of Business economics faculty members Kevin Callison and Leslie Muller released the 2016 Health Check report during the seventh annual health care summit hosted by Grand Valley on January 8 at

the Eberhard Center. The report identifies health-related trends and issues facing Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon and Allegan (KOMA) counties.

With data provided by Blue Care Network, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, and Priority Health, researchers analyzed expenses for patients diagnosed with asthma, coronary artery disease, depression, diabetes, hyperlipidemia and low back pain.

Researchers found expenditures for all conditions increased in West Michigan compared to the previous year, but generally remain lower in the Grand Rapids area than in the Detroit region. However, data showed higher expenditures for coronary artery disease in KOMA than in Detroit; and certain zip codes in areas north and southwest of Grand Rapids — parts of Newaygo, southern Allegan and Van Buren counties — reported consistently higher expenditures for nearly all chronic diseases.

Callison said it’s difficult to pinpoint the exact cause of the expenditure increases. Some potential explanations include a growing reliance on high-cost technologies, changing market structures in the hospital and insurance sectors, and price increases due to overall medical inflation.

For the second year, researchers conducted a survey of Michigan businesses and their health insurance offerings in light of the Affordable Care Act. For the most part, firms have neither increased nor decreased their health insurance offerings in the last year and a large majority continue to offer this benefit. Businesses are, however, changing prescription coverage and passing along costs to employees in the form



Photo by Jess Weal

Kevin Callison speaks during the annual health summit at the Eberhard Center January 8. From left are Jean Nagelkerk, Paul Isely, Callison and Leslie Muller.

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## GVSU receives rebate from Consumers Energy

Grand Valley received an incentive rebate check for \$98,708 from Consumers Energy as part of the utility’s Energy Efficiency program. A check was presented to Facilities Services January 7.

Terry Pahl, facilities engineer, said the university received the New Construction Program rebate for the construction of the P. Douglas Kindschi Hall of Science and Laker Marketplace. The design for the buildings exceeded required energy standards.

“To date, Grand Valley has completed more than 100 projects in the Energy Efficiency program, receiving more than \$670,00 in incentives,” said Pahl.

Dan Malone, senior vice president of energy resources at Consumers Energy, said, “Grand Valley is a shining example of how these programs save our customers energy and money.”

Pahl said since 2009, the university has either completed or has underway more than 200 incentive projects totaling more than \$809,000 in potential

energy efficiency incentives. He said overall, Grand Valley is cost avoiding at least \$2.2 million annually from energy efficiency, conservation and new construction efforts.



Photo by Elizabeth Lienau

Pictured from left to right are Dan Malone, Tim Thimmesch, Diane DeRyke, Terry Pahl and Todd Duncan. Consumers Energy presented a rebate check to Facilities Services for energy savings.





# What's Ahead

## Fair will highlight study abroad programs

The Padnos International Center will host a Study Abroad Fair on Wednesday, January 20, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Henry Hall atrium.

Students will have opportunities to talk with faculty program directors and study abroad alumni about funding, academic credits and more. Refreshments will be served.

Visit [www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad) for more information, or call x13898.

## Author to give presentation on end-of-life care

Author and educator Dave Kampfschulte will give a presentation on how to begin end-of-life conversations and advanced care planning.

“I’m Dying to Talk With You” is set for Wednesday, January 20, from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2201. The session is sponsored by Health and Wellness; visit [www.gvsu.edu/sprout](http://www.gvsu.edu/sprout) to RSVP.

Kampfschulte is the director of Amazing Circles Workshops, workshops centered on education, communication and hospice care; his most recent book is *I’m Dying to Talk with You: Twenty Five Years of Conversations on End of Life Decisions*.

## Third Teach-In planned

Grand Valley’s third annual Teach-In is set for Thursday, January 21, at locations in the DeVos Center and Kirkhof Center.

Nearly 40 sessions are planned from 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m. under the umbrella theme, “Power, Privilege and Difficult Dialogues.” Sponsored by Student Senate and University Academic Senate, organizers said holding the Teach-In during the campus’ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Week was intentional.

“We want to build awareness early in the semester and also emphasize the social justice component of the event by including more community members,” said Karen Gipson, professor of physics and chair of UAS.

Gipson said each session is collaboratively

led by a student and a faculty or staff member, or community member. The sessions cover many aspects of injustice, like racism, gender bias, ableism, poverty and homophobia.

The day’s schedule is posted online at [www.gvsu.edu/teach-in](http://www.gvsu.edu/teach-in); follow the Teach-In on social media using #GVTeachIn16.

## Great Lakes focus of new Art Gallery exhibit

A visual exploration of the natural resources and region of the Great Lakes is the focus of a new art exhibition at Grand Valley.

“Great Lakes: Image & Word” will be on display through April 1 in the Art Gallery located in the Performing Arts Center. An opening reception will take place Thursday, January 21, from 5-7 p.m.

David Newell, Gallery and Collections curator of exhibitions, said “Great Lakes” spotlights the unique life experiences of those who live in this region of the Midwest.

“The area’s complex environmental zones, landscapes, extreme weather patterns, contrasting nautical and agricultural cultures and ethnic customs all create a rather singular experience,” Newell said.

Patricia Clark, Writing Department chair, will showcase a poem, “Threnody,” which means a song, hymn or poem of mourning composed as a memorial to the dead.

“I was moved, a few years ago, by the number of drowning victims in Lake Michigan during just a few summer months,” Clark said. “I imagined victims, over time, of all the Great Lakes, and the sound of their sadness.”

The collaborative work of Nayda Collazo-



‘The Beauty of Mystery’ by Graceann Warn is among the materials in an exhibition, ‘Great Lakes: Image & Word.’

Llorens, Stuart and Barbara Padnos Distinguished Artist-in-Residence, and Arizona-based artist Ander Monson is the result of research surrounding an old U.S. Navy project. Collazo-Llorens said “Project ELF” consisted of two transmitters designed to communicate one-way coded messages to submarines around the world. One transmitter is located in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula near Republic, with the other located in northern Wisconsin.

These collected materials will be showcased through a seven-minute video and a series of 16 prints on paper.

For more information about “Great Lakes,” visit [gvsu.edu/artgallery](http://gvsu.edu/artgallery).

## Registration open for G3 Camp

From learning how a zombie’s brain works to simulating volcanic eruptions, Grand Valley’s G3 Camp offers a fun and engaging way for children and their grandparents to experience college life.

Hosted by the Regional Math and Science Center, Grandparents, Grandkids, Grand Valley (G3) Camp provides opportunities for children ages 8-12 and their grandparents to attend hands-on classes while living on the Allendale Campus for three days June 21-23.

Registration for G3 Camp is open through April 30. For more information or to register, visit [www.gvsu.edu/g3](http://www.gvsu.edu/g3) or call the Regional Math and Science Center at x12267.

“G3 Camp provides a great opportunity for generations to uniquely connect,” said Diane Miller, RMSC program coordinator and G3 Camp organizer. “Youth will become familiar with a college campus while grandparents spend quality, educational time with their grandkids.”

Activities for this year’s G3 Camp include, but are not limited to, simulating volcanic eruptions using Mentos; creating mobiles utilizing the science of balance and statistics; identifying plants and animals on campus; exploring the impact of earthquakes; learning how electricity makes everyday objects work; exploring the history of photography; and testing the water quality of Lake Michigan via an excursion on the Annis Water Resource Institute’s *W.G. Jackson* Research Vessel.

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of higher deductibles and co-pays, with some considering switching to private exchanges to control costs.

New to the report this year was a community survey, asking residents about health insurance coverage and access to health care.

Muller said one concern with the Medicaid expansion was that an influx of new Medicaid patients would make it more difficult to find a primary care physician. She found that the vast majority of patients, 76 percent, saw no difference in the ability to find a primary care physician, while 14 percent said it had actually gotten easier.

Researchers also found:

- Aging population: There are more people ages 45-64 than people who are 20-34 and 35-44.
- Obese/overweight: The obesity rate fell from 32.8 percent in 2013 to 29.8 percent in 2014; the overweight population rose in KOMA by 1.3 percent.
- Unhealthy behaviors: Rates for binge

drinking and smoking fell in KOMA from 2013, but the percentage of people with little physical activity rose.

The complete report is online at [www.gvsu.edu/vphealth](http://www.gvsu.edu/vphealth).

Jean Nagelkerk, vice provost for Health at Grand Valley, said the report is meant to inform health care policy and decisions in West Michigan. “With our region’s continued commitment of substantial resources for health care delivery and health science research, we are in the unique position to collaboratively utilize the resources available to effectively influence positive changes in our community,” she said.

## Mileage reimbursement rate changes

Effective January 1, the mileage reimbursement rate was decreased for faculty and staff members.

When traveling on university business, mileage will be reimbursed at 54 cents per mile. This is the new IRS-approved rate, and effective

for all travel that occurs on or after January 1.

Travel before January 1 will be reimbursed at the previous rate (57.5 cents per mile) regardless of when the travel and expense reimbursement forms are submitted for payment.

Questions can be directed to Kim Suber at x12203. Updated reimbursement forms are online at [www.gvsu.edu/busfin](http://www.gvsu.edu/busfin).

## Faculty, staff members receive grants for partnership delegation

Five faculty and staff members received grants to travel to Japan with the Padnos International Center partnership delegation.

In June, the delegation will travel to three partner institutions: International Christian University, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University and Japan Center for Michigan Universities. Co-leaders of the delegation are Rebecca

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# FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

## In the News

**Kimberly McKee**, assistant professor of liberal studies, was interviewed by WBEZ's "Worldview" and FOX 2 Detroit for stories about a Senate bill that would provide retroactive citizenship to adult international adoptees whose parents or guardians failed to naturalize them as children.

**Gleaves Whitney**, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, was interviewed by WOOD TV, WOOD Radio, WZZM TV and other media outlets for stories about the life and legacy of Ralph W. Hauenstein.

Economics faculty members **Kevin Callison** and **Leslie Muller** were interviewed by WZZM TV, *MiBiz*, WGVU, *Grand Rapids Business Journal* and *Grand Rapids Press* for stories related to the Health Care Economic Forecast.

## Sketches

**Azizur Molla**, associate professor of public health, gave a presentation, "Socio-Economic Dimension of Indoor Radon Gas in West Michigan — A Public Health Discourse and

Merit to Use HIT in Shaping Health Behavior," at the Third International Conference on Health Information Technology Advancement at Western Michigan University. Molla and **Peter Wampler**, associate professor of geology, gave a presentation, "Radon Gas Concentrations and Geographic Distribution in Western Michigan," at the American Public Health Association Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

**Amy Dettwiler**, client services manager for Conference and Event Planning, earned the Certified Meeting Professional designation. The qualifications for certification are based on professional experience, education and an exam.

**Jonathan Engelsma**, associate professor of computing and information systems, co-authored a patent, "Method and System for Virtual Game Session Discovery and Player Matching," granted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

**Ivo Soljan**, professor of English, organized a panel, "Facts and Fiction in Croatian Politics, History, and Culture," for the 47th Annual Convention of American Association of East-European and Euro-Asian Studies, held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He also gave a

presentation, "Vanitas vanitatum, omnia vanitas – the Flimsy, Fruitful Facts in Croatian Poetry (16th – 21st century)," based on the anthology of Croatian poetry he and his wife wrote.

**Joel Stillerman**, professor of sociology, gave a presentation, "The Middle Class Housing Search in Santiago, Chile: How Assets, Trajectories and Family Structures Shape Housing Choices," at the Empirical Investigation of Social Space II Conference at Bonn University in Germany; and another, "Chilean Metalworkers (1945-1995): Spatiality of Labor Protest Before, During, and After Chile's most Recent Dictatorship," at the University of Chile.

**Mary O'Kelly**, head of instructional services for University Libraries, gave a presentation, "Correlation Between Library Instruction and Student Retention," at the Southeastern Library Assessment Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Michael Scantlebury**, associate professor of hospitality and tourism management, gave a presentation on the representation of slavery in Caribbean tourism materials at the 2015 Blackademics Event, which aired on KLRU-TV, a PBS affiliate in Austin, Texas.

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Hambleton, director of study abroad and international partnerships, and Naoki Kanaboshi, assistant professor of criminal justice.

This is the eighth year PIC has led an interdisciplinary group of faculty and staff members to a partner institution. Hambleton said these annual trips have multiple goals centered around building a globalized campus and being an ambassador for Grand Valley.

"We build these unique, interdisciplinary teams that allow colleagues to collaborate on a similar goal, to learn more about a culture and a history of that country," she said.

Other delegates are Luanne Brown, director of payroll services; Tracey James-Heer, associate director of admissions; Felix Ngassa, associate professor of chemistry; Melissa Selby-Theut, coordinator of outreach and peer education for the University Counseling Center; and Lin Tian, affiliate professor of communications.

They will visit the partner institutions, the U.S. Embassy and Education USA, an outreach of the Department of State that advises international students about study abroad opportunities in the U.S. In addition to cultural excursions, Hambleton said the delegation will meet with Grand Valley students studying in Japan.

Brown said she had considered applying to be a delegate for a while, and added that the trip will aid her work with international students and faculty members. "I wanted an experience that will push me beyond my comfort level," she said. "I think I will be able to relate to international faculty and students better after putting myself in their position of being a minority in a country."



The partnership delegation to Ghana in 2014 is pictured. In June seven faculty and staff members will travel to Japan to visit three partner institutions.

Ngassa said he looks forward to networking with chemistry colleagues at the partner institutions. "This trip will help prepare me to be a better advisor when helping students make a decision about study abroad opportunities because my advising will be validated by personal experience through travel and knowledge of another culture," he said.

## Professor loaned 330-year-old violin

Giovanni Grancino is widely considered one of the greatest and earliest violin makers of the "Golden Age of Violin Making" from roughly 1680-1750 in Italy. Violins crafted during this time period have sold for millions of dollars to present-day musicians, enthusiasts and collectors.

Gregory Maytan, associate professor of violin at Grand Valley, is currently in possession of one of these rare violins that was created more than 330 years ago.

A 1683 Grancino violin was recently loaned to Maytan by the Swedish Järnåker Foundation, which lends string instruments to highly talented young musicians of promise, eminent soloists and chamber musicians, as well as string section leaders in professional orchestras and ensembles.

"Great old Italian instruments tend to produce a unique sound that is extremely beautiful and colorful, yet projecting," Maytan said. "The problem has been that the price of these violins has gone up so much, making them financially out of reach for most musicians."

Maytan was chosen to receive the violin following an in-depth application process based on merit and concert scheduling. "The foundation wants its violins to be used and heard, and performers with active careers are therefore prioritized. The foundation receives a large number of applications for a small number of available violins, and so it was definitely an honor to be chosen."

Maytan added that all recipients are evaluated on an annual basis to determine whether or not they will be allowed to keep the violin for a longer period of time. Aside from using the Grancino violin during local performances, Maytan will be traveling internationally with the instrument.



Gregory Maytan holds a rare violin he received on loan.