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Grand Valley mourns death of Rich DeVos

The Grand Valley community joins people around the world in mourning the death of Richard M. DeVos, one of the university's greatest leaders. DeVos died September 6 at age 92.

DeVos, along with his late wife, Helen, forever changed West Michigan and Grand Valley through their generous philanthropy and vision. DeVos' support for the university was unwavering from its founding in the 1960s, when Rich visited classrooms and shared his experiences with students, to the end of his life when his support for GVSU remained strong.

"There are no words to describe how much Rich DeVos will be missed by Marcia and me personally, our university, and the entire West Michigan community," said President Thomas J. Haas. "The university would not be what it is today without his and Helen's leadership and generosity. His legacy lives on in the lives of the thousands of students he has touched."

DeVos' dedication to Grand Valley grew over the decades. He served on what was then called the Board of Control for Grand Valley in the

1970s, providing critical leadership and personal resources. He joined the Grand Valley University Foundation Board in 1982 and became its third president. DeVos served as president for an astounding 24 years, becoming chairman emeritus in 2016.

"Early on, Rich understood the strategic importance of West Michigan having a local university for talent development," said Jim Brooks, GVSU Foundation general chair. "With all the things he had on his plate, he still found time and energy to provide leadership for the GVSU Foundation."

In the 1990s, DeVos created the Land Barons



Rich DeVos

Club at Grand Valley. This small and informal group of philanthropists played an instrumental role securing land and funding for the Grand Design 2000 Campaign, which expanded Grand Valley's downtown campus. He served as an honorary chair of the campaign, and the university recognized his service with the naming of the Richard M. DeVos Center.

In 2000, DeVos' leadership and encouragement helped to raise the initial match needed to launch construction of the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, assuring that education would join health care research and delivery as a cornerstone of the emerging health enterprise in Grand Rapids.

Both Rich and Helen served as honorary co-chairs of the Shaping Our Future campaign, which expanded scholarships for students, improved and expanded facilities, strengthened key programs, and provided support to faculty. The DeVoses also made the lead gift to help build the L. William Seidman Center to house the Seidman College of Business and expand the Pew Grand Rapids Campus.

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Police services expand at Grand Rapids campuses

Grand Valley has added sworn law enforcement officials to its Grand Rapids campuses to serve with security staff already in place.

Police Chief Brandon DeHaan said as the footprint of the university has grown in Grand Rapids so has the need for additional staff members.

"The addition of sworn officers downtown will help us to continue to provide a safe and secure environment at our Grand Rapids campuses and for the Grand Valley community," DeHaan said.

Officials from Grand Valley and the City of Grand Rapids signed an agreement August 28 that allows the university to utilize the Grand Rapids Police Department Communication Center during an emergency.

GRPD will have the ability to dispatch GVPD officers. The agreement is similar to the one Grand Valley has with Ottawa County Dispatch for emergencies in Allendale.

Grand Rapids officers include Capt. Kourosh

Khatir, assistant director of Public Safety for Grand Rapids campuses, and officer JP West. DeHaan said another officer will join the Grand Rapids staff in December.

Students help refugees learn English

West Michigan has a long history of resettling refugees from around the world, and students in two Grand Valley courses are helping to teach them how to speak English.

The classes are led by associate professors Laura Vander Broek and Colleen Brice. The goal is to give students a real-world experience in teaching people English as a Second Language to learn practical skills and ESL pedagogy.

A unique part of the program is that many of the refugees who aren't literate in their first language, which makes instruction of English literacy even more difficult.

The refugees are paired with students through partnerships with Samaritas and Word ESL, which is run by the Dominican Sisters. Both programs are United Way-funded organizations.



"We are working with students to ensure they have the skills to be successful ESL instructors, and we're looking at the implications of second-language learning by people who have limited first-language literacy," Brice said. "We discovered this unique subset of people when we discovered that the materials we had available for students was almost entirely geared toward adults who could already read and write in their own language."

The program and partnerships have been in place since 2012, and recently expanded to include graduate study in addition to undergraduate classes.

"The experiences these students have while working with these refugees are transformational," Vander Broek said. "Our

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students in the practicum classes are working one-on-one with refugees who have just been settled, or who are looking for additional English instruction. The experience and learning they take away from that are absolutely life-changing.”

In addition to working with the United Way-funded organizations to teach English to the recently arrived refugees, students are getting a broad look at other cultures and helping refugees get settled in their new home.

“We’ve had students who helped pregnant women navigate the health care system, and we’ve had students working with entire large families share meals at the family table,” Vander Broek said. “It’s a wonderful cultural and learning experience.”

Organizations like Samaritas and Word ESL are funded, in part, by support from Heart of West Michigan United Way. Grand Valley organizes one of West Michigan’s largest annual United Way campaigns. This year’s campaign runs from October 1-October 12.

“The funding that our partner organizations get from the United Way is absolutely critical,” Brice said. “There’s often a waiting list for the services these organizations provide, so any funding they can get changes people’s lives.”

For more information on Grand Valley’s United Way Campaign, visit gvsu.edu/UnitedWay.

Laker Effect Challenge team hosts uniform swap

Continuing their Laker Effect Challenge, students and faculty members in the accelerated leadership program led a uniform swap in late August for parents who have



Students are pictured at the Laker Effect Challenge in April with (second from right) Travus Burton, director for Civic Learning and Community Engagement. The students held a uniform swap at Harrison Park schools in August.

students at Harrison Park elementary and middle schools.

Steven Scholten, who is majoring in liberal studies, said about 50 pieces of clothing were swapped at the event. Connections with 30 additional parents were made and the swap program has been active since.

Scholten and students Tami Chase, Anthony Hanline and Bridgett Shafter earned \$1,000 at the Laker Effect Challenge in April to implement their idea. Scholten said the group purchased clothing, made connections with school administrators and parents, conducted outreach to local community organizations and businesses, and created a marketing campaign to spread awareness about the first uniform swap. Community help and financial support came from the Grain Sandwich Shop and Mitten Brewery.

Stephen Lovell, community school coordinator for Harrison Park, called the event a success.

“Students are growing and in many cases outgrow their uniforms before the end of the

school year,” Lovell said. “This program will help families keep their students in comfortable clothing while recycling their old uniforms.”

The 19-month accelerated leadership program is supported by the Center for Adult and Continuing Studies. The program offers adult students opportunities to complete a liberal studies degree in an accelerated cohort model while learning the leadership skills employers require.

University earns *U.S. News* ranking

Grand Valley has once again been named a top university in the Midwest by *U.S. News & World Report*.

In the “2019 Best Colleges rankings” Grand Valley ranked third for “Top Public Regional Universities in the Midwest” and 29th for “Best Regional Universities in the Midwest.”

Grand Valley is also ranked among Midwest universities for “Best Value” (14th) and “Most Innovative” (ninth).

Grand Valley rose to 45th (from 57th) for “Best in Undergraduate Engineering” programs and the Seidman College of Business is ranked among the “Best Undergraduate Business” programs.

Grand Valley is also listed among universities with low student debt load at graduation.

The rankings are based on several key measures of quality including peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

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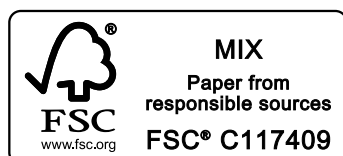
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Policy reminders leading to November election

In the political season leading up to November elections, students, faculty and staff members are reminded of relevant policies which help Grand Valley manage the campus and comply with applicable laws.

University property is primarily dedicated to academic, student life and administrative functions. But it also represents the “marketplace of ideas,” and especially for students, many areas of campus represent a public forum for speech and other expressive activities.

For students and registered student organizations, certain areas of campus are venues for free expression, including speeches, demonstrations and the distribution of literature.

Grounds and Facilities Use Policy

A few of the general rules for the Ground and Facilities Use Policy are:

Expressive Activity:

- takes place at least 50 feet from academic buildings; does not obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic; does not constitute unlawful activity; does not create a clear and present threat to public safety; takes place between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. except as otherwise provided. Gatherings at the Carillon Tower or the Transformational Link may take place until 11 p.m.; distribution of printed materials must be done in person.

Political Activity Policy

- Faculty and staff members may engage themselves, as private citizens, in political

activities including support or opposition to candidates for office or ballot questions on their own time. If you are working for the university and charging your time to a federal grant, any activity to support a political candidate or ballot question must be conducted on personal time.

- University departments or programs may sponsor presentations and discussion groups about an upcoming election provided that the purpose is to provide factual information on a political subject or issue if the communication does not support or oppose a ballot question or candidate by name or clear inference.

- Classroom discussions of candidates and ballot questions must be related to course content as described in the catalog and course syllabus. A reminder to students to register to vote and to vote is permissible.

- Faculty and staff members may express their support or opposition to candidates or ballot questions by wearing buttons.

- Faculty and staff members, as private citizens, may elect to lend their names to support one or more candidates for office or in support of or opposition to a ballot question. However, care must be exercised to assure that the faculty or staff member does not use their university title in relation to such advocacy.

- Faculty and staff members may not use university resources for political activity to support or oppose candidates for office or ballot questions.

For more information about these policies, visit gvsu.edu/policies.

WHAT'S AHEAD

Arts at Noon to feature seven performances

The Arts at Noon concert series at Grand Valley will kick off a new season featuring multiple free performances by renowned musicians from around the world.

The series will feature seven fall concerts beginning September 12 with the Mirror Visions Ensemble, followed by seven winter performances beginning in January.

All concerts will take place on Wednesdays in the Cook-DeWitt Center on the Allendale Campus, begin at noon, and last approximately one hour. Each concert is free and open to the public. Visit gvsu.edu/artsatnoon for more information.

September 12 – Mirror Visions Ensemble: The ensemble was founded more than 25 years ago from a desire to explore the relationship between music and text.

September 26 – Die Tanzgeiger: For more than three decades, Die Tanzgeiger has performed through intimate ties to their roots and contemporary music.

October 3 – REBEL Ensemble for Baroque Music

October 10 – Donald Sinta Quartet

October 31 - Foltýn & Foltýnová

November 7 – Grand Rapids Symphony

November 28 – GVSU Brass Quintet Holiday Celebration

Big Data events will cover wide scope

The benefits of data analysis in areas such as journalism, climate change, health care and even analyzing ancient Greek texts, will be examined during multiple Big Data Month events on campus throughout September.

Ed Aboufadel, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs and lead Big Data Month coordinator, said it's important for students to understand how big data affects their careers and daily lives.

"Students will benefit by learning how big data tools are being applied across the curriculum, impacting their future careers in ways they may not be anticipating," he said. "An understanding of big data is important because of its effects in so many areas, from health care to elections, from weather prediction to stock market prediction."

Below is the full schedule of events. Excluding the Big Data Ignite Conference, all events are free, open to the public and LIB 100 approved for students. For event information, visit gvsu.edu/bigdata.

September 13: Quantifying Variability in Environmental Systems to Improve Management, Planning, and Policy Development (sponsored by Biology Department)

September 13: Models and Data for Studying Water Quality and Climate Change (Office of the Provost)

September 19-21: Big Data Ignite Conference

September 26: Life at the Intersection of Biology, Statistics, Mathematics, and Computer Science (Mathematics Department)

September 27: FOIA-Fest (sponsored by the School of Communications)

September 28: Bodies of Work: Digital Corpora for Teaching and Research (Classics Department)

Fall Arts Celebration concert will feature journey of Italy

Inspired by numerous pleasurable escapes from harsh Russian winters, composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's love of Italy is reflected in his "String Sextet in D Minor, Op. 70 'Souvenir de Florence.'"

The piece will be performed by the internationally acclaimed Tesla Quartet and Grand Valley music faculty members during this

year's Fall Arts Celebration. "An Italian Journey: Tesla Quartet performs Tchaikovsky's 'Souvenir de Florence'" will take place September 17, 7:30 p.m., in the Cook-DeWitt Center on the Allendale Campus.

The Tesla Quartet will open the program with "Quartet in B minor, Op.



The Tesla Quartet will perform September 17 in the Cook-DeWitt Center.

33, No. 1" by Franz Joseph Haydn, and then be joined by Paul Swantek, affiliate professor of viola, and Pablo Mahave-Veglia, associate professor of cello and Early Music Ensemble director, to perform "Souvenir de Florence."

Best known as a master composer of symphonies and ballets, Tchaikovsky crafted this work through a rich blend of well-known Italian street songs and melodies.

"The music of Haydn is timeless and the music of Tchaikovsky opens us up to the romantic century which defined his compositions," said Danny Phipps, chair of Music, Theatre, and Dance Department. "Having both of these masterpieces performed with a new and fresh perspective and vision will be an extraordinary treat."

The quartet has won numerous prizes and awards at international competitions, including the 2017 John Lad Prize, the Gold Medal at the 2012 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, and the Second Prize, Haydn Prize, and Canadian Commission Prize at the 12th Banff International String Quartet Competition.

The quartet's first album, "Haydn, Ravel, Stravinsky," debuted on September 7.

For more information about Fall Arts Celebration, visit gvsu.edu/fallarts. All events are free and open to the public.

Voting first topic of OMA series

The Office of Multicultural Affairs will kick off its annual Conversations of Color series September 19 with a discussion about voting among underrepresented populations.

The dialogue series takes place monthly and focuses on discussions about race, popular culture, identity and current events.

All events are expertly facilitated and take place from noon-1 p.m. in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, located in 1240 Kirkhof Center. Additional events will take place October 24, November 14 and December 5.

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

Army veteran will discuss ArtPrize entry

After retiring from the Army in 2015 following 17 years of service, Kimberly Walker began searching for her voice as an artist, which she found in the form of sharing stories of sexual assault in the military.

During this year's 10th anniversary of ArtPrize, Walker's piece, "Locked and Loaded," will be the sole entry located at the Eberhard Center on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus. ArtPrize takes place September 19-October 7.



Kimberly Walker's ArtPrize entry is pictured in a rendering; Walker will discuss her artistic journey on September 20 at an event in the Eberhard Center.

The piece will consist of 46 military-issue duffle bags representing 46 cases of sexual assault in the military. Walker, an Ohio-based artist, said her research revealed that none of the cases were disclosed to the public.

Walker will discuss her ArtPrize entry during a special presentation on September 20. "Finding Your Purpose With Art" will take place at 6 p.m. in the Eberhard Center, room 716. A reception will precede remarks at 5:30 p.m. outside the Veterans Upward Bound office.

Following Walker's remarks, Tim Marroquin, director of Veterans Upward Bound, and Krystal Diel, victim advocate in the Center for Women and Gender Equity, will discuss resources on campus available to veterans, students, victims and survivors of sexual assault and advocate community members. This event is LIB 100 approved for students.

For more information about this event, visit gvsu.edu/artgallery.

Students to kick off 10th anniversary of ArtPrize

The Laker Marching Band and GVSU Dance Company will kick off the 10th anniversary of ArtPrize on Wednesday, September 19, from 7-9 p.m. at Rosa Parks Circle. The band and dance members will then perform under the direction of President Thomas J. Haas, with Louie the Laker revving up the crowd.

FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

IN THE NEWS

Lumbert retires after 40 years

After nearly 40 years of service to WGVU Public Media, **Bob Lumbert** retired August 31.

As director of engineering, Lumbert managed the technical facilities for WGVU's two full-power television stations and four radio stations, directing all facets of technical operations.

"Bob has been extremely instrumental in all that WGVU Public Media has accomplished during his nearly four decades with WGVU, including our conversion to digital and nearly all of our acquisitions," said Jay Lowe, acting general manager.

In 2013, Lumbert was honored with a Carl E. Lee Broadcast Engineering Excellence Award in the radio category. In 2009, he was inducted into the Silver Circle by the National Academy of Arts and Sciences. And, in 2002, he was awarded the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Pioneer Award for his contributions to the broadcast engineering field.

Lumbert earned an associate's degree in radio-television service and a bachelor's degree in broadcast electronics technology from Ferris State University. He has been an active member of MAB and Michigan Association of Public Broadcasters.



Bob Lumbert

SKETCHES

Deana Weibel, professor of anthropology and religious studies, was interviewed by the *Atlantic* for an article, published August 23, "Mike Pence's Outer-Space Gospel."

Rebecca Davis, professor of nursing, was named interim associate dean of research and scholarship for the Kirkhof College of Nursing.

Shannon Owen, director of northern Michigan programs, was named by the *Traverse City Business Journal* to its "40 Under 40" list of young professionals who excel in their fields and in the community.

Mario Fific, associate professor of psychology, was an author of an article, "Understanding the Influence of Distractors on Workload Capacity," which received the 2018 R. Duncan Luce Outstanding Paper Award from the Society of Mathematical Psychology. The award is given annually to the most outstanding paper published in the *Journal of Mathematical Psychology*.

Eric Kunnen, associate director of eLearning and Emerging Technologies, wrote an article, "Keeping Students Engaged: the Role of Faculty in Student Retention," published in *e-Learn Magazine*.

Laura Stroik, assistant professor of biomedical sciences, was a co-author of an article, "The Competitive Edge: Dietary Competition Played a Key Role in the Evolution of Early Primates," published in *Royal Society Proceedings B: Biological Sciences*.

Steven Lipnicki, assistant dean of students, was nominated to complete the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve's Volunteer Leadership Training Program. He was also selected to visit Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri as a guest educator to learn how new Army recruits are trained for their roles.

Susan Strouse, assistant professor of nursing, wrote an article, "We Don't Miter the Sheets on the Bed: Understanding the Preceptor Role in Nursing Enculturation," accepted for publication in *Nurse Education in Practice*.

Kirkhof College of Nursing faculty members **Melodee Vanden Bosch**, **Susan Harrington**, **Nancy Schoofs** and **Cynthia Coviak** were authors of an article, "Flipping the Classroom in Health Care Higher Education: A Systematic Review," published in *Nurse Educator*.

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MIPERC conference will focus on building healthy communities

The Midwest Interprofessional Practice, Education, and Research Center (MIPERC) will host its 11th annual conference September 20-21 on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus.

MIPERC is an organization founded by Grand Valley, Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners and Michigan State University-College of Human Medicine to support collaborative health care initiatives across disciplines and institutions. Housed in the Office of the Vice Provost for Health, MIPERC has a membership of more than 25 institutions and organizations.

Keynote addresses will center on the conference theme, "Developing Healthy Populations, Communities, and Systems through Interprofessional Collaboration."

Speakers are Barbara Brandt, director of the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education; Shelly Virva, associate clinical director for the National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs; Dr. Corey Waller, principal at Health Management Associates; and Mark Meijer, president of Life EMS Ambulance.

The conference will begin September 20 with a pre-conference workshop from 9-11 a.m. at the L. William Seidman Center. Discussion topics include telehealth for clinical placements and distance learning, and big data. Afternoon keynote addresses and poster presentations will be at the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium. September 21 events will also be at the DeVos Center, including a keynote from Meijer and breakout sessions.

Registration and conference details are online at gvsu.edu/miperc.

Science on Tap event to connect to ArtPrize

To coincide with ArtPrize, Science on Tap participants will learn more about emotion-centered design and how interactions with objects bring different emotions.

Joey Zeledon, principal designer for Steelcase, will give a presentation on September 20 beginning at 8 p.m. at the SpeakEZ Lounge, 600 Monroe Ave. NE in Grand Rapids. Zeledon will discuss product design and how designing for emotions can help create more inclusive, human-centered products.

Sponsored by the Biomedical Sciences department, Science on Tap monthly events are facilitated, casual discussions about scientific topics. Learn more by following the group on Facebook.

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GVNow Recap:

New website offers campus safety resources

The campus community is encouraged to visit gvsu.edu/safety, a new comprehensive website that details essential information and resources about campus safety.

The information on the site is intended to help foster a safe living, learning and working environment.

The website is a clearinghouse of information

that includes resources about prevention, awareness, education and response. Campus safety information on the site includes public safety resources like GVSU Guardian, Smart911 and the Safewalk program.

GVSU named a 'cool school' by Sierra Club

Grand Valley has again been named one of the country's greenest universities by the Sierra Club, the largest national grassroots environmental organization in the U.S. The university is the highest-ranking Michigan

institution on the list.

For the sixth time, Grand Valley is included in the Sierra's Club's annual list of Cool Schools. The list ranks schools that have a strong commitment to environmental improvement and are making significant efforts to operate sustainably.

The ranking was based on scores given to universities that completed a report on measurable sustainability goals, presented by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

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