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HLC gives university ‘clean bill of health’

The Higher Learning Commission, following a comprehensive visit in November, notified university leaders that Grand Valley was granted continued accreditation.

Chris Plouff, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, said it was the equivalent of receiving a “clean bill of health,” and it was rewarding to hear that the visiting team found all standards and core components were clearly met, with no recommendations for interim monitoring in any area.

“Certainly, we can continue to improve in several areas, but we are meeting, and often exceeding, the expectations in each of the areas outlined in the core components for accreditation,” Plouff said.

He said the HLC visiting team remarked the assurance argument was well-written and was supported by substantial evidence. Plouff said a writing team of campus leaders began drafting the argument in 2014, documenting how Grand Valley meets the criteria for accreditation and demonstrating “the collective good work of the university.”

When the team visited Grand Valley, November 5-6, they met more than 200 students, faculty and staff members. Plouff said those meetings continued to serve as documentation the university is doing what was stated in the assurance argument.

Breathing room after the accreditation visit for the Provost’s Office and others on campus will be brief. Plouff said preparation for a planned



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assurance review in 2022 will begin in the 2020 fall semester. The next comprehensive site visit will be during the 2028-2029 academic year.

ACROSS CAMPUS

Meeting scheduled to discuss Viant Medical, air quality tests

Grand Valley will hold a meeting for faculty, staff and students to share any information regarding Viant Medical, Inc. and the indoor air quality tests conducted in select buildings on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus.

The meeting will take place March 29 at 3 p.m. in the L William Seidman Center.

The indoor tests were conducted after the MDEQ widened its study area of emissions of ethylene oxide from Viant Medical, Inc.

Grand Valley hired an independent company, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc., to test the indoor air quality in the L. William Seidman Center, Bicycle Factory, DeVos Center and Winter Hall, which are all located near the Viant facility. Measured results were low and considered to be in the safe range and Grand Valley scheduled additional testing to verify the initial results.

Panelists at the March 29 meeting will include three professors who are part of the team reviewing the results from the university’s

independent testing: Dave Huizen, George McBane and Rick Rediske.

Making Waves team seeks input on water-related courses

The Making Waves Initiative team continues to build web resources by asking faculty members who are teaching courses related to water to complete an online form.

Peter Wampler, professor of geology and MWI co-leader, said listing all water-related courses on one website makes it easier for students to find a class. The website, gvsu.edu/makingwaves, lists water-related courses through 2020; the online form is found under “Upcoming Courses.”

Wampler said “water-related” can be physical, metaphorical, symbolic, as well as aesthetic aspects of water.

Making Waves will begin in the 2019-2020 academic year and create opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration, resources and activities.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

John Bowen talks with staff from Pioneer Construction in his Spectrum Hospital room. Bowen was surprised with a call and message from crane operator Robby Jernberg.

Spectrum Health patient gets surprise send-off

While John Bowen was a patient in Spectrum Health’s Meijer Heart Center in downtown Grand Rapids, he passed the time watching a crane operator outside his window working on the expansion of Grand Valley’s Health Campus.

Through his binoculars, Bowen was fascinated

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by watching Robby Jernberg, a crane operator for Pioneer Construction, who is working on the construction of the Daniel and Pamela DeVos Center for Interprofessional Health.

Bowen, a Muskegon native, went home March 19 after a two-week hospital stay. But, before leaving, he was surprised by a FaceTime call from Jernberg and a “get well soon” sign hanging from the crane.

GVNow recap:

Grand Valley named top producer for Gilman scholars

Grand Valley has been named the Top Producing Institution for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship program in Michigan, as well as the top producer of award recipients who are student veterans. The university was also recognized as having the greatest growth among students who have a disability.

The recognition was recently shared by the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, in collaboration with the Institute of International Education, who compiles the list.

For the 2018-2019 academic year, 11 Grand Valley students have been awarded prestigious Gilman Scholarships, which help fund study abroad opportunities.

Gilman Scholars receive up to \$8,000 to apply toward their study abroad or internship program costs. The award is open to students

who receive a Federal Pell Grant and who will be studying or interning abroad for 21 days or longer.

The following students were awarded the scholarships, and are listed with their major(s), and country of study:

Fall/Academic Year 2018-2019 Recipients:

- Chance Colter, mathematics, South Korea
- Jaylene Salas, communication studies, Spain
- Antonio Reeves, multimedia journalism, Germany

Spring 2019 Recipient:

- Myesha Dills, international relations, Japan

Early Summer 2019 Recipients:

- Kaitlyn Yarnell, communications, Japan
- Capriana Calavachi, anthropology/biology, United Kingdom
- Anthony Cotton, information systems, Germany
- Paul Villa, biomedical sciences, Spain
- Richard Vegh, philosophy/English, Peru
- Chloe Church, teaching/special education, Tanzania
- Rachel Kornelje, writing, South Africa

Clark receives Hauenstein Fellowship Medal

Former Democratic candidate for president and four-star Gen. Wesley Clark (ret.) was awarded the Col. Ralph W. Hauenstein Fellowship Medal at a March 14 event hosted by the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies.

Clark received the award after speaking about



Photo by Kyle Bultman

Gen. Wesley Clark (ret.) received the Col. Ralph W. Hauenstein Fellowship Medal March 14.

the challenges of overcoming polarization in America.

Clark served for nearly 40 years in the United States Army, including assignments as Commander of U.S. Southern Command and Commander of U.S. European Command/Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

The Hauenstein Fellowship Medal recognizes the extraordinary life of the center’s namesake, the late Ralph Hauenstein, and honors distinguished individuals who exemplify his spirit of leadership and service.

Previous recipients of the medal include: President Gerald R. Ford (posthumously), Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State James A. Baker, Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen, Treasury Secretary Paul O’Neill, Ambassador John Beyrle, President of Palau Tommy Remengesau, Admiral James M. Loy, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Carla Hills, and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates.

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Laker Effect map similar to LinkedIn

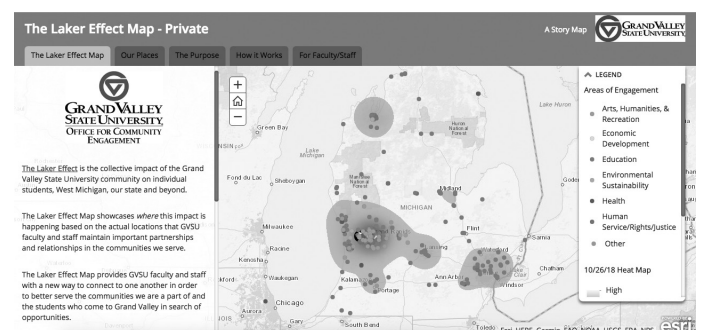
A new interactive tool will show the impact of community engagement by Grand Valley students, faculty and staff members.

The Laker Effect Map visually displays the locations of hundreds of organizations and businesses where faculty and staff maintain relationships or partnerships. Many of these locations regularly host student interns, serve as destinations for student volunteers, serve as locations for faculty research initiatives or offer opportunities for community-based learning projects within classes.

Currently more than 550 locations are highlighted on the heat map.

Travus Burton, director for Civic Learning and Community Engagement, said the map also functions as a database to provide an efficient way for faculty and staff members to connect with the Grand Valley “keeper of the partnership.”

He explained when faculty or staff members use their Grand Valley login to access the interactive database, they can view names and locations of organizations and contact information for the GVSU person who maintains the relationship. The public will not



The Laker Effect Map is an interactive tool that will show the impact of community engagement by students, faculty and staff members.

be able to access that information, only view the generalized heat map.

“The map has two purposes, it showcases that Grand Valley is highly engaged and connected with community partners, and it is an internal tool for faculty and staff to make connections to benefit students or themselves,” Burton said. “If I want to arrange an internship at a business, I can look up who at Grand Valley has already established that partnership and learn more from them about their relationship.”

The interactive maps were created using geographic information systems software called ArcGIS, which Kin Ma, assistant professor of geography and sustainable planning, helped set up for Burton’s department. A student majoring in geography and sustainable planning is part of the mapping team.



WHAT'S AHEAD

Big Data speaker will focus on 'artificial unintelligence'

The keynote speaker for The Big Data Initiative at Grand Valley will talk about how computers misunderstand the world.

Meredith Broussard, assistant professor at the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute of New York University, will give a speech March 26 at 1 p.m. in Kirkhof Center, room 2204. The event is LIB 100 approved.

Broussard is a 2018 Reynolds Journalism Institute Fellow and the author of *Artificial Unintelligence: How Computers Misunderstand the World*.

Her research focuses on artificial intelligence in investigative reporting, with a particular interest in using data analysis for social good.

"Big Data" refers to the sharp increase in the size and complexity of data generated and collected by business, government, non-profits and other organizations. The Big Data Initiative presents speakers and other events open to the Grand Valley community and the public.

The event is sponsored by The Big Data Initiative and the Office of the Provost.

Harris to discuss diversity in STEM at Mosaic Lecture

An upcoming presenter will discuss the reality of being a first-generation college student, undocumented immigrant and a woman of color in the STEM field.

Pamela Harris, assistant professor of mathematics at Williams College, will tell her story about growing up an undocumented immigrant and her experiences as a woman of color in mathematics at the 2019 Mosaic Lecture, set for Tuesday, March 26, 7 p.m. in Loutit Lecture Hall, room 101.

During her lecture, "The Lonely Reality of an Academic Dreamer," Harris will discuss her journey and the challenges she faced as she pursued a career in a field where women of color are underrepresented. She will share how she found a network of mentors and other individuals who supported her development as a student and scientist.

Harris will also discuss how communities can support undocumented students and students of color in fields in which they are underrepresented.

Jonathan Hodge, professor of mathematics, School of Communications chair and Mosaic Lecture coordinator, said Harris's story represents the rich diversity of mathematics.

"It is an opportunity to come together in recognition of the fact that the field of mathematics is stronger and richer because of the work of scholars from a variety of diverse backgrounds and identities," Hodge said.

The annual event was created in 2014. Sponsors are the Mathematics Department, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Department of Area and Global Studies, Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Frederik Meijer Honors College. For more information, visit gvsu.edu/math or call the Mathematics Department at x12040.



Pamela Harris

Campus women to be recognized at annual awards ceremony

Students, faculty and staff members will be recognized for their positive impact on campus during the annual Celebrating Women Awards, set for Wednesday, March 27, in the Kirkhof Center.

The event is sponsored by the Women's Commission, in conjunction with the Gayle R. Davis Center for Women and Gender Equity; Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; and Positive Black Women.

The Women's Commission will present awards to the following people.

- Amanda Syers, project assistant for the College of Education's Center for Educational Partnerships, Emerging Professional Award;
- Mary Karpen, professor of chemistry, Maxine Swanson Award;
- Bonnie Peterson, office coordinator for TRIO Upward Bound, Unsung Hero Award; and
- Susan Howard, assistant director of communications, Alumni Relations, Community Impact Award.

Special recognition is planned for Marcia Haas, and Positive Black Women and the Center for Women and Gender Equity will present scholarships and awards to students.

RSVP for the event online at gvsu.edu/wcommission.

CLAS faculty highlight sabbaticals during showcase

Faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will share their creative and research projects during the annual CLAS Sabbatical Showcase, set for Thursday, March 28, in the Kirkhof Center.

Two showcase sessions are planned: from 11 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m. in the Grand River Room.

The campus community is invited to tour the showcase and engage with faculty members. For more information, visit gvsu.edu/clas.

Production of Molière play brought to 1950s setting

The theater program will breathe new life into the 17th century Molière play "The Imaginary Invalid" by moving the setting of the play to the 1950s.

Performances of "The Imaginary Invalid" will take place March 28-30 and April 3-6 at 7:30 p.m., and March 31 and April 7 at 2 p.m. in the Linn Maxwell Keller Black Box Theatre, Haas Center for Performing Arts. Tickets (\$7 for students, \$13 for faculty/staff/alumni, and \$15 for adults) can be purchased by visiting the Louis Armstrong Box Office or calling x12300.

In "The Imaginary Invalid," the main character, Argan, is a hypochondriac facing depleting wealth from his excessive medical bills. His condition causes him to create a plan to arrange a marriage for his daughter, Angelique, to a doctor so he can have access to medical services. However, Angelique has other plans, and she enlists the family servant, Toinette, in a scheme to foil Argan's plans, in a comedic performance with musical interludes.

While the play was written and originally



Photo by Samantha Brigham

Performances of "The Imaginary Invalid" begin March 28 in the Haas Center for Performing Arts. The play will run through April 7.

performed in the 1600s, director Dennis Henry, visiting professor of theater, said the 1950s setting makes it more relatable.

For more information on "The Imaginary Invalid," visit gvsu.edu/theater or contact Henry at henryden@gvsu.edu.

'Rising star' in chemistry to give Ott lecture

An award-winning organic chemist, recognized as a rising star for her research on molecule synthesis, will be this year's featured speaker for the Arnold C. Ott Lectureship in Chemistry.

Melanie Sanford, the Moses Gomberg distinguished university professor of chemistry at the University of Michigan, will give two lectures, "New Ways to Make Molecules: From Fundamental Science to Applications in Medical Imaging and Drug Development" and "Developing Organic and Inorganic Molecules for Electrical Energy Storage," on April 4 and April 5, respectively.

David Leonard, professor of chemistry at Grand Valley, said Sanford is very well-known for her research in developing new methods in synthetic organic chemistry, specifically the production of new molecules.

Sanford's public lecture will be April 4 at 6 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room, with a reception preceding at 5 p.m. A more science-intensive chemistry seminar is set for April 5 at 1 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room.

Sanford earned a doctoral degree from California Institute of Technology, has written for more than 100 publications and has received many awards for her work.

The Arnold C. Ott Lectureship in Chemistry was created and endowed by a gift from the late Arnold C. and Marion Ott. Arnold Ott was a leading chemist and entrepreneur in West Michigan. He was also one of the co-founders of Grand Valley and served on the Board of Trustees for 28 years.

Opioid crisis will be discussed at Health Forum

Experts will discuss the opioid epidemic in Kent County and available resources for patients, health providers and caregivers during a Health Forum of West Michigan event.

Sponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for Health, the event is April 5 from 8-9:30 a.m. in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium

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IN THE NEWS

University Libraries published its spring issue of *Off the Shelf*. The issue highlights universal design, first-year faculty librarians, and Knowledge Market support for non-traditional students. Visit scholarworks.gvsu.edu/offtheshelf to view this issue and archived issues.

The **Michigan Secretary of State Mobile Unit** will be on the Allendale Campus by the Cook Carillon Tower on March 28 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Services include license, tabs and registration renewals; voter registration; absentee ballot application; and organ donor registry.

Vrooman named acting chief international officer

Michael Vrooman, associate professor of Spanish, has been named acting chief international officer in the Padnos International Center. In February, **Mark Schaub**, who was chief international officer, was named acting dean of the Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies.



Michael Vrooman

Vrooman joined the Modern Languages and Literatures Department in 2003 after earning a doctoral degree in Hispanic linguistics from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

He has participated in multiple programs at Grand Valley's international partner universities and helped establish the program at the Universidad del Bío-Bío in Chile. Vrooman is the president of the Michigan World Language Association and has worked with Michigan Department of Education committees on curriculum issues related to internationalization.

Stinnett to oversee SWS

Jerry Stinnett, assistant professor of writing, was named director of Supplemental Writing Skills and Writing Across the Curriculum, effective with the fall 2019 semester. He will replace **Lindsay Ellis**, associate professor of English, who served in this role for the past five years.

Stinnett joined Grand Valley's faculty in 2018, after serving as director of First-Year Writing and assistant professor of writing and rhetoric at Duquesne University, and co-director of the First-Year Writing program at the University of Oklahoma.

SKETCHES

John Kilbourne, professor of movement science, and **Elizabeth Kilbourne**, part-time faculty in liberal studies, gave a presentation, "Early Arctic Games: Sustainability and Peace," at GVSU's Grand Forum.

Eric Kunnen, associate director of eLearning and Emerging Technologies, gave a presentation, "Strategies to Establish Pathways for Inclusive Education," at the EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative annual conference in Anaheim, California.

Vince St. Germain, eLearning and instructional technology specialist, facilitated a virtual sustainability conference with Blackboard Collaborate. The event was held in collaboration with the City of Grand Rapids, which is a United Nations Regional Center of Expertise.

Nancy Carlson, affiliate faculty of nursing, has passed the Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator exam.

Michael Webster, professor of English, gave a presentation, 'centuries come and go . . . what of it': Tradition, Aestheticism, and Modernism in 'All in green went my love riding,' at the Louisville Conference On Literature and Culture Since 1900 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Robert Deaner, associate professor of psychology, wrote an article, "Risk Taking Runners Slow More in the Marathon," published in *Frontiers in Psychology*.

Sherry Johnson, associate professor of English, gave a presentation, "Ryan Coogler's Black Panther: A Cautionary Tale on Reading 'Black' (and beautiful!) as 'Feminist,'" at Aquinas College. Johnson also was interviewed by WGVU about a study abroad program she leads in Ghana that teaches about the middle passage and slavery.

Tricia Thomas, associate dean for practice, KCON, was among the authors of an article, "Advancing the Clinical Nurse Leader Model through Academic-Practice-Policy Partnerships," published in *Nursing Outlook*.

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with a light breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public; RSVP online at gvsu.edu/vphealth.

Panelists are Steve Alsum, executive director for Grand Rapids Red Project; Dr. Jayne E. Courts, executive medical director, geriatrics/internal medicine, for Mercy Health Saint Mary's/Mercy Health Physician Partners; Michelle LaJoye-Young, Kent County sheriff; and Ron Scott, consultant for EAP Services. M. Lisa Pagnucco, associate professor of physician assistant studies, will serve as moderator.

Grand Valley to host 21st annual Pow Wow

Hundreds of people are expected to attend the 21st annual Celebrating All Walks of Life Traditional Pow Wow April 6, showcasing Native American traditions and culture.

The Pow Wow is a space for the community to celebrate and learn more about the traditional Native American dances, songs and values of Native communities of Michigan. The event will feature handmade Native American crafts, food vendors, information booths and a silent auction to raise funds for the Native American Student Association.

The Pow Wow will take place April 6 in the Fieldhouse; doors open at 11 a.m. Grand entry performances (dancing and drumming) will take place at noon and 5 p.m. It is free and open to the public.



Photo by Jess Weal

The 21st annual Pow Wow will take place April 6 in the Fieldhouse Arena.

For more information, contact OMA at x12177 or visit gvsu.edu/omaw/powwow.

Wesorick Center event will feature polarity masters

The Kirkhof College of Nursing's Bonnie Wesorick Center for Health Care Transformation will host three experts on polarity thinking for an evening presentation focused on addressing conflicts that affect the health of communities and residents.

Evelyn Clingerman, executive director of the Wesorick Center, said it could be the initial step into further community dialogue related to issues of bias and how social determinates affect the health of residents.

"Building Healthy Community: Inequities and Polarized Tensions" will be April 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Eberhard Center. The event

is free and open to the public; RSVP online at gvsu.edu/wesorick. Continuing education credits are available for registered nurses.

Presenters are Barry Johnson, founding partner of Polarity Partnerships; Lindsey Burr, partner with the Yarbrough Group; and Peter Whitt, founder of Enlightenment Consultant Group.

Clingerman said these three are polarity masters and have each worked with multiple organizations, municipalities and businesses to help employees, government leaders and business owners navigate cultural changes and workplace challenges. Events like "Building Healthy Community" reflect how cities like Charleston, S.C., have started to recover after the 2015 mass shooting at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

"Police and residents came together around that horrific event for a year to leverage tensions and avoid win/lose conversations," she said.

Clingerman said while West Michigan has not endured such a tragedy, polarity thinking helps people consider the root causes that affect a person's health, or how people are impacted by social determinates like housing, socioeconomic status, transportation and education.

"We hope area students and residents recognize how much Grand Valley wants to support future conversations that help address issues people cope with daily," she said.