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## Sculpture of fallen soldier unveiled on Veterans Day

When Grand Rapids native Dennis Lobbezoo died in the Vietnam War, Edward Byrd felt he had lost a great friend.

Byrd, a medical officer for the U.S. Naval Reserves, met Lobbezoo, a young soldier, while treating him for an injury.

"He was kind, soft spoken and became friends with everyone he met. I only knew him for a short time, but he stuck with me," said Byrd.

Years later and upon Byrd's retirement as a neurosurgeon, he studied art and created a bronze sculpture of Lobbezoo. He wanted it to be displayed in Lobbezoo's hometown.

"Dennis gave me a desire to one day create a memorial to honor soldiers. Through this sculpture, I want to keep alive the memory of them and what they gave to us," said Byrd, from South Carolina.

The sculpture was unveiled at a ceremony at the DeVos Center on November 11, Veterans Day. Lobbezoo's family attended the event, including his sister and nephew, Tim Lobbezoo.

"You have brought a sense of calmness to our family," Lobbezoo said to Byrd. "You knew what we knew about Denny; he was kind, caring and courageous. If he touched you in this way, then maybe he touched others in Vietnam in the same way. We are humbled and honored to see this



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Edward Byrd, left, and Tim Lobbezoo unveil the sculpture, 'Homeage to the Fallen,' during a Veterans Day ceremony at the DeVos Center.

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## LGBT Resource Center named for founder

Hundreds of supporters packed the Kirkhof Center November 10 to celebrate the naming of the Milton E. Ford LGBT Resource Center.

The center is named for its founding director; Ford died in March following a battle with cancer.



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

Supporters cut the ribbon November 10 in the Kirkhof Center to celebrate the naming of the Milton E. Ford LGBT Resource Center.

Ford was a professor of English and liberal studies during his 40-plus-year career at Grand Valley but, as speakers said during the ceremony, his other job was to quietly press for creation of a LGBT center on campus.

Wendy Wenner, interim vice president for Inclusion and Equity, said she walked alongside Ford and others who lobbied for a LGBT center. "At one time, his office was the center," Wenner said. "Under his name on his door in Lake Ontario Hall were the words, 'LGBT Resources.'"

Wenner said Ford believed that establishing a physical space for a center was important for students. "The center needed to be a symbol to the LGBT community that they matter," she said. "It's not just for the LGBT community, it's for everyone. It helps us all learn and grow."

President Thomas J. Haas welcomed the overflow crowd and said the event recognized Ford's name in connection to the center as well as his legacy.

"We are creating a university that's making a difference in people's lives," Haas said. "We are able to do that because we have had colleagues like Milt Ford, who had a quiet, persistent way to help us all be a family, a community of Lakers."

Gary Van Harn, Ford's partner, said Ford started the endowment fund for the center just weeks before he died at age 72. Van Harn, assistant for the Padnos International Center, said it was now his charge to ensure the center remains operational.

Colette Seguin Beighley, director of the center, said the work that goes on inside the center continues Ford's vision, adding that his vision has expanded beyond the center's walls to include scholarships, and annual programs like Change U. Seguin Beighley also introduced members of the newly chartered LGBT Alumni Association.

Gayle R. Davis, provost and vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, led a ribbon cutting with current and former students and Ford's family.

# Across Campus

## Campaign builds awareness of smoking policy

Health and Wellness has teamed with Student Senate on a campaign to create awareness of the university's smoking policy and offer resources for those who want to quit smoking.

"Respect Our Campus" kicked off November 10 with a visual display of cigarette butts at the Kirkhof Center's 20/20 Desk.

Lindsey DesArmo, health and wellness specialist, said the butts were litter picked up from campus earlier this fall. The campus community is invited to view the container and guess the number of cigarette butts, tweeting a guess to #respectourcampus. The container will be available through November 21.

"We felt it was necessary to launch a campaign to educate our community about the far-reaching effects of smoking," said Eric Cousins, Student Senate vice president for Campus Affairs. "Hopefully we can help members of our community choose healthier lifestyles."

Visit [www.gvsu.edu/respectourcampus](http://www.gvsu.edu/respectourcampus) for resources and more information.

## Accountability Report released at Board of Trustees meeting

Grand Valley's annual Accountability Report shows the university is attracting a record number of students while demonstrating exemplary results in graduation and retention rates. The report also shows the university continues to hold down tuition and administration costs while providing a significant economic impact to the region.

The report, which tracks more than 40 measures of university performance and student outcomes, was released at the November 7 Board of Trustees meeting in Allendale.

Here are some highlights from the eighth annual report:

- Grand Valley welcomed a record number of first-year students in the fall, bringing the total number of students to 25,094, hitting a major milestone for the university.
- Grand Valley ranks in the top three of all public universities in Michigan for graduation rates, and fourth for retention.
- The university was rewarded by the state legislature and the governor

for a third year in a row with appropriations based on performance.

- Tuition remains in the bottom half of all Michigan public universities, while receiving the lowest state funding per student.

- The economic impact of Grand Valley on Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon counties is \$730 million.

The full 2014-15 Accountability Report can be viewed online at [www.gvsu.edu/accountability](http://www.gvsu.edu/accountability).

Also at a Board of Trustees committee meeting, Paul Plotkowski, dean of the Padnos College of Engineering and Computing, reported that enrollment in the college has grown by 29 percent in the last two years, which is in response to interest in the profession and industry demand for graduates in the STEM field. Engineering has seen significant growth of more than 39 percent.

The board approved a resolution for a name change for Covenant House Academy Muskegon to Muskegon Covenant Academy.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

President Thomas J. Haas explains the Accountability Report during the November 7 Board of Trustees meeting in the Kirkhof Center.

## University named 'Best for Vets'

Grand Valley State University has been named a "Best for Vets" college by the national news outlet Military Times.

Grand Valley joins 140 colleges and universities throughout the country that are included on the 2015 list. The ranking is based on an evaluation of the many factors that make an organization a good fit for service members, veterans and their families. It is also based on an assessment of

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## GVFaces

### Janet Winter, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs in Nursing

This is Janet Winter's seventh year at Grand Valley, but her first year as associate dean for undergraduate programs in nursing, a role she took on in July.

"This is a position that lets me serve students and faculty at the Kirkhof College of Nursing within the Grand Valley family," Winter said.

Winter started working for the Johnson Center for Philanthropy in 2000. After five years, she returned to a traditional hospital setting as an advanced practice specialist in nursing. She joined the KCON faculty in 2012, teaching classes in both the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Winter earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Michigan in 1983; a master's degree in public administration from Grand Valley in 2003; a doctoral degree of nursing practice with a focus in executive leadership from Rush University in 2010; and a post-graduate certificate in sustainability in public and nonprofit organizations from Grand Valley in 2013.

One thing she enjoys about Grand Valley is its strong focus on teaching. "Grand Valley is a great community," Winter said. "What I really

appreciate about the university is how relational it is. We are incredibly focused on student learning and being excellent teachers."

Having earned a degree and certificate from Grand Valley, Winter is a Laker at heart. "I've experienced the university from the student and faculty perspective, and now feel very fortunate to serve in this administrative role," she said.

In her free time, Winter enjoys spending time with family and friends, golfing, sailing, cooking and reading.

Winter said she enjoys watching students grow through the nursing program and is confident they will make a difference in their workplaces. "Our graduates will greatly influence the delivery of health care in our nation through exceptional nursing care that promotes health and wellness among individuals and the community at-large," she said.



Janet Winter





# What's Ahead

## Writers Series will host Cruz

Award-winning storyteller Angie Cruz will be the next author featured during the Grand Valley Writers Series.

The event will take place Monday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, rooms 2215/16.

Cruz is the author of two novels, *Soledad*, which she has adapted into a screenplay, and *Let It Rain Coffee*, which was a finalist in 2007 for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award. She has published short fiction and essays in *Callaloo*, *New York Times*, *Kweli*, *Phatitude*, *South Central Review* and elsewhere.

Cruz is an assistant professor of English at the University of Pittsburgh, and editor of the activist literary journal, *Aster(ix)*.

## Events celebrate International Education Week

The Padnos International Center will celebrate International Education Week November 17-21 with events that celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange.

Highlights are below; for more details, visit [www.gvsu.edu/pic/iew2014](http://www.gvsu.edu/pic/iew2014).

- Monday, November 17, 9 p.m.: Latino Dance Night, Cook-DeWitt Center
- Tuesday, November 18, 6 p.m.: International Potluck, Niemeyer West Living Center
- Wednesday, November 19, 4 p.m.: International Video Conversation, Mary Idema Pew Library
- Thursday, November 20, 4 p.m.: Global Careers, Kirkhof Center, room 2263
- Friday, November 21, 3 p.m.: International Tea and Games, Kirkhof Center, room 2204.

## Universal Forest Products leadership to speak on campus

Three members of the leadership team at Universal Forest Products in Grand Rapids will talk about “Business Lessons Learned” during the Peter F. Secchia Breakfast Lecture sponsored by the Seidman College of Business.

The event will feature William G. Currie, chairman of the board; Matthew J. Missad, chief executive officer; and Peter F. Secchia, retired chairman of the board. The breakfast lecture will take place Wednesday, November 19, at 8 a.m. in the L. William Seidman Center. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. Register at [www.gvsu.edu/business](http://www.gvsu.edu/business).

Founded in 1955, Universal Forest Products is the nation's leading manufacturer and distributor of wood and wood-alternative products. With facilities throughout North America, the company delivers a wide variety of products to nationwide retailers that cater to both consumers and contractors.

For more information, contact the Seidman College of Business at x17100.

## Fall Science Update to celebrate 30 years

Teachers from across Michigan will gather Wednesday, November 19, to expand their teaching knowledge and strategies surrounding K-12 sciences during the 30th annual Fall Science Update at Grand Valley.

The conference, sponsored by the Regional Math and Science Center, takes place from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Eberhard Center.

During the Fall Science Update, area K-12 teachers will experience multiple breakout sessions on various science topics and pedagogy. The sessions will provide information about teaching strategies for biology, chemistry, earth science, environmental science, geology, physical science and engineering.

Larry Fegel, former affiliate professor of geology at Grand Valley, will give the keynote address, focusing on the theme, “Celebrating Science Education: Past, Present, Future.”

Registration is required for the 2014 Fall Science Update. To register, visit [www.gvsu.edu/s/KV](http://www.gvsu.edu/s/KV).



Larry Fegel

## Arts at Noon presents Rebel

The 37th season of the Arts at Noon concert series continues Wednesday, November 19, with a performance by Rebel.

The New York-based Baroque ensemble Rebel has earned an impressive international reputation, enchanting audiences with their unique style and virtuosic, highly expressive, and provocative approach to the Baroque and Classical repertoire. The *New York Times* called the ensemble “sophisticated and beguiling” and the *Los Angeles Times* praised Rebel for their “astonishingly vital music-making.”

The concert will begin at noon in the Cook-DeWitt Center. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/music](http://www.gvsu.edu/music) for more information.

## Emergency personnel will discuss community book

Area emergency medical staff members will provide insight into West Michigan disaster preparedness and discuss this year's Community Reading Project, *Five Days at Memorial*.

The panel presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium.

The book by Sheri Fink details the days at Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans during and after Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Panelists are Karla Black, Kent County Health Department; Julie Bulson, Spectrum Health; Todd Chassee, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine; Jamie Crouch, Metro Health; Mark Iverson, Mercy Health Saint Mary's; Jack Stewart, Kent County emergency management coordinator; and Mark Van Dyke, Spectrum Health.

Brian Jbara, director of Integrative Learning, said panelists will discuss what goes into an emergency plan and what West Michigan agencies have done to ensure preparedness for local disasters.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information about the event or *Five Days at Memorial*, visit [www.gvsu.edu/read](http://www.gvsu.edu/read).

## GradFest runs two days

Students participating in the December 6 commencement ceremony can pick up their cap, gown and other items at GradFest

November 19-20.

The event, a campus tradition held to celebrate students' success, will take place on the Allendale and Pew Grand Rapids campuses. Students should bring their student ID.

- Allendale Campus: Wednesday, November 19, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Kirkhof Center
- Pew Grand Rapids Campus: Thursday, November 20, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., DeVos Center, building E

Students can also meet with staff members from Career Services and Financial Aid, and learn about giving to the Student Legacy Scholarship and getting involved with the Alumni Association.

The event has many sponsors, including Alumni Relations, Campus Dining, Dean of Students Office, Career Services, Graduate Studies, Financial Aid, University Development, University Bookstore and University Promotions.

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

## Next Happiness Club meeting set

The Happiness Club will meet on Thursday, November 20, from noon-1 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 1142.

Scheduled speakers are Sandra Jennings, administrative assistant for Athletics, and Damon Arnold, director of Laker advising. They will discuss “Attracting Happiness.”

Register for the meeting online at [www.gvsu.edu/seminar](http://www.gvsu.edu/seminar).

## Haas to hold virtual office hours

President Thomas J. Haas will hold virtual office hours on Thursday, November 20, from 12:30-2 p.m.

The online program allows students, faculty and staff members to ask questions and chat with Haas. The discussions are available only to the campus community, and users will need to use their network login to participate. To participate, visit [www.gvsu.edu/virtualofficehours](http://www.gvsu.edu/virtualofficehours).

## Early College Academy will host open house

Grand Valley and the Kent ISD will host an open house for the Biomedical Technology Early College Academy on Thursday, November 20, from 5-7 p.m. at the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences.

Qualified high school juniors and seniors from Kent County can earn college credits by enrolling in the Early College Academy and taking courses at CHS.

Visit [www.thetechcenter.org](http://www.thetechcenter.org) for more information, or call (616) 447-5671.

## Transgender Day of Awareness event will highlight ‘The Matrix’

Cael Keegan, assistant professor of women's studies and liberal studies, will give a presentation on Thursday, November 20, Transgender Day of Awareness.

Keegan's presentation, “Lana Wachowski's The Matrix: Toward a new Trans Aesthetic,” will take place at 6 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center,

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# FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

## In the News

**Dianne Conrad**, assistant professor of nursing, and a student gave a presentation, “An Innovative Model Utilizing the Interdisciplinary Healthcare Team in the Primary Care Patient Centered Medical Home,” at the National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Paulette Chaponniere**, assistant professor of nursing, gave a presentation, “Positive Deviance/Hearth: An Effective Intervention for Childhood Malnutrition in Burundi,” at the Transcultural Nursing Society Conference in Charleston, South Carolina.

Kirkhof College of Nursing faculty members **Deborah Bambini** and **Susan Harrington** gave a presentation, “Using Simulation with Standard Patients to Teach Transitional Care: Development and Implementation,” at the National League for Nursing’s Technology Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Bambini gave another presentation, “The Effects of a Deliberate Practice Debriefing Model During a

‘Response to Rescue’ Simulation: Preliminary Findings,” at the same conference.

**Charlene Dubois**, director of clinical education for physician assistant studies, was appointed to the Community Advisory Board of the Western Regional Area Health Education Center.

**John Rosick**, assistant director of Campus Recreation, led the Michigan Intramural-Recreational Sports Association State Workshop at Central Michigan University. Rosick serves as state director of MIRSA.

**Melanie Rabine**, coordinator of the Meijer Center for Writing and Michigan Authors, gave a presentation, “Me Encanta Escribir: Writing Support and Linguistic Diversity,” at the Michigan Writing Center’s Association Idea’s Exchange Conference.

University Libraries faculty members **Elizabeth Martin** and **Lynn Sheehan** co-wrote a chapter, “How to Effectively Manage Work and Time,” for *The Small Library Manager’s Handbook*, published by Rowman & Littlefield.

**Sylvia Mupepi**, associate professor of nursing, co-wrote an article, “Neonatal Sepsis in Rural Ghana: A Case Control Study of Risk Factors in a Birth Cohort,” published in the *International Journal of Research in Medical and Health Sciences*.

**Marie Ullrich**, assistant professor of communications, premiered her feature film, “The Alley Cat,” and received the Chicago Award at the Chicago International Film Festival.

**Lee Van Orsdel**, dean of University Libraries, and **Eric Kunnen**, associate director of eLearning and emerging technologies, gave a presentation, “Radically Student-Center Design and the New Learning Commons,” at the ELI 2014 Online Fall Focus Session.

**Neal Buckwalter**, assistant professor of public administration, co-wrote an article, “Are State Tax Amnesty Programs Associated with Financial Reporting Irregularities?” published in *Public Finance Review*.

## Sculpture unveiled at DeVos Center

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sculpture of Denny and all who have fallen.”

The 27-inch-long, 14-inch-tall sculpture is displayed in the lobby outside of the Steelcase Library.

Attendees at the annual Veterans Day breakfast were students, faculty and staff members who are current military members or veterans.

President Thomas J. Haas said: “Every student veteran has his or her own story. Grand Valley is here to help them make that transition from military life to college life. We are proud to serve veterans and military members and are happy that they chose to become Lakers.”

Learn more about Grand Valley’s Student Veterans Network at [www.gvsu.edu/veterans](http://www.gvsu.edu/veterans).

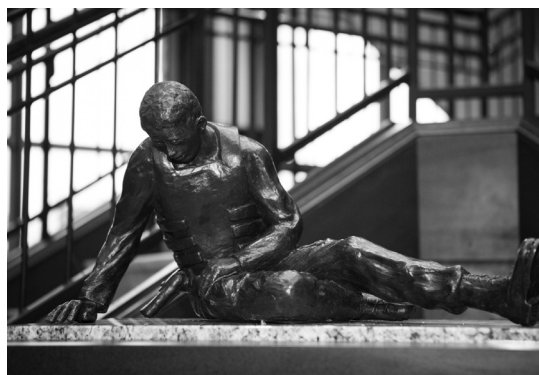


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‘Homeage to the Fallen’ depicts a Vietnam War soldier. It is displayed at the DeVos Center.

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room 2215. Wachowski, the director of films such as “The Matrix Trilogy,” “V for Vendetta,” and “Cloud Atlas,” came out as a transgender woman in 2012.

Keegan’s presentation will focus on the history of transgender reorientation in American popular film, the evolving politics of transgender aesthetics, the importance of emerging transgender cultural producers and the political effects of popular culture on transgender lives.

Details are online at [www.gvsu.edu/lgbtrc](http://www.gvsu.edu/lgbtrc).

## Community as Classroom continues

A series of colloquia with Grand Valley faculty and staff members, and community partners to explore community as a classroom continues Friday, November 21, with the topic, “Pairing Student Development with Community-Based Learning.”

The meeting will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2270.

Marlene Kowalski-Braun, assistant vice provost for Student Affairs, will provide methods to design in- and out-of-class activities that align with student capabilities and developmental readiness.

Participants will also:

- Learn about relevant student development theories and how to apply them in a community-based learning course;
- Identify and define student learning and development objectives for community-based courses;
- Explore how to work with community partners to establish realistic expectations for the students engaged in a community-based learning experience.

The series is hosted by the Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, Community Service Learning Center, Division of Inclusion and Equity, Office for Community Engagement, Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, University Libraries, and Women’s Center.

Register at [www.gvsu.edu/seminar](http://www.gvsu.edu/seminar).

## Across Campus

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success rates of veterans and military students.

The ranking was compiled from a survey submitted by each institution of services, resources, and financial incentives offered to military members and student veterans, and information from the U.S. Department of Education, including academic success measures. Learn more at [www.militarytimes.com/bestforvets-colleges2015](http://www.militarytimes.com/bestforvets-colleges2015).

## Physician assistant program expands

Administrators and faculty members celebrated the expansion of Grand Valley’s physician assistant program in Traverse City November 11.

The satellite program will open at the Traverse City Regional Center next fall. Andrew Booth, department chair, said students in the master’s level program in Traverse City will interact daily with their counterparts at the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences in Grand Rapids through the use of ITV, a remote site classroom video system.

Booth and Theresa Bacon-Baguley, professor of physician assistant studies, were joined in



Photo by Tina Becker

Andrew Booth speaks about the physician assistant program during an event in Traverse City. At right is Timothy Nelson, president of Northwestern Michigan College; Roy Olsson, dean of the College of Health Professions, is at right.

Traverse City by Jean Nagelkerk, vice provost for Health; Roy Olsson, dean of the College of Health Professions; and Simone Jonaitis, executive director of the Center for Adult and Continuing Studies.

Timothy Nelson, president of Northwestern Michigan College, and Dr. Rob Smith, medical director of Munson Medical Center’s Emergency Department, also made remarks.