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## Scholarship created for students who teach in Detroit

A new scholarship is available to students who choose to fulfill their student teaching requirement in a Detroit GVSU-authorized charter school. The scholarship is being offered through the university's Charter Schools Office and College of Education.

The Detroit Student Teacher Scholarship will be available for up to 20 students this fall, and will cover the tuition cost of their semester of student teaching — approximately \$6,500.

"The Grand Valley students will learn how to positively shape a new teaching environment while learning to overcome the challenges that accompany it," said Tim Wood, associate vice president for charter schools.

College of Education leaders also said the scholarship arrangement is beneficial to students.

"We are always looking for ways to help our students find good educational opportunities where they can develop their teaching

experience," said Keith Vree, associate director for College of Education undergraduate programs. "This scholarship provides both a financial incentive to teach in a new environment, and also opens doors to possible job opportunities after our students graduate."

Seven students earned the scholarship this semester; all are teaching in one of three GVSU-authorized Detroit charter schools.

The scholarship is available to any undergraduate student who is preparing to do a semester of student teaching and has completed their Professional Readiness Exam.

For more information, visit [gvsu.edu/cso](http://gvsu.edu/cso).

A student plays violin at Washington-Parks Academy in Redford. Grand Valley education majors can earn scholarships to complete their student teaching in a GVSU-authorized charter school in the Detroit area.



## Across Campus

### Students earn scholarships for passports

It's among the first steps to studying abroad: getting a passport.

Five students received scholarships to apply for a passport through a collaboration among the Padnos International Center, TRIO Student Support Services and the Oliver Wilson Freshman Academy Program. They



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From left to right are passport scholarship recipients Kambriana Gates, Kiara Clark and Devonté Hillman. Not pictured are Kennedy Robinson and Carlos Calderon.

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Gates is majoring in nursing and has a minor in African American studies. She plans to go to South Africa this summer with the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program.

"I want to immerse myself in a different culture," she said.

Hillman will get a head-start on becoming a doctor when he shadows doctors who work at a hospital in Winneba, Ghana. Hillman is a biomedical sciences major and Meijer Honors College student.

Hillman participated in the Freshman Academy Program and learned about the passport scholarships there.

### Nominations sought for civic engagement awards

Nominations are sought for awards that will recognize mutually beneficial and sustainable community-campus partnerships.

The awards will be presented at the April 13 Civic Engagement Showcase, which will also highlight the work of students, faculty and staff members who have collaborated with community partners for a project.

Criteria for the Distinguished Engagement Initiative Awards includes a partnership that has achieved mutually beneficial outcomes, sustainable collaboration, and student ownership and leadership. A full list of criteria is

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posted online, [www.gvsu.edu/community/](http://www.gvsu.edu/community/). The deadline for submitting a nomination is March 17.

2016 award recipients (and academic partners) were the Intercollegiate Alliance for Health and Well-being (Kirkhof College of Nursing, Anthropology), Adams Park Apartments (KCON), and West Michigan Environmental Action Council (Seidman College of Business).

## Volunteers needed for Student Scholars Day

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship is looking for volunteers for the 21st annual Student Scholars Day on April 12.

The day showcases faculty-mentored student work, shared through many venues, including oral presentations, discussion and panel sessions, fine arts exhibits and performances, and poster presentations.

Volunteers are needed to fill two-hour time blocks between 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in Kirkhof Center and Henry Hall to assist with registration, hosting sessions, greeting participants and spectators, setting up and tearing down.

Register at <http://gvsu.edu/s/Oor>. Questions can be directed to Stacey Mathieu at [mathstac@gvsu.edu](mailto:mathstac@gvsu.edu).

## Auto Suppliers Symposium addresses changing industry

Automotive experts will discuss future trends for auto suppliers at the 18th West Michigan Automotive Suppliers Symposium, hosted by the Van Andel Global Trade Center.

The theme is "Automotive's Age of Change: What's Next?"; the event will be held Thursday, March 9, from 8 a.m.-noon in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium.

The keynote speaker will be Bryan Nyeholt from YanFeng Automotive Interiors, who will present "Positioned to Win in Healthy & Growing Segments."

Nyeholt is vice president of Global Product, Process Strategy and Execution. He previously worked at Prince Corp. with roles in operations,

purchasing, program management and finance and sales. He also worked for Johnson Controls in program management and global innovation.

Other speakers include Mike Wall, director of Automotive Analysis for IHS Markit, who will talk about the outlook for the auto industry. A panel discussion will be held, focusing on best practices for suppliers. Panelists are Jay Dunwell, Wolverine Coil Spring; Jim Bradbury, Grand Rapids Control; Doug Baker, Sound Off Signal; and Jeff Piper, Shape Corporation.

To register or for more information, visit [www.vagtc.org](http://www.vagtc.org) or call x16811.

## Events will highlight Women's History Month

A visit from a female Holocaust survivor and an awards recognition ceremony are just two of many events planned at Grand Valley to celebrate March as Women's History Month.

Some events are highlighted below; see a complete list at [gvsu.edu/women\\_cen](http://gvsu.edu/women_cen). Most events are free and open to the public.

**International Women's Day:** March 8. Campus members are encouraged to discuss changes they want to see that impact women.

**A Light in the Dark: A Survivor's Story of the Holocaust:** March 15, 7 p.m., Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center. Holocaust survivor Magda Brown will share her story of courage, remembrance and hope. It is sponsored by Hillel at Grand Valley.

**EqualiTEA:** March 20, 3 p.m., Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center. Students, faculty and staff members will participate in a centuries-old tradition of combining tea parties with discussions of literature, politics and reform. RSVP at [www.gvsu.edu/women\\_cen](http://www.gvsu.edu/women_cen).

**Women's Commission's Celebrating Women Awards:** March 30, 3-4:30 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 2250. The Women's Commission will recognize men and women who have made a positive impact on the lives of women. It is co-sponsored by the Women's Center. RSVP at [www.gvsu.edu/wcommission](http://www.gvsu.edu/wcommission).

The month-long celebration is organized by the Women's Center, which is celebrating its 15-year anniversary. The center was founded in 2001 as a space to create meaningful learning opportunities about women and gender, and to advocate for gender justice through education, engagement and empowerment.

Learn more at [www.gvsu.edu/women\\_cen](http://www.gvsu.edu/women_cen).

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## Event honors former student athletes, awards scholarship

Former student athletes or club sport members were honored at the Celebrate Women in Sport and Physical Activity event, held February 18 at the Fieldhouse.

They are Catherine Jones-Rikkens, associate professor of management, who played softball for the Lakers; Molly Mahoney, who established women's ice hockey as a club sport; Jaida Bourke Fitzgerald, who played basketball for the 2006 national championship team; and Kathleen Kinkema, associate vice president for academic affairs at Western State Colorado University, who played softball and field hockey.

The event serves as the main fundraiser for the Board and Rowe Endowment, a fund that supports professional development for students. This year's recipient was Emma Gerhold.



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From left are Kathleen Kinkema, Jaida Bourke Fitzgerald, Catherine Jones-Rikkens and Molly Mahoney at the February 18 Celebrate Women in Sport and Physical Activity event in the Fieldhouse.