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Provost search will begin with faculty, staff forums

Grand Valley has hired the educational and executive search firm Isaacson, Miller to guide campus leaders through the process of finding a replacement for Provost Gayle R. Davis, who announced that she will retire next summer.

Two consultants from the firm, Daniel Rodas and Greg Esposito, will visit campus next week to host open forums and gain input from faculty and staff members. Forums will be held Tuesday, September 13, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2263, and Wednesday, September 14, from 9-10 a.m. in the Seidman Center, first floor Forum.

Rodas said the campus visits will aid the firm in writing a comprehensive position profile that describes the role. He asked that participants at the forums think about future challenges a provost at Grand Valley might face, as well as their sense of the current strengths

and weaknesses of the university.

Rodas, vice president of Isaacson, Miller, had a 25-year career in educational administration before joining the firm; he earned a doctorate in higher education from Stanford University. He has led or participated in more than 60 searches for leaders for academic institutions or nonprofit organizations.



Daniel Rodas

Esposito, managing associate, joined the firm in 2010 and has served numerous colleges and universities in searches. He earned a master's degree in higher education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Both men work

at the firm's Boston, Massachusetts, office.

The 13-member search committee is co-chaired by Jon Jellema, retired associate vice president for Academic Affairs and associate professor emeritus of English, and Teri Losey, secretary to the Board of Trustees and executive associate to the president.



Greg Esposito

A website created to keep the campus community informed about the provost search will soon be available.

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TRIO program earns five-year federal grant

Grand Valley earned a five-year, \$1.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to fund and expand its TRIO Educational Talent Search program, which serves sixth-12th grade students from Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Sarah Keranen-Lopez, director of TRIO Educational Talent Search, said grant funding for the upcoming academic year totals \$345,120

and she anticipates the same amount annually over the five-year grant period. The total \$1.7 million grant was the largest awarded to a Michigan university from the Department of Education.

The grant allows the program to expand services to 719 participants from three GRPS middle schools (Burton, Riverside and Westwood) and three high schools (Innovation Central, Ottawa Hills and Union). TRIO Educational Talent Search offers academic and career counseling to students from families with low incomes and whose parents have not earned bachelor's degrees and prepares them for a successful entry into college.

Keranen-Lopez said tutoring and mentoring programs will be expanded to include computer-based tutoring at the high schools and a college coaching mentoring program at Union High School that will assist seniors with financial aid applications.

Caryn M. King, associate dean of the College of Education, said Grand Valley is pleased to continue working with GRPS through TRIO Educational Talent Search. "I have witnessed first-hand the transformation students often undergo as a result of being a participant," King said. "Students adopt a 'can-do' attitude that

serves them while in school and in the future."

TRIO staff members are recruiting students for the program through school open houses and school staff recommendations.

Teresa Weatherall Neal, superintendent of schools for GRPS, said the district is excited to partner with Grand Valley because the TRIO program is successful. "This is a huge win for GRPS students as we know students who are part of TRIO get better grades, stay in school, and are more likely to graduate and go on to college," Weatherall Neal said.

For more information about TRIO Educational Talent Search, visit www.gvsu.edu/ets.

University ranked as Best College

Washington Monthly ranked Grand Valley 26th in the "Best Bang for the Buck — Midwest" category in its 2016 College Guide Magazine.

The ranking was based on several factors including tuition rates, loan repayment, graduation rates and number of first-generation students.



The grant for TRIO Educational Talent Search will expand services to students from three GRPS middle and high schools.

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Grand Valley also ranked 54th in the “Best Master’s Universities” category, in which universities offering master’s degrees were ranked in three categories: social mobility, research and service. Grand Valley ranked third in the nation in the community service subcategory.

For a complete list of rankings, visit http://washingtonmonthly.com/college_guide.

Program connects students, Grand Rapids residents

Students who attended a new orientation program August 25 learned about the history of neighborhoods on Grand Rapids’ West Side and met longtime residents who live there.

More than 50 students living in Grand Rapids attended Good Neighbor Orientation, held at the Seidman Center on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus. The new orientation program invited students who reside on the West Side to learn about the areas in which they live, work and study.



Students and Grand Rapids residents walk in the West Side neighborhood during a program August 25.

It’s an area where Grand Valley has an increasing presence, said Melissa Baker-Boosamra, associate director for Student Life.

“The neighborhoods that surround campus have been here for a very long time. While students living off-campus in rental houses are often temporary residents, the neighborhood is impacted by Grand Valley,” Baker-Boosamra said. “It’s important for students to understand the area’s history, character and how to be a good neighbor.”

Representatives from Westtown Collaborative, a group of organizations that supports residents and causes of the community, attended the event, as well as representatives from two neighborhood associations: West Grand Neighborhood Organization and John Ball Area Neighbors. West Grand Rapids includes more than 28,000 residents.

Sergio Cira-Reyes, project director at Westtown Collaborative, said the West Side embraces students as residents and wants to better integrate them into the community. “We want longtime residents and students to talk and listen to each other,” he said.

During the event, Julie Tabberer, a Grand Valley alumna and librarian for the Grand Rapids Public Library, provided a brief history of West Grand Rapids. A student and West Side resident provided tips on how to be a good neighbor. The pair suggested students know their neighbors’ lifestyles, practice good parking etiquette and alert neighbors of gatherings. The two-hour program concluded with a walking tour of West Grand Rapids, led by residents.

The Good Neighbor Orientation was organized in collaboration with Grand Valley, WGNO, West Side Collaborative, JBAN Neighborhood Association, The Other Way Ministries and Grand Rapids Public Library.

Professor to participate in first #SnakeTownHall on Twitter

Beheaded, run over by a car or shot. These are some of the most common fates that snakes face because of people who are culturally conditioned to fear these slithering creatures.

Jennifer Moore, assistant professor of natural resources management, is hoping to change these fears and prejudices against snakes by participating in the inaugural #SnakeTownHall event on Twitter.

During the global digital forum taking place September 7 from 7-9 p.m., Moore will join a handful of like-minded scientists from across the U.S., who work with snakes to advocate for the species by answering questions from the general public. The awareness conversation will be led by Auburn University wildlife ecologist David Steen, who has been dubbed the “Best Biologist on Twitter” by *Slate Magazine* because he regularly engages with the public to advocate on behalf of snakes on the social media platform.

“Snakes get a bad rap,” said Moore, whose Twitter handle is @DrReptilia. “Lack of knowledge about them, or appreciation for them,

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Erika Wallace, Associate Director of Athletics

Erika Wallace begins this academic year by working in a different department on campus, and she is glad her role remains student-centered.

Wallace was named associate director of athletics and senior women’s administrator last month and began her new role August 15. She had served as associate director for Financial Aid.

A former standout basketball player for the Lakers, Wallace said her athletic background prompted her to apply for the position. She is among the top 10 scorers in the history of women’s basketball, with 1,409 points from 2004-2007, and was named to the Grand Valley State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2015.

“While I was in Financial Aid, I took care of scholarships for student athletes,” she said. “That role kept me connected to athletics and what was going on here. I’m working with student athletes and this is still a student-centered job, and athletics is where my passion lies.”

In her new role, Wallace will oversee scholarships, NCAA compliance and supervision of coaches’ budgets for recruiting, traveling and scheduling. She will serve on campus committees, drawing on connections created after serving for eight years in the Financial Aid department, plus stints on the A/P Committee, Children’s Enrichment Center advisory board and other campus-wide committees.

She also adds to the family connection within Laker athletics. Wallace’s brother-in-law, J.R. Wallace, is the assistant men’s basketball coach, and her brother, Luke Ryskamp, is a starting senior for the team.

Wallace graduated from Grand Valley in 2007 with a bachelor’s degree in exercise science and in 2014 with a master’s of public administration degree.



Erika Wallace



What's Ahead

Fair to feature 50 nonprofits

Students interested in nonprofit volunteer and internship opportunities are invited to an annual fair that will feature more than 50 area organizations.

The Nonprofit Volunteer and Internship Fair will take place in the Henry Hall Atrium Wednesday and Thursday, September 7-8, from 1-3 p.m.

The free event is an opportunity for students to connect with various agencies in the Grand Rapids area.

A new format will feature organizations in specific issue areas. The fair on September 7 will feature organizations that focus on education, religion, environment and wildlife, art and culture, humanities and recreation. The September 8 fair will feature organizations that focus on health and human services, and public and societal benefits. For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/service.

ACES to hold Lunch and Learn series

Continuing from a pilot trial last year, the Alcohol and other drugs Campus Education and Services Office (ACES) will again hold its Lunch and Learn series this academic year.

The series was developed to help raise awareness about alcohol and other drug issues that campus community members face and share information about available resources and services. The sessions are open to all faculty and staff members.

Participants are welcome to bring their lunches to the programs, which will run about 45 minutes, beginning at noon in Kirkhof Center, room 0073. The fall semester schedule follows.

September 7, Recovery Supports for Students; **October 5**, Adult Children of Alcoholics; **November 2**, Substance Use, Abuse, Trends; **November 30**, How to Help a Friend with a Drinking Problem.

For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/aces or call the ACES Office at x13266.

YPHE kicks off series with networking event

Young Professionals in Higher Education is kicking off its third year with a free and casual networking event Thursday, September 8, in Grand Rapids.

The YPHE Kick-off Social will take place at J. Gardella's Tavern (third floor) from 5:30-7 p.m. It is open to all young professionals who currently work, or are interested in working in higher education.

The group organizes monthly programs to encourage professional development and networking for a new generation of leaders who will emerge in higher education. All events are free; RSVP is required.

Dates and seminar topics are highlighted below. All seminars will take place in the Bicycle Factory, room 330 (201 Front Ave. SW, Grand Rapids).

October 6: "Social Media 101", **November 3**: "Critical Issues in Higher Ed: What Do They Have To Do with Me?", **December 1**: "What's NOT in the Employee Handbook", **January 5**: "Battling Burnout", **February 2**: "The 'Ins' of Networking"

For Grand Valley employees, RSVP at www.gvsu.edu/sprout. For non-Grand Valley employees, RSVP by sending an email to yphighered@gmail.com.

Visit www.gvsu.edu/yphe for more information.

Interfaith dialogue focuses on Israel-Palestine conflict

"Can we find common ground between Israel and Palestine?"

It's a question that's been asked for centuries as the two nations engage in what's been called one of the most divisive political conflicts in the world, rooted in the question of land ownership in the Middle East.

This is also a question that will be discussed during a dialogue Thursday, September 8, at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Kaufman Interfaith Institute and The Hauenstein Center, "Can We Find Common Ground Between Israel and Palestine?" will take place in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium.

During the event, Rabbi Donniel Hartman, an Orthodox rabbi and president of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, will engage in a dialogue with Imam Adulah Antepi, the first imam at Duke University and the chief representative for Muslim affairs at Duke. He is also the head of the Muslim Leadership Initiative, which invites North American Muslims to engage in dialogue with the Jewish community in America and Israel through the lens of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"One of the most difficult religious and political issues of our time is the situation in the Middle East between Israel and Palestine," said Doug Kindschi, Kaufman Interfaith Institute director. "The voices are loud and strident on both sides and there seems to be no solution in sight. We are so pleased that we will have with us two people who are willing to talk to each other and work with each other to seek common ground."

Seating is limited for this event. To register, visit www.gvsu.edu/interfaith.

Science on Tap series begins new year

Biomedical Sciences will again host its Science on Tap series, casual discussions about scientific topics at an off-campus location.

Cynthia Thompson, assistant professor of biomedical sciences, will give a presentation on Thursday, September 8, at 8 p.m. at the SpeakEZ Lounge, 600 Monroe Ave. NW in Grand Rapids.

Her presentation, "Monkey Sex: Who's Doing Who and Why," will focus on primate mating behavior and why only 10 percent of the primate species is monogamous.

For more information about the events, contact the Biomedical Sciences office at x13318, or find the series on Facebook.

Fall Arts Celebration to celebrate early works of Beethoven

The beginning of the 19th century in Europe was marked by conflict and political transformation created by revolutions in America and France. During this time, a young musician by the name of Ludwig van Beethoven arrived in the city of Vienna to create his fame.

Beethoven almost immediately earned the reputation of a piano virtuoso, even as he suffered from the early signs of deafness, but

his lasting legacy and source of greatest fame would be as a composer.

During this year's Fall Arts Celebration music event, the renowned Ying String Quartet will perform two of Beethoven's most enduring chamber music works from his early years in Vienna.

"Emerging Romanticism: The Ying Quartet Performs The Early Viennese Chamber Music of Beethoven" will take place Monday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Cook-DeWitt Center. The performance will be preceded by a carillon concert from 7-7:20 p.m.

Now in its second decade, the Ying Quartet's performances regularly take place in many of the world's greatest venues, including Carnegie Hall, the White House and Sydney Opera House. The program will open with the Ying Quartet performing "String Quartet Opus 18 No. 6." To perform "Septet in E-flat major, Opus 20," the quartet will be joined by Grand Valley music faculty, including Arthur Campbell, clarinet; Danny Phipps, bassoon; Richard Britsch, horn; and Michael Hovnanian, double bass.

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



The Ying String Quartet will perform Beethoven's early works during a Fall Arts Celebration event on September 12.

Annual MIPERC conference set for DeVos Center

Presentations from four national experts on using interprofessional teams in health care delivery will highlight a two-day conference hosted by Grand Valley's Office of the Vice Provost for Health.

The Midwest Interprofessional Practice, Education and Research Center's annual conference is set for September 22-23 at the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium. MIPERC is a consortium housed at Grand Valley and composed of health care professionals throughout the Midwest.

Speakers are Nancy Schlichting, CEO of Henry Ford Health System; Stephen Schoenbaum, special advisor to the president, Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation; Barbara Brandt, director of the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education; and Gerri Lamb, chair of the American Interprofessional Health Collaborative.

Registration for both conference days is \$100, one day is \$50. Deadline to register is September 17; visit www.gvsu.edu/miperc for more information or to register.

A pre-conference workshop from 9-11 a.m. on September 22 in the L. William Seidman Center will engage participants in roundtable discussions on a number of topics including student clinical learning experiences, interprofessional education and faculty development, overcoming IPE obstacles, and IPE simulation.

FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

In the News

Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, was interviewed for the syndicated Michael Patrick Shiels radio show about the importance of presidents receiving good historical advice.

Kathryn Remlinger, professor of English, was interviewed by MLive for a story about dialects in the Upper Peninsula.

Sketches

Special Collections and University Archives, through its collaboration with the Johnson Center for Philanthropy, recently received a donation from the Dyer-Ives Foundation. The organization donated its works of 50 years of grant-making. The foundation's records span from 1961-2016, and document the philanthropic activities of the Grand Rapids-based nonprofit. The records donated to Grand Valley include grant files, financial records, annual reports, donor history files and scrapbooks. The records are currently open for research use.

Steve Glass, professor of movement science, and a student gave a presentation, "Core

Muscle Activation During Unstable Overhead Squat Using a Water-filled Training Tube," at the Annual Meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts.

Shabbir Choudhuri, associate professor of engineering, and student Robert Esser gave a presentation, "Systematic Mechanical Approach Improving Double Detent Design for Automotive Outside Mirror," at the International Conference on Applied System Innovation in Okinawa, Japan. Their paper, which was co-written by engineers from Magna Mirrors, won the Best Paper Award at the conference.

Criminal justice faculty members **Tonisha Jones** and **Brian Kingshott** wrote an article, "A Feminist Analysis of the American Criminal Justice System's Response to Human Trafficking," published in *Criminal Justice Studies*.

Donald Mitchell Jr., assistant professor of education, was a co-editor of a special issue, "Multicultural Perspectives in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in Higher Education," of the *Journal for Multicultural Education*.

Szymon Machajewski, affiliate instructor of computing and information systems, and **Eric**

Kunnen, associate director of eLearning and emerging technologies, gave a presentation with colleagues from the University of Illinois at Chicago, "Open Source Analytics for Growing Adoption of Blackboard Learn using BbStats," at the national Blackboard developers conference.

Steve Tripp, professor of history, wrote a book, *Ty Cobb, Baseball, and American Manhood*, published by Rowman and Littlefield.

Stacey Tvedten, programs manager for the Art Gallery, gave an invited presentation, "When It Rains: A Water Emergency," at the 10th Annual Michigan Collections Management Roundtable at Grand Rapids Art Museum.

Katie Clark, systems analyst for Information Technology, gave a presentation, "Making it Simple: Automate Blackboard Administration using SIS Integration," at the national Blackboard developers conference.

George McBane, professor of chemistry, co-authored an article, "Photodissociation Dynamics of OCS Near 214 nm Using Ion Imaging," published in the *Journal of Chemical Physics*.

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contributes to the fear. If we can improve people's understanding and appreciation of these amazing species, they may be less likely to fear them and kill them needlessly. Snakes need love, too."

But why should people set aside their distaste for snakes? Moore said, ultimately, healthy ecosystems are essential for maintaining healthy people, and snakes, like so many other animals, are crucial to that formula.

Since 2013, Moore has been working with students to research how snake fungal disease is endangering the eastern massasauga rattlesnake population in Michigan. The species, which is the only venomous native snake in the state, was proposed for federal listing on the endangered species list by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2015. The results of the proposal are expected this fall.

When it comes to saving the eastern massasaugas, and other species of snakes, research is only half the battle. Moore explained that public education about the benefits of snakes needs to be a central focus. That's where the #SnakeTownHall event comes in.

"In my experience, social media platforms like Twitter can be a great way for scientists to connect with the public," Moore said. "These platforms provide us with a way to share our science with the public in a relatable way." To participate in the conversation, visit www.twitter.com and search for the hashtag, #SnakeTownHall.

Study: Diversity on corporate boards brings value

Companies with boards made up of at least 25 percent women or minorities are the most profitable, according to a new study by two Grand Valley researchers.

The study, "Representation of Women and Racial Minorities on Fortune 500 Company Boards," was conducted by Sonia Dalmia, professor of

economics, and Claudia Smith-Kelly, associate professor of economics. They were assisted by student research assistants Kathleen Pedres and Kasey Setlock. The study involved examining the composition of Fortune 500 company boards nationally and in Michigan.

The study found that the average size of a company board is approximately 12. "Given the previous result that companies with at least 25 percent of their boards comprised of women are more profitable, this suggests having approximately three women on boards makes a significant difference to a company's bottom line," said Dalmia.

The study showed that in spite of increased emphasis on diversifying boards, vacant board seats in 2015-16 were filled mostly by white men. Currently, about 86 percent of male board members and 82 percent of female board members of Fortune 500 companies are white.

"On average, the study found that companies led by female or racial minority CEOs were more profitable, compared to those led by male CEOs," said Smith-Kelly.

Other findings:

- 4% of Fortune 500 companies are led by a female CEO
- Companies led by a female CEO have greater diversity on their boards compared to companies led by male CEOs
- There are 14 Michigan companies listed on the Fortune 500, only one of which is led by a female CEO (Mary Barra of General Motors).
- 20% of the Fortune 500 company boards are made up of women. In comparison, 22.3% of the Michigan Fortune 500 companies are made up of women.



Jennifer Moore



Sonia Dalmia, left, and Claudia Smith-Kelly