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Enrollment tops 25,000, includes large first-year class

Students are enrolling in record numbers at Grand Valley this fall. The campus is welcoming a record number of 4,226 first-year students, bringing the total number of students to 25,094, hitting a major milestone for the university.

The percentage of students of color is also a record high at 15.6 percent; there is a record number of international students, more than 400 enrolled; and a record number of out-of-state students enrolled, 1,384. There's also an increase of students from southeast Michigan.

"What these numbers represent is that Grand Valley is true to its commitment to students," President Thomas J. Haas said. "We want controlled growth so we

can ensure quality programs and smaller class sizes. We also have a keen eye on what our students need to be successful in pursuing careers or advanced degrees. Our academic programs, with our liberal education base, are relevant to the region and the world."

Haas also said that the university's ability to control cost is critical for students and is strengthened by steady and generous supporters. Grand Valley is on the list of "America's Best College Buys" for the 18th year in a row. The Grand Finish grant encourages students to stay on track to graduate in four years with a \$1,000 scholarship given at the start of the fourth year to students

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Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

The class of 2018 is pictured at Lubbers Stadium. The largest first-year class, 4,226, adds to a record-breaking enrollment.

Across Campus

Kleiner expansion offers new dining options

The first phase of a \$7.5 million expansion for the Kleiner Commons dining facility is complete. The entire project calls for an additional 18,000 square feet for food preparation areas, dining seating areas, food storage areas and a multi-purpose space for faculty and administrative support offices. The second phase will be completed in fall 2015.

Bene, Grille Works, and Montague's Deli will still remain at Kleiner and



Photo by Jessica Weal

Diners line up in Kleiner Commons, which underwent a major expansion.

the Croutons salad station will be upgraded to provide more topping options. Bistro, Centerplate and Qdoba are new to the building. Menus will rotate daily at the Bistro and Centerplate.

"This renovation will greatly enhance circulation through the serving and seating areas, expand menu variety and offer additional seating — all providing a better guest experience," said Deb Rambadt, Campus Dining marketing manager.

Campus Dining guests can purchase Meal Combos from any of the six brands inside The Market, as well as quick meals inside the Kleiner C-Store.

The Market offers:

- Bene: Freshly made pizzas and breadsticks.
- Croutons: Customized salads offering a variety of proteins, toppings and dressings.
- Centerplate: A rotating menu of international and Mediterranean dishes.
- Bistro: A round fire oven serving a variety of baked entrees each day.
- Grille Works: Classic grill fare, including burgers, chicken tenders, fries and more.
- Montague's Deli: Made-to-order deli sandwiches and subs.

Kleiner's Qdoba offers made-to-order burritos, nachos, chips and queso, tortilla soup and Mexican Gumbo.

The Market, previously Marketplace, will continue to be cashless; Meals, Dining Dollars, debit and credit will be accepted as payment. Cash customers can purchase gift cards from the Kleiner C-Store to use at The Market. Qdoba will accept Dining Dollars, debit, credit and cash as payment.

Hours for Kleiner can be viewed online at www.gvsufood.com.

Across Campus

Children’s Enrichment Center receives rating from state

Grand Valley’s Children’s Enrichment Center has been awarded four stars by Great Start to Quality, through the Michigan Department of Education. It is Michigan’s first rating and improvement system for early learning and care.

Programs and providers can earn between one and five stars, based on the number of state standards they meet. The stars rating system started in 2012 and is based on five categories, including staff qualifications, family/community engagement, management, learning environment and curriculum.

About one-third of all licensed child care providers are participating in the program, which is implemented by Early Childhood Investment Corp., a nonprofit organization.

The 42-year-old center provides early care and education for children of student parents, faculty and staff members, and community members. Learn more at www.gvsu.edu/child or www.greatstartconnect.org.



Pictured are kids enrolled at the Children’s Enrichment Center, which received a four-star rating from Great Start to Quality.

United Way program aims to help increase graduation rates

Students who don’t read proficiently by the end of third grade are four times more likely to leave school without a diploma, and the Heart of West Michigan United Way (HWMUW) is looking for volunteers who can help teach students who need help the most.

The Schools of Hope program, run by HWMUW, pairs students in grades 1-3 who are behind in reading skills with volunteers who work one-on-one with the same student once a week for 30 minutes during the school day.

Grand Valley faculty and staff are encouraged to take part in the program.

The award-winning program plans to partner with Grand Rapids Public Schools to equip students with the resources they need to achieve academic success. The mission of Schools of Hope is to raise literacy skills in children, youth and families with in-school tutoring, after-school literacy programs and family literacy classes.

Grand Valley faculty and staff can take part in the program without using personal or vacation time, with supervisor approval. Two people are also able to share their volunteer role for a student to reduce weekly time commitments.

No advance preparation is needed. Schools of Hope coordinators prepare the materials. Volunteers are required to attend a two-hour training and clear Michigan State Police and Child Abuse and Neglect background checks.

Several training sessions are available through Grand Valley; sign up online at gvsu.edu/seminar: October 7, noon-1:30 p.m., Zumberge Hall, room 1100; October 8, noon-1:30 p.m., DeVos Center, room 302E; October 14, 3-4:30 p.m., Zumberge Hall, room 1100.

Volunteers who are unable to attend the Grand Valley trainings can attend the United Way training sessions.

Johnson named to state hall of fame

Dorothy A. Johnson, noted philanthropist and namesake of Grand Valley’s Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy, will be inducted into the Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame on October 30 at a ceremony in East Lansing.

Johnson is one of a dozen honorees who will be recognized at the event.

Johnson is a honorary life member and past chair of the Grand Valley Board of Trustees, and served as the president and CEO of the Council of Michigan Foundations from 1975 to 2000. She also served as chair of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

She remains extremely involved in the community and continues to serve many philanthropic organizations.

She was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Grand Rapids Economic Club in 2009, and was awarded the Distinguished Grantmaker of the Year award from the Council on Foundations in 2000.

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GVFaces

George Davis, Associate Director of Admissions-Diversity Recruitment

When George Davis graduated with a bachelor’s degree in journalism, travel was the one thing he wanted in a career.

Davis fulfilled that request when he joined Grand Valley’s Admissions team four years ago as associate director.

“This was the best profession to go into because it allowed me the opportunity to travel,” Davis said. “At the same time, I’m able to articulate to students and families that the value of higher education goes beyond just getting a degree.”

Davis graduated from Oakland University in 2006. Looking from the outside, he said he was impressed with Grand Valley’s growth and ability to produce graduates who wanted to stay in West Michigan.

“During their time at Grand Valley, students gained a strong allegiance and connection to the area and wanted to stay, serve and be part

of Grand Rapids,” he said.

When he is not traveling to recruit students, Davis enjoys being a wardrobe consultant. He is passionate about fashion in the workplace. In the past, he has worked as a personal shopper, stylist and image consultant.

Davis said he enjoys helping students transition into the professional work settings by helping to brand themselves through their personal style.

“I love helping students figure that out and hopefully have them leaving here looking great and feeling great about themselves,” Davis said.

Davis served as co-facilitator for a recent Young Professionals in Higher Education workshop that focused on enhancing a career wardrobe.



George Davis



What's Ahead

Arts at Noon series brings world-renowned musicians to campus

The 37th season of Grand Valley's Arts at Noon series is underway, with performances scheduled through December.

All concerts are free and open to the public; they will begin at noon at the Cook-DeWitt Center.

• **September 17 - Pianist Andreas Klein**
Grand Valley welcomes back German-born, internationally acclaimed pianist Andreas Klein. His performance will feature a diverse repertoire ranging from Mozart to Ginastera.

• **October 1 - Donald Sinta Quartet**

Formed in 2010, the Donald Sinta Quartet has quickly achieved international notoriety for its performances and championing the very latest repertoire from emerging young composers. The quartet is named for legendary University of Michigan saxophone professor Donald Sinta, the group's mentor.



Donald Sinta Quartet

• **October 15 - Cello Fest!**
The 2014 edition of Cello Fest!, hosted by Grand Valley professor Pablo Mahave-Veglia, will feature international guest artists including Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra cellists and others. The musicians will present works by Telemann and Barriere, as well as Cello Counterpoint by American minimalist master Steve Reich.

• **November 5 - Crispin Campbell Quartet**
The Crispin Campbell Quartet features innovative cellist Crispin Campbell, internationally renowned flutist Nancy Stagnitta, versatile guitarist Angelo Meli, and Marion Hayden, Detroit's well-known grande dame of the bass.

• **November 19 - Rebel**

The New York-based Baroque ensemble Rebel (pronounced "Re-BEL") has earned an impressive international reputation, charming diverse audiences by their unique style and their virtuosic, highly expressive and provocative approach to the Baroque and Classical repertoire.



Rebel

• **December 3 - Holiday Music for Brass Quintet**
The GVSU Brass Quintet presents an annual tradition, "Holiday Music for Brass Quintet." Faculty members Richard Stoelzel and Jeff Lewandowski, trumpet; Richard Britsch, horn; Mark Williams, trombone; and Paul Carlson, tuba, will perform.

For more information about Arts at Noon, visit www.gvsu.edu/music.

Intercultural reception set for students

Several campus departments have collaborated to sponsor the Intercultural Student Reception. This event allows students to network with other students, faculty and staff members, as well as learn about the departments and resources on campus.

The event will take place Tuesday, September 9, from 4-6 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room.

This annual reception includes music, door prizes and refreshments.

For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/oma.

Webinar focuses on traumatic behavior, memory

The Women's Center will host a webinar Wednesday, September 10, about the brain's response to trauma and how it affects a person's reaction to a crime.

"Neurobiology of Trauma: Understanding Traumatic Memory and Victim Behavior" will take place at the Meijer Campus in Holland from 2-5 p.m. in room 102.

The webinar will feature Rebecca Campbell, professor of psychology at Michigan State University. A discussion will follow led by Theresa Rowland, Violence Against Women Act grant coordinator.

Visit www.gvsu.edu/women_cen to register.

QPR training offered through November

Students, faculty and staff members can register for QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) training sessions each month, starting Wednesday, September 10.

QPR training is a suicide prevention program that dispels common misconceptions and helps students recognize warnings. The first training will take place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Kirkhof Center, room 2266.

Other trainings will be October 9 and November 18. The trainings are approved for LIB 100 classes.

For more information, contact Melissa Selby-Theut in the University Counseling Center, at x13266.

Laker football offers faculty/staff free tickets

The Laker football team will show its appreciation for faculty and staff members during the September 13 home game against Ohio Dominican.

"Uniting Lakers" will begin at 5:30 p.m. near Lubbers Stadium with refreshments. Free football tickets can be reserved by sending an email to Louie@gvsu.edu. Space is limited. The game will begin at 7 p.m.

Historian to discuss birth of espionage at two events

Discussion of espionage in the United States today often revolves around the NSA, Edward Snowden, Wikileaks and the CIA. But in the late 1700s, a tale of espionage and deceitful maneuvering took place that would change the history of the nation and the world.

The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, in partnership with the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library & Museum, and Foundation, will host "The Fox and the Hound: The Birth of American Spying," presented by Donald Markle, noted author, historian and former U.S. intelligence official.

Markle's keynote presentation, part of the Hauenstein Center's annual "American Conversations" series, will focus on the constant battle of intelligence between then-General George Washington and British General Charles Cornwallis during the American Revolution.

It is set for September 15, at 7 p.m. at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. RSVPs are requested, visit www.gvsu.edu/s/Gr.

The Hauenstein Center will also host a panel presentation with Markle and other experts in honor of Constitution Day, "National Security and the Constitution." The presentation will take place on September 16, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Cook-DeWitt Center.

The panel will feature Markle; Gleaves Whitney, Hauenstein Center director; Jonathan White, professor of interdisciplinary studies and expert on Middle Eastern extremism and religious terrorism; and Rebecca McBride, assistant professor of political science at Calvin College who had worked for the U.S. government as a Russian analyst.

In 2010, Markle donated his collection of reference materials to the Hauenstein Center, creating a renowned collection of code-breaking materials for use by scholars.

For more information, visit hauensteincenter.org.

Women's Commission to host Fall Welcome

Faculty and staff members are invited to the annual Fall Welcome Reception, sponsored by the Women's Commission.

The event is set for Thursday, September 18, from noon-1:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2204. Jessica Jennrich, director of the Women's Center, is the keynote speaker.

RSVP for the luncheon by September 12 online at www.gvsu.edu/wcommission.

FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

Sketches

Stephen Rowe, professor of philosophy and liberal studies, gave presentations in China, including the Wenzhi Lecture at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, and “Modernity and the Worldview Problem” at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences.

Rob Franciosi, professor of English, gave presentations, “Anne Frank: The Girl and the Text,” and “Holocaust Photography,” at the Images of the Holocaust Seminar held at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.

Amy Russell, associate professor of biology, wrote an article, “Sex-Biased Dispersal Produces High Error Rates in Mitochondrial Distance-based and Tree-based Species Delimitation,” published in the *Journal of Mammalogy*.

Ben Lockerd, professor of English, wrote the introduction and an essay, “Beyond Politics: T. S. Eliot and Christopher Dawson on Religion and Culture,” and edited a book, *T. S. Eliot and Christian Tradition*, published by Fairleigh Dickinson University Press.

Brandon Youker, assistant professor of social work, and graduate students wrote an article, “An Assessment of Goal-free Evaluation: Case Studies of Four Goal-free Evaluations,” published in *Evaluation and Program Planning*.

Lihua Huang, assistant professor of social work, co-wrote an article, “Quantifying Globalization in Social Work Research: A 10-year Review of American Social Work Journals,” published in the *Journal of Social Work Education*.

Bopi Biddanda, professor of Water Resources, co-wrote an article, “Systematically Variable Planktonic Carbon Metabolism Along a Land-to-lake Gradient in a Great Lakes Coastal Zone,” published in the *Journal of Plankton Research*.

Patricia Clark, professor of writing, was the featured poet for September

in the online journal, *The Atticus Review*. Clark’s highlighted works include “Undertone,” “Aerodynamic,” “Balance, January,” “Gusts to Sixty,” and “Portrait of my Lover as Limavady, Ireland.”

Ginger Lange, associate director of the Career Center, was recognized as the 2014 Career Services Professional by the Michigan Career Educator and Employer Alliance at its annual conference in June.

NME CDs featured on iTunes Classical



Two CDs recorded by the New Music Ensemble, pictured here on a national parks tour, were featured on the front page of iTunes Classical. The releases, ‘Music for 18 Musicians’ and ‘In C Remixed’ have received critical acclaim throughout the United States in publications such as the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Washington Post*, and *Billboard* magazine.

Record number of students enrolled for fall semester

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with 90 credits. The net cost of tuition at Grand Valley actually decreased this academic year because of an increase in financial aid and a tuition increase of less than \$300 per year.

David S. Hooker, chair of the Board of Trustees, said the board is committed to making sure qualified students have access to a Grand Valley degree, and that the degree signifies a well-educated graduate.

“We are confident in the financial responsibility of the university, and the number of students flocking to Grand Valley shows us we’re delivering in the classrooms and in campus life as well,” Hooker said. “I’m also

pleased to note that the ambitious prediction of founding board chair Bill Seidman, that one day Grand Valley would be home to 25,000 students, has been realized.”

Enrollment increases in engineering, health professions, nursing and business show how closely the university’s programs align with students’ desires and employers’ needs.

Provost Gayle R. Davis said the university remains committed to supporting students as they earn diplomas. “Our faculty are designing programs that help Grand Valley students become life-long learners and contributors to their communities as well as secure suitable employment upon graduation,” Davis said. “We’re thrilled with the quality and diversity of

the students who are choosing Grand Valley.”

Grand Valley was rewarded by the state Legislature and the governor for a third year in a row with appropriations based on performance. Grand Valley has the third best graduation rate of all public universities in the state of Michigan, and is in the top four for retention rates. Grand Valley is a brain gain for the area with nearly 85 percent of Grand Valley graduates staying in Michigan to begin their careers or graduate work.

For full details on Grand Valley’s academic and financial accountability, see www.gvsu.edu/accountability.