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Board of Trustees member will address graduates

More than 1,150 students will participate in Grand Valley's fall semester commencement ceremony, set for Saturday, December 8, at 10 a.m. at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids.

John C. Kennedy, member of Grand Valley's Board of Trustees, will give the commencement address. Kennedy, president and CEO of Autocam Medical, will end his second board term at the end of December. The ceremony will be webcast and available at gvsu.edu/commencement.



John C. Kennedy

An active community member, Kennedy also serves as a board member for Grand Rapids University Preparatory Academy, Lacks Enterprises, Shape Corporation, Van Andel Institute, Acton Institute, West Michigan Policy Forum, the Right Place, and as an advisory board member of the University

of Michigan's Ross School of Business, and Samuel Zell and Robert H. Lurie Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies.

State Sen. Arlan B. Meekhof and Raleigh J. Finkelstein will receive honorary degrees.

Meekhof (R-West Olive) was first elected to serve the 30th Senate District in 2010. He was chosen by his Republican colleagues to serve as majority floor leader for the 2011-2014 term, and was elected as Senate Majority Leader for his second term. He also serves as chair of the Government Operations committee and the Michigan Capitol committee.

Finkelstein was the lead donor for the initial building in Grand Valley's expanding Health Campus and the building was named in his honor. He worked with his brothers to grow their parents' business into what was MC



Arlan B. Meekhof

Sporting Goods. After selling the retail chain, the brothers maintain an active real estate business.

The Alumni Association will present its Young Alumni Award to Mark Switzer, who earned a bachelor's degree in film and video in 2011 and a master's degree in school counseling in 2014.

Switzer is a career counselor at Gogebic Community College. Switzer works with students who are the first in their families to attend college, who have disabilities or live below the poverty line, or are pursuing nontraditional careers. He has written grants to expand the college's food pantry and donated clothing area, and he partnered with Range Suicide Prevention to raise awareness of mental health issues on campus.



Raleigh J. Finkelstein

ACROSS CAMPUS

New minors on campus policy implemented

Thousands of students under age 18 attend sports and academic camps, workshops and other events on campus. To help ensure the safety of these minors, a new policy has been implemented.

Maureen Walsh, associate vice president and chief human resources officer, said along with the policy an online toolkit was created to assist program directors as new requirements may change some processes. Highlights of the policy and new requirements are listed below; the policy is posted online at <http://gvsu.edu/s/OTc>.

- **Online registration system:** Programs and events that involve minors need to be registered via an online system. Walsh said this also allows the university to capture all programs throughout the year.

- **New release form:** A new form is available for parents/guardians. All minors on campus must have a signed release form on file.

- **Authorized adults:** Volunteers, students, faculty and staff who are considered authorized adults need to complete a background check

and be educated about the minors on campus policy.

Informational sessions for program directors have been scheduled: December 3, 1-1:30 p.m. in L. William Seidman Center, room 3001; December 5, 10-10:30 a.m. in Zumberge Hall, room 1000; and December 6, 11-11:30 a.m. in Finkelstein Hall, room 351. These 30-minute sessions are optional and no RSVP is required.

Questions about the policy or new procedures can be sent via email to MoC@gvsu.edu, the Minors on Campus implementation team.

Blackboard Ally supports inclusive education

More than 218,000 digital content items from more than 3,700 courses have been scanned by Blackboard Ally since the software was made available in June to students, faculty and staff members.

Blackboard Ally scans files uploaded into courses and evaluates the level of accessibility of content by displaying colored "dials" (red, yellow and green). These indicators provide awareness and insight and are only visible to

instructors. The goal is to work to improve the accessibility of the files to turn the dials to green, which provides benefits for the learning needs of all students.

Eric Kunnen, associate director of eLearning and Emerging Technologies, said more accessible content means students have more usable, readable learning materials as well as high-quality alternative formats of content that work better on mobile devices.

"After Ally automatically scans course content, an indicator is displayed that estimates the level of accessibility of the file and a score is provided," Kunnen said. "The system then provides on screen guidance to help make the file more accessible."

So far, more than 464 files have been fixed by 138 faculty members in 146 courses.

Kunnen said Ally supports student success through universal design for learning principles and by building capacity to respond to increased federal and legal requirements for accessibility.

"Ally not only provides benefits to students with

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disabilities, but it also supports the university's work in recognizing the importance of accessibility as part of our pathway to inclusive education whereby we support the diverse physical and cognitive needs of all of our students," he said.

The eLearning and Emerging Technologies team offers support to faculty members using Blackboard Ally and has created a webpage with more information, gvsu.edu/elearn/help/ally.

Last issue for semester

This issue marks the final *Forum* published for the fall semester. The publication will resume January 14.

Keep updated on campus news by visiting Grand Valley's news website, *GVNow*, gvsu.edu/gvnow, and to sign up for updates.

University Libraries biannual publication goes digital

Off the Shelf is a biannual publication that shares the impact of University Libraries spaces, collections, services and staff with the campus community. Now, the publication is going completely digital.

Jenna Vainner, library specialist, said transitioning *Off the Shelf* to a digital publication aligns with Grand Valley's overall sustainability initiatives. It's available to read at scholarworks.gvsu.edu/offtheshelf.

The latest issue highlights:

- University Libraries practices that make library collections, spaces and services more

inclusive through various stories that show how inclusion and accessibility are woven throughout the work.

- "Focus On" story about a student Library Research Scholar whose research is impacting library services.

Career Center offers internships mini-grants

In an effort to further internship programming, the Career Center offers opportunities for faculty and staff members to apply for Internship Mini-Grants, and receive funding to help create, expand, or enhance internship or practicum initiatives in academic departments.

Details and the proposal form can be found online at gvsu.edu/careers/img. The proposal deadline is December 7, questions can be sent to Rachel Becklin at becklira@gvsu.edu.

GVNow recap:

GVSU, Mercy Health partner with MCC to open clinic

Ten years after an idea was first shared, leaders from Muskegon Community College, Grand Valley State University and Mercy Health held a ribbon cutting ceremony November 27 at the new MCC Health and Wellness Center.

The 52,000-square-foot facility on Quarterline Road will house a health simulation lab, classrooms, a fitness center and gymnasium and a nurse-managed primary care center.

The Mercy Health Partners Primary Care Center is a collaboration among MCC, GVSU's



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

Cynthia McCurren, dean of KCON, gives remarks at the ribbon-cutting ceremony November 27 in Muskegon.

Kirkhof College of Nursing and Mercy Health. The suite contains eight exam rooms, a treatment room and a lab, and will provide Grand Valley nursing students and MCC's nursing, medical assistant and respiratory therapy students with opportunities for clinical experiences.

Cynthia McCurren, dean of KCON, said the three institutions began imagining a nurse-managed primary care center 10 years ago.

"When academia and health care practice collaborate on an endeavor, students will flourish and partnerships will grow into deep commitments," McCurren said.

The center will open to the public in January and offer primary care services to MCC students, faculty and staff members, and the public.

Dr. Kristen Brown, vice president for Mercy Health Physician Partners, said the center will serve a need on Muskegon's east side.

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Service awards to be presented at annual event

Grand Valley's Service Award and Holiday Gathering is set for Thursday, December 6.

The event will run from 3-5 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room, with the awards ceremony beginning at 3:30 p.m.

50-year award recipient:

Lynn Blue, Enrollment Development

40-year award recipient:

Deborah Vander Wal, Accounting Office (retired)

35-year award recipients:

Dorothy Armstrong, College of Education

Edward Baum, Meijer Honors College

David Chapman, Academic Computing Services

Karen Chavez, Accounting Office

Jill Hamilton, Music, Theatre and Dance

Jo Ann Litton, CLAS Academic Advising Center (retired)

Robert Stoll, Student Life Office

Jonathan White, Meijer Honors College

30-year award recipients:

Charlene Beckmann, Mathematics

Jerry Bosch, Facilities Services Grand Rapids Campus and Regional Centers

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Patti Eisen, Padnos College of Engineering and Computing Dean's Office

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Michael Webster, English

Jay Zink, Copy Services

25-year award recipients:

Karen Burchard, Academic Computing Services

Cassonya Carter, Kirkhof College of Nursing

Teresa Castelao-Lawless, Philosophy

Isabelle Cata, Modern Languages and Literatures

Jeffrey DeWitt, Facilities Services

Cheryl Fischer, Facilities Services

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Paul Fishback, Mathematics
 Laura Fox, Modern Languages and Literatures
 Bob Holcomb, Academic Computing Services
 Simone Jonaitis, Center for Adult and Continuing Studies
 Sue Korzinek, Information Technology
 Koleta Moore, Seidman College of Business
 Jean Nagelkerk, Vice Provost for Health Office
 Sheryl Nelson, Conference and Event Planning
 Janet Potgeter, Geology
 Russell Rhoads, Anthropology
 Betty Schaner, CLAS Dean's Office
 Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin, History
 Star Swift, Seidman College of Business
 Don Underwood, Meadows Golf Club
 Phyllis Vandenberg, Philosophy
 Greg Wilson, Geology

20-year award recipients:

Allison Adams Bousson, Hospitality and Tourism Management
 David Adams, School of Computing and Information Systems
 Richard Albrecht, Movement Science
 Corey Anton, School of Communications
 Coreen Bedford, Department of Public Safety
 John Bender, Chemistry
 Robert Bentley, Facilities Services
 Allen Bialk, Facilities Services
 Esther Billings, Mathematics
 Sheila Blackman, Biology
 Matthew Boelkins, Mathematics
 Joan Borst, School of Social Work
 Steeve Buckridge, History
 Robin Burris, School of Engineering
 Robert Byrens, Music, Theatre and Dance
 Stephen Chappell, WGUV
 Phyllis Curtiss, Statistics
 Jeffrey Daniels, University Libraries
 Dorothy Danko, School of Accounting
 Jayne Disette, Academic Computing Services
 Humberto Dominguez, Facilities Services
 James Dunn, Biology
 John Farris, School of Engineering
 Roger Ferguson, School of Computing and Information Systems
 Lisa Feurzeig, Music, Theatre and Dance
 Timothy Fisher, Visual and Media Arts
 Michael Grannan, Information Technology
 Jennier Gross, Psychology
 Heather Hardy, Academic Computing Services
 Benjamin Hayes, University Libraries
 Avis Hewitt, English
 Julie Henderleiter, Chemistry
 Richard Iadonisi, Writing
 Tracey James-Heer, Admissions Office
 Chad Johnson, Facilities Services
 Sue Johnson, Information Technology
 Terri Kellogg, Records and Registration
 Richard Kleis, Facilities Services

Jan Kuzee, Mathematics
 Paul Lane, Seidman College of Business
 David Lange, School of Computing and Information Systems
 David Leonard, Chemistry
 Dana Lewis, Seidman College of Business Dean's Office
 Helen Marlais, Music, Theatre and Dance
 Amy Matthews, Psychology
 Henry Matthews, Art Gallery
 Stephen Mattox, Geology
 Tracy McLenithan, CLAS Dean's Office
 Shanny Meyer, GVSU Laker Store
 Sharon Millard, GVSU Laker Store
 Walter Moore, Athletics
 Susan Naber, Center for Adult and Continuing Studies
 Charles Norris, Music, Theatre and Dance
 Beverly Nyhuis, College of Education
 Melissa Peraino, Center for Adult and Continuing Studies
 Kellie Pnacek-Carter, Student Life Office
 Ken Radlick, Information Technology
 Diann Reischman, Statistics
 Kirsten Strom, Visual and Media Arts
 Robyn Toth, Meijer Honors College
 Gary Van Harn, Padnos International Center
 David VanderSloot, Conference and Event Planning
 John Vann, Facilities Services
 Ron Villanueva, Facilities Services Grand Rapids Campus and Regional Centers
 James Visser, Visual and Media Arts (retired)
 Patricia Waring, Office of the President
 Bill Widmaier, Records and Registration
 Gregory Wolffe, School of Computing and Information Systems
 Shinian Wu, English
 Yan Yu, Sociology

10-year award recipients:

Tara Baker, Johnson Center for Philanthropy
 Colleen Bazuin, Art Gallery
 Christina Beaudoin, Movement Science
 Rachel Becklin, Career Center
 Deborah Bell, Records and Registration
 Stephanie Bender, Biomedical Sciences
 Becky Bergakker, Statistics
 Irene Bhaskaran, Information Technology
 Mark Bleckley, Van Andel Global Trade Center
 Scott Blinkhorn, University Development
 Daniel Bohle, Department of Public Safety
 Brad Brege, School of Computing and Information Systems
 Cheryl Bronner, Records and Registration
 Briette Phillips, University Development
 Eric Bufford, Facilities Services
 Geoffrey Burd, Visual and Media Arts
 Amy Campbell, Psychology
 Julie Carbine, Department of Public Safety
 Jeremiah Cataldo, Meijer Honors College
 Patrick Center, WGUV

Alice Chapman, History
 Susan Cleghorn, Occupational Science and Therapy
 Gregory Cline, School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration
 Chad Covington, Facilities Services
 Jill Craig, Office of the President
 Michelle Cronk, College of Health Professions
 Gregory Crowell, Music, Theatre and Dance
 Alisha Davis, Allied Health Sciences
 Jennifer Deamud, Michigan Small Business Development Center
 Lindsey DesArmo, Human Resources
 Michelle DeWitt, Chemistry
 William DeWitt, Department of Public Safety
 Thomas Dueweke, Chemistry
 Henry Duitman, Music, Theatre and Dance
 Marvin Dupey, Facilities Services
 Sandra Ellen, Facilities Services
 Kristen Evans, Housing and Residence Life
 Timothy Evans, Biology
 John Ginn, Athletics
 Breeann Gorham, College of Community and Public Service Advising Center
 Valerie Guzman, Student Life Office
 Monica Harris, Teaching and Learning
 Dawn Hart, Cell and Molecular Biology
 Barbara Hooper, Kirkhof College of Nursing
 Xiangling Hu, Seidman College of Business
 Amorak Huey, Writing
 Lorie Jager, School of Communications
 Christopher Jeffries, Facilities Services
 Virginia Jenkins, Visual and Media Arts
 Tamara John, Student Life Office
 Sung-Hwan Joo, School of Engineering
 William Kaneko, Writing
 Anthony Kegley, Biomedical Sciences
 Chad Kellogg, Facilities Services Grand Rapids Campus and Regional Centers
 Nathan Kemler, Art Gallery
 Jennifer Kierzek, Writing
 Kay Klosowski, Business and Finance
 Danielle Lake, Liberal Studies
 Jack Lane, Music, Theatre and Dance
 Claudia Leiras, Allied Health Sciences
 Mark Lewis, Facilities Services
 Tracy London, Records and Registration
 Deborah Lown, Biomedical Sciences
 Christopher Mahlmann, Music, Theatre and Dance
 Rebecca Mailloux, Athletics
 Samah Mansour, School of Computing and Information Systems
 Sarah Mather, Modern Languages and Literatures
 Robert McHugh, Facilities Services
 Azizur Molla, Public Health
 Casey Moomey, Facilities Services
 Lora Moomey, Padnos College of Engineering and Computing Student Services
 Louis Moore, History

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FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

IN THE NEWS

Chris Hinsch, associate professor of marketing, was interviewed by WOOD-TV and WZZM-TV for stories about holiday shopping patterns and sales.

Melissa Baker-Boosamra, associate director of student life, Civic Engagement and Assessment, and the work of the GVSU Votes! campaign were highlighted in a *Forbes* online column about college students and voting.

Cindy Laug, administrative assistant for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has announced her retirement at the end of this year. She has worked for Grand Valley since 1995. A retirement celebration will take place December 12 from 3-5 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Thornapple Room. For more information, contact the CLAS Dean's Office at x12495.

SKETCHES

Priscilla Kimboko, professor of public, nonprofit and health administration, was among the honorees at the inaugural "Senior Neighbors 16 over 60" gala held at Meijer Gardens. Kimboko also gave a presentation, "Effective Strategies to Promote Elder Well-Being: Hot Topics for Senior Centers," at the Michigan Association of Senior Centers Conference held in Mount Pleasant.

Della Hughes-Carter, assistant professor of nursing, wrote an article, "Improved Screening and Diagnosis of Chronic Kidney Disease in the Older Adult with Diabetes," published in the *Journal for Nurse Practitioners*.

Sharalle Arnold, associate director of the Center for Women and Gender Equity, gave a presentation, "Unseen Elements Affecting Student Success," at the Student Success Summit held at Western Michigan University.

WHAT'S AHEAD

Hauenstein Center director to discuss political divide

The 2016 election of Donald Trump, Supreme Court hearings, and midterm elections have stirred up deep emotions about what kind of nation America is and should be. Conservative and progressive debates over the meaning of these events have opened old wounds and created new injuries in our body politic.

Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, will address the divide in the country, and explain why failure to resolve our most difficult challenges is not an option. "Gleaves Whitney: Common Ground?" is set for Wednesday, December 5, 7 p.m. at the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium.

It is free and open to the public, RSVPs are requested at gvsu.edu/hc.

Health Forum event focus: prescription drug pricing

Panelists at the next Health Forum of West Michigan event held at Grand Valley will discuss prescription drug pricing.

"The Cost of Prescription Drugs: Highs and Lows" is set for Friday, December 7, from 8-9:30 a.m. in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium.

Panelists will discuss the fundamentals of drug pricing, legislative issues, and challenges in the process. The event is free and open to the public. A light breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m.; RSVP online at gvsu.edu/vphealth.

Health Forums are sponsored by Grand Valley's Office of the Vice Provost for Health and coordinated with community partners,

Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and the Michigan Center for Clinical Systems Improvement.

Holiday concert planned for Beckering Family Carillon

Holiday music will fill the air over Grand Rapids on December 24 during a special carillon concert by Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, university carillonneur.

She will perform the holiday concert on the Beckering Family Carillon, located on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus, from 9:30-10:15 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public.

The Beckering Family Carillon Tower was dedicated in 2000 with the support of the Beckering family of Pioneer Construction.

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Lisa Morningstar, Department of Public Safety

Jill Morris, Chemistry

Diarrassouba Nagnon, College of Education

Janet Navarro, English

Roy Olsson, College of Health Professions
Dean's Office

Jason Osborne, Disability Support Resources

Osman Patel, Cell and Molecular Biology

Steven Peters, Visual and Media Arts

Rachel Peterson, Liberal Studies

Susan Peterson, CLAS Academic Advising
Center

Justin Pettibone, Liberal Studies

Joel Quamme, Psychology

Benjamin Rhodes, Financial Aid

Robert Robins, Hospitality and Tourism
Management

Jeremy Robinson, Modern Languages and
Literatures

Jeffrey Rollins, College of Education

Amy Russell, Biology

Georgette Sass, Biology

Kristen Scanlon, Career Center

Andrew Schlewitz, Area and Global Studies

Linda Schmidt, Seidman College of Business
Dean's Office

Laura Schneider, Political Science

Javiel Sepulveda, Facilities Services Grand
Rapids Campus and Regional Centers

Ross Sherman, Movement Science

Carrie Shoup, Facilities Services Grand Rapids
Campus and Regional Center

David Sims, Facilities Services

Jaclyn Sirianni, WGUV

Cynthia Smith, College of Education

Stafford Smith, Visual and Media Arts

Susan Smith, Career Center

Sandra Snyder, Mathematics

Corey Sobek, Physical Therapy

Andrew Spear, Philosophy

Amanda Stansbie, Hospitality and Tourism
Management

Ruth Stevens, School of Criminal Justice

Valinda Stokes, College of Health Professions
Student Services

Jiyeon Suh, Mathematics

Susan Sunden, Diagnostic and Treatment
Sciences

Paul Swantek, Music, Theatre and Dance

Benjamin Swets, Psychology

Kristen Timmer, Records and Registration

Dwayne Tunstall, Philosophy

Richard Vallery, Physics

Kate VanDerKolk, Center for Adult and
Continuing Studies

Angela Veltkamp, Kirkhof College of Nursing

Jonathon Verstrate, Facilities Services

David Vessey, Philosophy

Daphne Villatoro, Modern Languages and
Literatures

Erika Wallace, Athletics

Severine Ward, Modern Languages and
Literatures

Bethany Welling, Mathematics

Betsy Wenk, Department of Public Safety

Elizabeth Wheatley, Sociology

Scott Whisler, Facilities Planning

Mark Williams, Music, Theatre and Dance

Todd Williams, Psychology

Charlyn Worthem, Music, Theatre and Dance

Jon Wyble, Diagnostic and Treatment Sciences

Elizabeth Wynsma, University Development

Gail Zemmol, Hospitality and Tourism
Management

Xianguang Zhang, School of Communications