



## **Glenn A. Niemeyer Awards**

During the 2000-2001 academic year, President Arend D. Lubbers authorized the establishment of the Glenn A. Niemeyer Awards. The Niemeyer Awards are the most prestigious academic awards presented by the University and are given annually to up to three faculty members, two full-time undergraduate students and two graduate students (one full-time student and one part-time student). These awards are named for Glenn A. Niemeyer who retired from Grand Valley in Spring 2001 after thirty-eight years of dedicated service. He was a pioneer faculty member and served as the institution's first Provost from 1980-2001. The Niemeyer Awards are a tribute to the high regard the University has for Dr. Niemeyer and to the many outstanding contributions he made throughout his career. The Awards honor faculty and students who strive for excellence in all aspects of a well-rounded academic experience.

### **Faculty Awards Criteria**

Faculty selected for the Niemeyer Award are honored for their excellence, enthusiasm and loyalty to teaching, scholarship and service. Nominees should have a superior student-centered approach to teaching with continued development of excellence in the classroom that instills students with a love of learning. They create new knowledge and explore its applications through scholarly activity. Nominees also contribute their expertise and service to the University, professional organizations, and/or the community. Only tenured faculty are eligible for the Niemeyer Faculty Award.

Niemeyer Faculty Awards are presented at the Faculty Awards Convocation. Recipients receive a \$1000 cash award and an individual award. Their name is added to the perpetual faculty award display.

### **Student Awards Criteria**

Students selected for the Niemeyer Award are well-rounded individuals with demonstrated excellence in both the classroom and extra curricular activities. Nominees should excel in the classroom and demonstrate a joy of learning as part of a community of scholars. Along with intellectual achievements, nominees participate in activities outside the classroom that serve to enrich their lives and the lives of others.

Niemeyer Student Awards are presented at the Student Awards Convocation. Recipients receive an academic gift and an individual award.

#### Undergraduate Students

Undergraduate students should have a 3.70 or higher cumulative gpa and earned a minimum of 90 credit hours.

#### Graduate Students

Graduate students should have a 3.70 or higher cumulative gpa with 18 or fewer credit hours to degree completion. Full-time graduate students are defined as those having 6 or more credit hours per semester. Part-time graduate students are defined as those having less than 6 credit hours per semester.