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To internationalize the curriculum, we are establishing partnerships and exchange programs with institutions in Denmark. And we are looking for opportunities in other countries. Our faculty members sponsor and lead international study trips. The faculty also has committed to including "global awareness" as one of the cornerstone outcomes of our next core curriculum. In addition, we welcome international students. This year, 30 international students represent 14 different countries on our campus. I invite you to meet some of them in the pages that follow.

Informal learning from interactions with international visitors can be powerful. I think of my own experiences. Having grown up in a small northeastern Iowa farming community, I did not spend time with someone from another country until I was in college. Gregor was from Germany, and he lived in my housing unit. A favorite late afternoon activity was to watch re-runs of sitcoms. It took a while to notice, but Gregor would always quietly slip out when "Hogan's Heroes" came on. One day, we finally caught on and what ensued was an interesting conversation about his reactions to how Germans were depicted in that show. It was not terribly significant, but it was probably the first time I learned

firsthand that people from other cultures and countries might react differently to things we considered ordinary.

Later in college, I had the opportunity to travel abroad, as did my wife. Because we stayed with so many host families across Europe, Carole and I always have opened our home to international visitors. It's our way of "paying it forward." We have hosted two foreign exchange students, one from France and one from Belgium. We have also hosted visiting performers from a Russian choir, a German symphony, the Danish gymnastics performance team, and most recently, students from the Vejle (Denmark) business school.

We have learned a great deal from each of these groups of guests. For example, our conversations with educators from Denmark have helped me participate in our statewide dialog about education reform, because Iowa's education leaders are looking to successes in other countries.

About ten years ago, a group of practicing teachers – women in their 30s and 40s – from Russia were in this area learning about our school system. After the demise of communism, they were learning how their schools needed to change to support their emerging "democracy" and free-market economy. Over the three weeks

Learning takes many forms. Perhaps the most effective learning is that which we gain from one another. Our students come here expecting to learn from their professors. Many of them, however, underestimate how much they will learn from their fellow students. Students can enhance their understanding of a range of issues by interacting with students from different backgrounds, ethnicities, and nationalities. And so, it is important we enroll a diverse student body.

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two of the Russian teachers were guests in our home, we had many conversations about a wide range of topics, often lasting too late into the evening. We learned about their impressions of America during the Cold War. More striking, we learned that our impressions of life in the Soviet Union were not always accurate, perhaps shaped by our own version of "propaganda." It was profound to hear them express disappointment in some of what they lost when communism collapsed, and their experiences with capitalism were not all positive.

Not unlike my first encounter with Gregor when I was a college sophomore, I have continued to gain new perspectives by interacting with all these international visitors. In the process, I have renewed my love and respect for my own country and have deepened my desire for international peace.

I sincerely hope the majority of Grand View students will benefit from their own conversations with our international students. And I hope our students – and you – also will make hosting visitors from other countries a part of their – and your – lifelong learning, with the conviction that better international understanding will lead to peace.

But once again, this institutional priority is not new. One of the folk songs our founders brought with them and taught to those first generations of Grand View students was "Song of Peace." The lyrics capture the spirit of what we now call internationalizing the campus:

*This is my song, O God of all the nations  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine;  
This is my home, the country where my  
heart is*

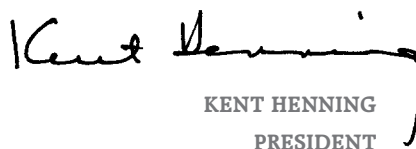
*This is my hope, my dream, my shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams the same as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine,  
But other lands have sunlight too, and  
clover*

*And skies are sometimes blue as mine.  
O hear my song, Thou God of all the  
nations,*

*A song of peace for their land, and mine.*

International understanding lives on at Grand View.

  
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## GV CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE GROWTH

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Grand View has seen significant growth recently – in more ways than one!

This fall brought another record enrollment, with a 6.8% increase in full-time enrollment, bringing it to 1,801 students. Along with the jump in full-time numbers, GV also increased total enrollment, which reached 2,229, and we welcomed the largest freshman class in our history. Our international student population also increased. This fall we enrolled 30 students from 14 countries, a jump from 11 countries last fall.

According to Debbie Barger, vice president for enrollment management, there are several reasons for the increase. “We attribute our growth to new academic programs, growth in our athletic programs – including the addition of tennis, competitive cheer, and men’s volleyball – as well as new facilities, and a general positive interest and increased awareness,” Barger said. “There is a lot

happening right now at Grand View.”

The addition of four new sports brings our total number of sports offerings to 24 – 12 for men and 12 for women. For the inaugural season, we currently have nine women’s tennis and five men’s tennis players, 18 competitive cheer athletes, and 18 men’s volleyball players. Bowling was added last fall.

GV is also becoming an increasingly residential campus with a record-breaking number of students living on campus. All campus housing facilities are full, with 801 students living on campus, a 31% increase over last year. To help accommodate the growing enrollment,



Nine women’s tennis players will compete this spring. The L Apartments opened this fall and, with Grand View’s growth, is filled to capacity. photos: LIZZ SODA '12 AND JIM HEEMSTRA



the L Apartments, GV’s newest apartment-style building, was completed in time for fall move-in and is at capacity, housing 232 students. The new building is in addition to the Langrock Suites, built in 2007, the Hull Apartments, and the two freshman residence halls.

According to president Kent Henning, “We’ll continue to look at investment in new student-centered

## SECOND ANNUAL WOODROW WILSON WEEK

BY MICHELLE EKSTRUM '07, WEB CONTENT MANAGER

The Woodrow Wilson Foundation was started in 1945 as an answer to providing quality educators during a time many young people had left the field of education to fight in World War II. Today the foundation selects Fellows, recognizing them as intellectual leaders and through grants and private donations; fellows are invited to college campuses to share their perspective and challenge students to think outside the box.

Grand View’s second annual

Woodrow Wilson Week was October 10–13. The 2011 visiting Fellow, Harriet Rubin, is a writer, consultant and lecturer on leadership trends. She published two books and founded Currency Books, a division of Doubleday Publishing. Rubin encourages poets, theologians, and scientists to write for business leaders. She is a member of USA Today’s editorial board and has had articles published in a number of national and international publications.

This year’s event focused on fighting

world hunger and giving back through service. Students participated in a poverty simulation, intended to bring light to the inadequacies in our world. Throughout the week, Rubin lectured in classes and gave a campus-wide keynote address which was followed by a campus lunch. The campus community was encouraged to help with campus service projects or packaging meals for Meals from the Heartland. More than 40,000 meals were packaged. **GV**

# DANISH BUSINESS SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT CAMPUS

BY PAM MILLOY, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PROVOST

For the second year in a row, twenty-three students and two faculty from the Vejle Business College in Denmark visited Grand View's campus September 23-28 and resided with host families.

During their visit, the students enjoyed the sights of Des Moines, including a tour of Meredith Corporation, the Capitol, the Pappajohn Sculpture Park, and the Ankeny Wal-Mart to learn how a major retailer manages a huge volume of merchandise, customers and employees. The group attended a Vikings football game, took in a movie, and did a little shopping at Jordan Creek Mall. In addition, the students also attended classes on campus, participated in an art lesson with GV art and design faculty, and toured the residence halls to learn about college life for American students. The week concluded with a presentation from the Vejle students who shared facts and stories from their homeland. **GV**



Students from the Vejle Business College in Denmark give a presentation about their homeland in the Humphrey Center Rodholm Room during their visit to campus September 23-28.  
photo: LACIE SIBLEY '07

facilities, especially housing, to accommodate our expanding residential population. As we enroll even more out-of-state and international students, the demand will increase further. Students want to engage fully in campus life and be part of a community because it's integral to their education and growth as citizens." **GV**

Woodrow Wilson Fellow Harriet Rubin lectures during a campus-wide keynote address. Students, faculty and staff packaged more than 40,000 meals for Meals from the Heartland during an afternoon of service.  
photos: LACIE SIBLEY '07 AND KELLY (DeVRIES '00) DANIEL



# ART STUDIO HOUSE OPEN TO SENIORS

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

The GV Art & Design Department is excited to announce the addition of the art studio house, located just across the street and north of the Rasmussen Center, which is home to the art department. This campus house was transformed into art workspace apartments for senior art students.

"I'm really excited that we're able to make this opportunity available for our seniors who are serious about making their own art," Aaron Tinder, professor of art and design, said. "It gives them a fantastic opportunity not only to work in a more prolific way, but to build community as they prepare for the world of art that exists after undergraduate education. It's another way that our department is working to strengthen and support the things we believe students need."

This is the first year the studio house is open. Seniors majoring in visual arts were encouraged to apply for one of six studio apartment spaces in the house. The students were selected by the art faculty based on their applications, submitted artwork samples, and the work ethic displayed throughout their time at GV. If students are selected for a space in the house, there is an additional fee for the year to help cover the house expenses. The selected students sign contracts and are given a key to the house for twenty-four hour access.

"So far we have great positive response to the studio house," Tinder said. "We plan to eventually host open houses for the campus community to



come see what the house is all about and what seniors are working on for their senior shows."

The studio house is not formally attached to a class. Seniors who have space in the house continue to attend classes; the studio house is intended as a space to work on personal art and to prepare pieces for their senior shows. **GV**

CLOCKWISE: Mimi Solum '12 works in her studio space; Jolynn Anderson '12 works on an art piece; shared display space in the studio house. photos: LACIE SIBLEY '07

# student success

The **PHI BETA LAMBDA** (business) club hosted the Iowa PBL State Fall Leadership Conference in November. Students from 14 chapters participated. Members **TABATHA LEEPER '12** and **GERRY WOOLMAN '12** competed at the National PBL Leadership Conference in Florida. Leeper was elected the 2011-12 president of Iowa Phi Beta Lambda, and the 2011-12 North Central Region vice president. Woolman was elected the 2011-12 vice president for Iowa Phi Beta Lambda, and the 2011-12 president of the Grand View PBL chapter.

Nursing students **MOLLY ENGLEMAN '12**, **AMANDA JOHNSON '12**, **KACIE WILKINSON '12**, **JOY STUCKEY '12**, **LISA PARR '12**, and **CARLINDA HEDRICK '12**, along with **DR. BETH GAUL**, professor of nursing, **DR. GRETA DEGEN**, assistant professor of nursing, and graduate alum **STEVE ORAZEM '11**, participated in the Des Moines Public Schools Back to School Fair in August. The group saw approximately 2,000 children, conducting intakes and blood pressures.

Current and former GV students had photography artwork selected for the 2011 Iowa State Fair Photography Salon: **DAVID BENNA '13**, third place in Fairs, Festivals and Parades; **JESSICA BREWBAKER '12**, one image; **NICOLE CREASON '11**, two images; **ALMIRA JAPIC '04**, two images; **LIZZ SODA '12**, one image; **DAWN TIGAS '14**, three images in Anything Goes; and **COURTNEY TOWNSEND '12**, two images.

**COURTNEY TOWNSEND '12** had an image featured in Photographer's Forum, Best of College Photography 2011, after being recognized for her work in a juried contest sponsored by the Photographer's Forum.

Nursing students **ALLEN GINDULIS '12**, **KATIE FREML '12**, **KAYLA LAGERGREN '12**, **ABBEY MODLIN '12**, **JULIE GANOE '12**, along with **SUE EMMERICH**, assistant professor of nursing, and **DR. GRETA DEGEN**, assistant professor of nursing, volunteered with the Red Cross at the Iowa State Fair. **GV**

## NEW FACULTY



Top row from left: Eric Skouson, instructor in mathematics; Robert Ruisch, assistant professor of accounting. Middle row from left: Cara Stone, faculty development and instruction librarian; Richard Thimmesch, instructor in music. Bottom row from left: Lindsay Grow, assistant professor of education; Dr. Zebblin Sullivan, assistant professor of health and physical education. Missing from photo: Rachel Graham, instructor in mathematics.

# upcoming events

### JULEFEST: NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

December 3, 7:30-9:30 p.m.  
Faith Lutheran Church, Clive, Iowa  
December 4, 4-6 p.m.  
Luther Memorial Church, Des Moines

### THEATRE PRODUCTION: TWELFTH NIGHT

December 7 & 10, 2 p.m.  
December 8, 9 & 10, 7:30 p.m.  
Student Center, Viking Theatre  
Call 515-263-2991 to reserve tickets.

### NURSING PINNING CEREMONY

December 16, 6:30 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran Church

### MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION

January 16  
Student Center

### SCHOLARSHIP DAYS (by invitation only)

January 22 & February 19, 10 a.m.  
Johnson Wellness Center

### MULTICULTURAL FAIR

February 15  
Student Center

### DOG SEES GOD: CONFESSIONS OF A TEENAGE BLOCKHEAD

March 1, 2 & 3, 7:30 p.m.

March 4, 2 p.m.  
Student Center, Viking Theatre

### DO THE VIEW WINTER VISIT DAY

March 2, 1:30 p.m.  
GV Campus

### HONORS INDUCTION CEREMONY

March 10, 2 p.m.  
Grand View Lutheran Church

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# LIBRARY OUTREACH INITIATIVES

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

The Grand View library offers numerous resources to students that many do not take advantage of...so the librarians are stepping outside the library doors and bringing resources to the students. Several outreach initiatives have been put in place to help bridge the gap between the student and the library.

## RESEARCH TO-GO

Some find the library intimidating – not knowing how to start a search or the most effective means of finding credible resources – so they don't even venture through the doors. Others believe they can do it on their own, but grades can speak to the fact that maybe they should have sought a little extra assistance.

Research To-go is a new program this year. Librarians are packing up their laptops and iPads and stationing themselves around campus, equipped to assist students between classes with research needs. The library is working with a Project Management class to help

publicize this new program and learn the best approaches to reach students. They hope that by making the library more accessible and convenient, more students will use the library resources available to them. Librarians plan to set up in various locations across campus during

been functioning for three years. The library partners with faculty and visits their classes four to eight times a year, teaching pieces of the research process and building on each class meeting in a stair-step manner. The faculty who have participated in the program have seen a

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*"We are trying to integrate the library into the campus community rather than being seen as a separate or individual entity."*

– Pam Rees  
director of the Library

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the latter part of the semester when major projects and papers are due. They will help students find reliable resources for research and email the information directly to the student.

## IMBEDDED LIBRARIAN

The Imbedded Librarian program has

significant improvement in the quality of work from students. They students seem to grasp the information better and get to practice using resource tools and skills through a classroom setting. The have more time to absorb library and research information and ask questions, rather than the quick tutorial most students

# faculty & staff accomplishments

**DR. AHMADU BABA-SINGHRI**, associate professor of sociology, presented his paper, Killing Them Softly with the Culture of Corruption: From 'It Takes a Village' to It Takes a Pen-power: How post-Euro-colonial Sub-Saharan Africans are Destroying Africa and its Peoples, at the Global Studies Conference at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, in October.

**REV. DWIGHT DUBOIS**, director of the Center for Renewal, had an article

entitled, Beyond Rubber Band Workshops: Finding a More Transformative Way for Continuing Education, published in the summer issue of the Alban Institute's "Congregations" journal.

**JUDITH EASTBURN**, adjunct instructor of photography, had two photographs accepted to the Iowa State Fair and placed second in the Architecture category.

**DR. KEVIN GANNON**, professor of history, was one of 75 attendees at

THATCamp Pedagogy: The Humanities and Technology Camp at Vassar College in October.

**BRENDA HOSHAW**, assistant professor of nursing, and **KIRSTEN WITHROW**, assistant professor of nursing, coordinated with the National Kidney Foundation to help provide free kidney screenings for at-risk individuals. Eighteen nursing students enrolled in the GV assessment course helped with the screenings.



receive when first visiting the library. Librarians also benefit as they get to know students and build relationships outside the walls of the library.

For the most part, librarians focus on freshman classes, to better prepare them for research projects throughout their college careers. Upper level classes benefit as well, with many of them at advanced levels according to their different majors and different needs than lower level courses.

### **LIBRARY AFTER HOURS**

The new Library After Hours program is designed to be a cultural outreach program in terms of developing a better understanding of and gaining more exposure to various academic areas. Through partnerships with campus departments, the program will feature guest speakers, presenters, authors, musicians, and others to foster more communication among academic areas.

Since the library is open long

**DR. BECKY LANG**, professor of health and physical education, attended the 2011 Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) Training of New Trainers (TNT) in Sheffield, UK, in September. She also successfully completed the Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) Experience Documentation Opportunity (EDO) process.

**JIM MACLEAN**, lecturer in economics, received first place for his article titled, Does Your Bank Need an M&M



Dan Chibnall, information services and instructional design librarian, uses an iPad to assist Marissa Miller in the Rasmussen Center Lounge as part of the new Research To-go program. photo: KELLY (DeVRIES '00) DANIEL

hours and closes early on Fridays, this poses some difficulty to host such events. Library staff plan to hold the first reception this fall, partnering with the English department to bring in

author Jennifer Wilson, who will discuss her work. The campus community is encouraged to attend to learn more about the English area. **GV**

Committee, by The Risk Management Association (RMA) Journal in the RMA's annual Journalistic Excellence Competition.

**DR. MARK MATTES**, professor of religion and philosophy, represented the ELCA Teaching Theologians at the ELCA church-wide assembly in Orlando, Fla., in August. He was also the featured presenter during Fine Arts Week at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Ministries in Alexandria, Minn., in July, and led participants through a discussion

of the "glory of the Lord" in the Bible.

**ALEC ZAMA**, assistant professor of business administration, presented a paper titled, Organizational Culture and Employee Agreement on the Boundary Between In-role and Organizational Citizenship Behavior (OCB) as an Extra-role Behavior, at the Midwest Academy of Management Conference in Omaha, Neb., in October. **GV**



# STUDENTS from ALL OVER the map

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

## Enrollment at Grand View has grown tremendously in recent years.

And part of that growth is our international student population. Just last year we enrolled students representing 11 countries; this fall that number has grown to 14 countries. We now have 30 international students on campus taking advantage of all that Grand View has to offer.

"The diversity among international students has increased this year. We have students from four continents represented on campus," Alex Piedras, international student advisor and director of multicultural and community outreach, said. "These students add so much to

our GV community – different cultures, languages, customs. Our students who haven't travelled outside the United States get exposed to new thinking and perspectives."

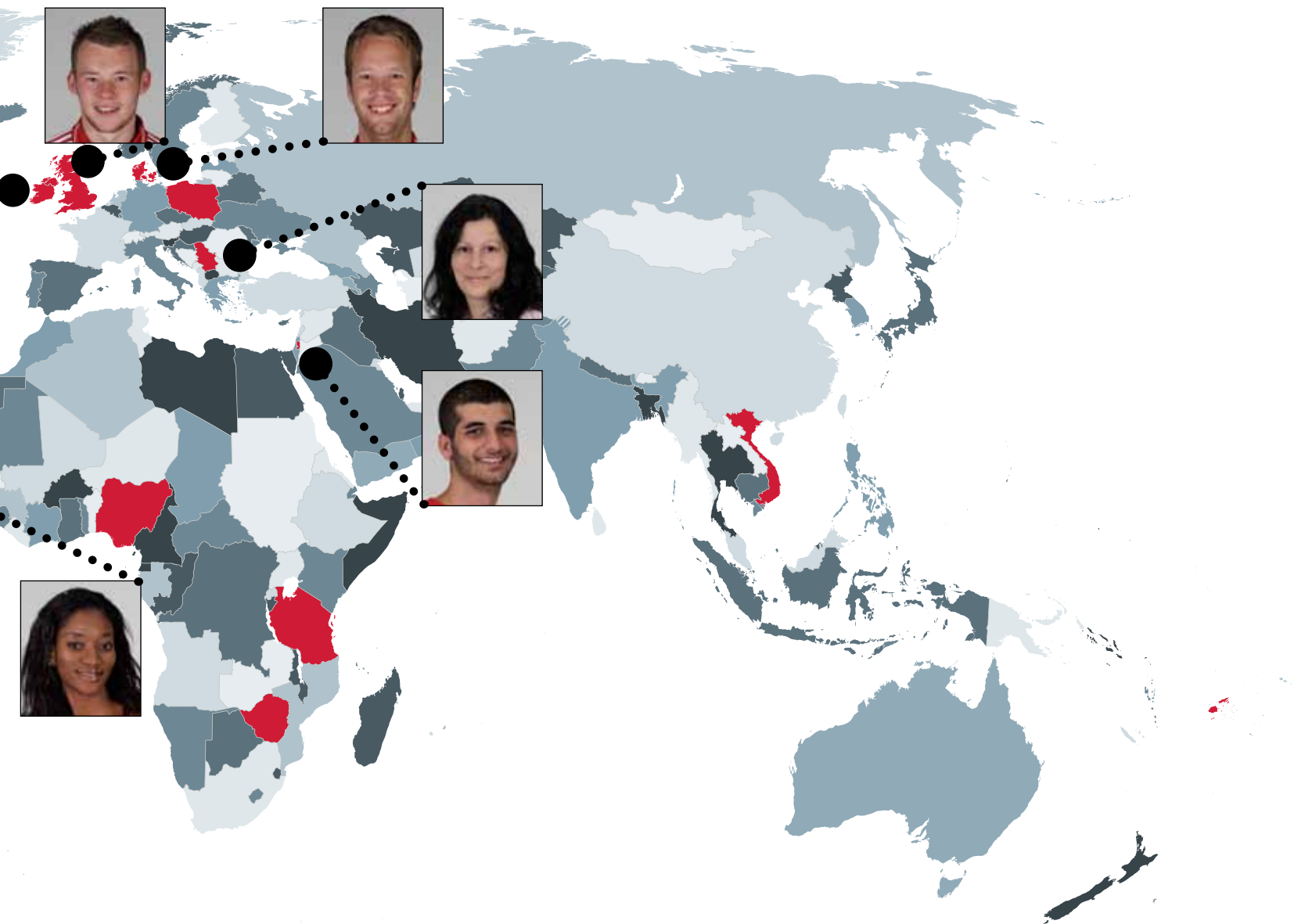
Unlike many larger universities, Grand View doesn't participate with paid international recruiting services, nor do we actively recruit international students in the same way we recruit high school and transfer students. Many international students find us through study abroad programs at their high schools, and some are introduced to Grand View through our virtual visit events at CollegeWeekLive. Others come to us for athletics, because many of our coaches work with recruiting agencies that

connect student-athletes with coaches internationally.

Head men's soccer coach, Blair Reid, works closely with athletic recruiting firms to bring in top-notch players.

"International students enrich the campus community," Reid said. "They appreciate the opportunity to play the sport and get an education. For many students overseas, it is very difficult to get into a university in their native country. Many of our international students finish their degrees here, then go on to graduate school and successful careers."

Our American students value the friendships and interactions they have with the international students. They recognize the importance of having



Grand View enrolled students from the countries indicated in red.

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diversity in their lives and know that once they graduate they will encounter even more people with different backgrounds, values and ways of living.

Senior Kate Burnette said, "It's important and a privilege to have international students on campus because the various cultures represented by these students promotes a diverse and unique college experience for everyone. It has been interesting getting to know these students on campus and how similar and different their lives at home are to ours here in the U.S. Also, from the perspective of a soon-to-be graduate, I know that many jobs will involve interaction and relationships with people of varied racial, cultural, religious

and socio-economic backgrounds – it's important to learn to work with, appreciate and love individuals who are different from ourselves."

Juston Meier, senior biology major, agrees. He is good friends with a student from Colombia, and they work together to improve his Spanish-speaking skills. They speak to each other or text in Spanish and she corrects him if needed.

"I think it's a great opportunity to have international students on campus. It helps other people become well rounded and educated on the different cultures of the world," Meier said.

Regardless of how international students become aware of Grand View, our admissions counselors explain

the admission process and the proper documentation students will need to enroll, and then help them through the process. International students are eligible for academic and athletic scholarships, just like American students.

We will introduce you to just a few of our international students and encourage you to step out of yourself and into their shoes. Imagine what it's like to fly thousands of miles away from your home, your family, your friends, and try to establish yourself at a college where the only person you might know is your coach or your admissions counselor. These students have done exactly that.

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## LIDIJA CAKIC • Serbia • Senior • Nursing

In 2003, Lidija Cakic arrived in New York as a tourist, staying with her cousin before applying for a student visa. She visited Des Moines for a short time and then moved to New Orleans, where she taught herself English. The following year she found herself back in Des Moines where she earned her RN degree from Des Moines Area Community College. Afterward, she moved to Colorado where she worked as a registered nurse for the Department of Corrections, and now she has returned to Des Moines to earn her nursing degree and psychology minor.

Cakic chose Grand View for the nursing program and for the fact that nursing classes are offered on campus and not online. As an international student, she is required to be enrolled and to attend classes on campus. She has been very pleased with her GV experience so far and really enjoys the faculty and staff.

"Everyone is so welcoming," Cakic said. "And my admissions counselor was very patient and helpful when working to get me enrolled. I love Des Moines – there are some very beautiful areas."

Cakic said the school system in Serbia is quite different from America. Children ages five to seven have the option of attending preschool and usually start elementary school, which lasts eight years, at age seven. Then they have the choice of attending high

school for three or four years. Cakic said exams in Serbia are very difficult. For each course, students are graded in oral and written exam format. Oral exams consist of going to the board while the professor randomly opens the textbook and asks questions. Written exams are usually fill in the blank or short essays.

"In fifth grade, at age 12, we start taking a foreign language course, which is required," Cakic said. "We have the choice of English, Russian, German or French. Physics and chemistry are also required at that time."

The most challenging part of being an international student is being away from her family. Cakic has a twin sister, an older sister and a half brother. Her father is retired and her mother passed away in 2009 after the bombing in Serbia ended. Cakic has not seen her family since first coming to the States in 2003.



## IYYAD RAYYAN • Palestine • Freshman • Business Administration: Finance

The Hope Fund is a small non-profit organization that a Palestinian-American and his wife started at their kitchen table in Virginia after reading a news article about a poor young man and his journey to obtain an education. The organization worked to identify Palestinian refugees who, like that young man, desired an education and had the drive, but didn't have the financial means. Through this husband and wife's personal contributions and those from a limited number of donors, the organization reached agreements with various American colleges to provide scholarships to refugees. The organization paid for the students' travel, medical insurance and anything they needed to be successful college students.

Iyyad Rayyan is a recipient of a Hope Fund scholarship. Through the help of his advisor, Rayyan qualified for the program. He reviewed a list of colleges, chose Grand View and recently began his educational journey toward a degree in finance.

"I plan to work for a couple years after I graduate and then work on getting my master's degree in investment-related finance," Rayyan said.

Since arriving on campus, Rayyan has noticed several differences between life in the states and life in Palestine. Colleges back home are larger, with a bigger student enrollment than Grand View. Palestinian high school students are required to take official exams their senior year, and the results determine their educational future and life in general.

"I don't think I had any real problems learning the language in the U.S., but the culture is quite different," Rayyan said. "I do like how Grand View helps students grow and mature and learn to be considerate of their actions – this is most obvious when I look at freshmen and senior behaviors."

For Rayyan, American culture differs greatly from that of other countries. He said he noticed differences as soon as his feet were on American soil and, sadly, it was the immediate stereotyping of Arab people. However, he also found that people at Grand View truly make an effort to listen and understand, and if they can't help him they go the extra mile to find someone who can. With some amusement, Rayyan said the texting issue in the States is remarkable.

"Everyone is texting all the time – people who are walking, eating, studying, even talking with someone, they are still texting!" Rayyan said.



## VICTOR "VJ" GONZALEZ

Puerto Rico

Freshman • Biotechnology

Not all students in Puerto Rico have the option of studying in the United States, some for economic reasons and others because they just can't be away from family – and the familiar – for that long. But Victor "VJ" Gonzalez, jumped at the opportunity when it came.

"My family is very important to me," Gonzalez said. "My mom is my number one fan. My dad is very supportive also, and my little brother is following my footsteps as a volleyball athlete. My whole family is very proud and happy that I have this experience. The most challenging thing about it is being away from them and adapting to the English language."

Gonzalez is intrigued by the relationship between science and technology and is working to obtain a biotechnology degree. If he weren't studying in the U.S., he would be going to a university back home, working toward a degree in biology. The Puerto Rican university does not offer a biotechnology degree.

"I want to study medicine, and I have to begin with a science major," Gonzalez said. "I like the relationship between science and technology, and I think that kind of science is the future."

Part of his decision to attend Grand View was the biotechnology major and his athletic scholarship. Head men's volleyball coach Donan Cruz recruited Gonzalez. He invited him to campus and after a tour and getting to know his future coach, Gonzalez knew Grand View was the right place for him. Along with a career in the science field, Gonzalez would also like to pursue a professional volleyball career.



## PER POULSEN

Denmark • Junior

Business Administration: Marketing

Per Poulsen attended a community college in New York where he played soccer before transferring to Grand View. In his native Denmark, he learned that he could play soccer and further his education at the same time in an American school. So, after making a one-year agreement with a coach at Monroe Community College in Rochester, N.Y., Poulsen was on a plane to the States.

"I was looking for a great soccer program and a scholarship to play," Poulsen said. "Grand View could offer both."

Poulsen was a little worried about going to an American school; he wasn't sure he would fit in with the culture and lifestyle. However, once he made it to campus he was pleasantly surprised at how helpful and willing the campus community was to make him feel at home.

"It's nice to be surrounded by people who care and are willing to help me out," Poulsen said. "I was most worried that my English would not be good enough for people to understand me, but it's been nothing but a pleasure being here."

Soccer is a large part of why Poulsen is here, and he feels the team is very much like a family. He's also impressed by the commitment and support from the Grand View campus community. Although he's noticed some differences in American sports compared to Danish athletics, the experience has been very rewarding.

"I love that there are more international students, and especially Europeans. It makes it easier to have someone who knows where you are from and can relate to that a bit more," Poulsen said. "Sports are a bit more physical here, and it's not always about soccer skills but about athletic ability."

Poulsen never attended college in Denmark but said the system is quite different. It takes three years to obtain a Bachelor's degree, and students do not live on campus. Because of that, they don't interact or get to know each other like students do in America. Danish colleges offer sports, but the number of student activities is limited.

"It is unique to go to a university here," Poulsen said. "I know there are universities in Denmark that offer students the chance to attend an American college for a semester or year, but few take the opportunity to do it. So, returning home with a degree from here will benefit me when looking for a job."



### This year Grand View hosts 30 students from the following countries:

BRAZIL	IRELAND	UNITED KINGDOM
CANADA	NIGERIA	VIETNAM
COLOMBIA	POLAND	WEST BANK/ PALESTINE
DENMARK	SCOTLAND	ZIMBABWE
FIJI	SERBIA	
GAMBIA	TANZANIA	

● **ROSS ALEXANDER** • United Kingdom • Freshman • Physical Education



For Ross Alexander, the best thing about Grand View is the relationships he's built with the members of his soccer team. They are a very cohesive group, a family – they welcomed him and made him feel right at home.

"The most difficult thing about being here is adapting to the fact that I can't see my family or friends whenever I want," Alexander said. "It's hard, but at the end of the day I know it's worth it.

Grand View has been brilliant, just a lot of homework, but that keeps me from thinking too much about home."

He enjoys being a student-athlete and is grateful for the opportunity. Not only does he get to play soccer – which he has done since he was five years old – he also

gets to work toward a degree. "College" and "University" are two very different institutions in Scotland. Students may attend college after high school but cannot obtain a degree there. University offers the opportunity to earn a degree, but students must have high grades to be accepted.

"Being at Grand View is a chance at an education I would not have had back home," Alexander said.

Through Sporting Futures USA, Alexander had several American schools looking at him. He chose Grand View because of Coach Blair Reid's influence and the record and reputation of the Vikings. Without his scholarship to Grand View, Alexander said he would probably be working a low-paid job with few opportunities for the future.

"This is a unique chance to combine an education with playing soccer," Alexander said. "There are many people back home wishing for this chance, so I feel very honored to come here and have this experience."

After he graduates, Alexander hopes to return to Scotland and build a successful career as a physical education teacher. He's not set on that for sure because he really enjoys the States...but he's unsure if he could be away from his "mum" for that long.

● **NICOLE MCDONALD** • Canada • Sophomore • Biology

During her last year of high school in Canada, Nicole McDonald participated in a program called College Prospects of America. While in this program, she created a profile that included her grades and golf scores, and this profile was sent to more than 500 American colleges. Approximately 40 schools contacted McDonald, and Grand View was one of them.

"I chose to come to Grand View mostly because it was a smaller school, and I knew I would have the one-on-one attention from professors if I needed it," McDonald said. "The golf coach was also very convincing, and I felt that he could help make me a better golf player. The overall atmosphere of the school made me feel like I could see myself here."

As a student-athlete, McDonald said sports at the college level in the States are bigger than in Canada – which is why many Canadian athletes come to the U.S. to play sports. Not only do they have the opportunity to play and improve their athletic skills, they can also further their education.

"I'm really enjoying my experience as a GV student-athlete," McDonald said. "The team does a lot of traveling, so I get to visit places I may not have had the chance to, and this fall we're going to Vancouver, British Columbia, and Canada – really looking forward to that!"

McDonald said there are two different types of post-secondary education in Canada – university or college. Canadian universities grant degrees and are larger institutions than colleges. Canadian

colleges are more career-oriented and focus on hands-on training.

Through campus events, McDonald has met more friends and been able to experience more of what

Des Moines has to offer. She has also enjoyed building relationships with professors and teammates. Des Moines has a big-city atmosphere but also a pleasant, homey feeling that makes being away from her family a little easier.

"The most challenging thing about being here is being away from my friends and family," McDonald said. "I was nervous about coming here, mostly because I wasn't sure if I was really prepared for the demands of college, and I didn't know what to expect being enrolled in an education system in a different country. But I was surprised to realize that I could handle the school work and play golf."



**KADDYJATOU JALLOW • Gambia • Sophomore • Nursing**

Kaddyjatou Jallow is well on her way to completing her degree in nursing. She has plans to become a pediatric nurse and return home to work in a hospital. In Gambia, Jallow obtained an RN, which was a three-year course, and worked in the surgical unit at the local hospital where she cared for burned children.

When Jallow was looking into studying abroad, she wanted a university that was well recognized, with an accredited nursing program. She researched Grand View and decided it was the right fit for her and has been pleased with her decision. The president of Gambia offers scholarships to students who wish to study abroad; Jallow applied and was granted assistance.

"The people at Grand View are so nice," Jallow said. "And my roommate is awesome! The instructors are helpful and very patient, and the campus environment is perfect for learning."

Although she has a very demanding class schedule – 16 credit hours in six subjects – Jallow is thrilled to be here. Daily tests, quizzes and research are challenging but she's doing well and keeping up.

"My country is a lot smaller, smaller than Iowa even, so there are few colleges," Jallow explained. "Course programs are three years and each student has his/her own room, although they are quite small, and the guys and girls live in different buildings."

Jallow also commented on the Iowa climate...Gambia has a rainy season, which is usually hot, and a dry season, which is generally cold. She loves the beautiful beaches, abundant sunshine and kind people – Gambia is nicknamed the Smiling Coast of West Africa. Jallow is looking forward to experiencing snow for the first time.



**CONOR THOMAS • Ireland • Junior  
Business Administration**

After completing two years at the Dublin Business School in Ireland, Conor Thomas transferred to Grand View with the help of PASS4Soccer, a recruiting service dedicated to finding scholarships for talented young athletes in quality post-secondary American schools.

"I chose Grand View because of its excellent reputation and the great soccer program," Thomas said. "I also discovered there were English and Scottish players on the team, along with other Europeans, and it seemed like a nice mix of people."

Thomas is undecided when thinking about his future career. At present, the job outlook in Ireland is bleak. With a business degree, he plans to keep his options open and hopes to find a job.

The people at Grand View were very welcoming and helpful when Thomas arrived on campus. He enjoys the facilities campus has to offer and building camaraderie with his teammates.

"There's always a good buzz on campus and everyone is very helpful," Thomas said. "College days back home are a lot longer and very difficult. I prefer college here because I think it is more fair in terms of the work."

Thomas hasn't encountered any surprises when it comes to his studies. However, American culture and certain rules for young people have shocked him.

"Socializing seems quite strict both on and off campus," Thomas said. Mostly referring to the legal drinking age, Thomas explained that the legal age in Ireland is 18. For college students, no matter where they reside on campus, once they reach that age they are free to partake without issue. **GV**



**MAIMUNA JATTA • Gambia • Sophomore • Nursing**

Before beginning her study at Grand View, Maimuna Jatta had a completely different expectation of what it means to be an American college student. What she found was that it isn't much different from studying in Gambia.

"College at home is more or less the same as it is here, but the learning system is different," Jatta said. "College at home focuses more on exams than homework. The exam system is more intense, but the challenges at home and here are similar."

Jatta wanted to get the best education she could after she earned a government scholarship to study overseas. The government promotes scholarships for education and building a skill set, and encourages students to return home to work after graduation. Jatta looked into Grand View's location, the crime rate in the Des Moines area, and the standards of education set by Grand View. She had several schools to choose from but was drawn to Grand View's campus community.

"Grand View's community enables great student-professor relationships, which fosters great education," Jatta said. "And that is what I was looking for."

Getting acquainted with campus wasn't as daunting as she expected. Jatta found that her roommates were very helpful as she learned her way around. She enjoys the campus and thinks students are a bit more reserved compared to college students back home, and the weather is quite different.



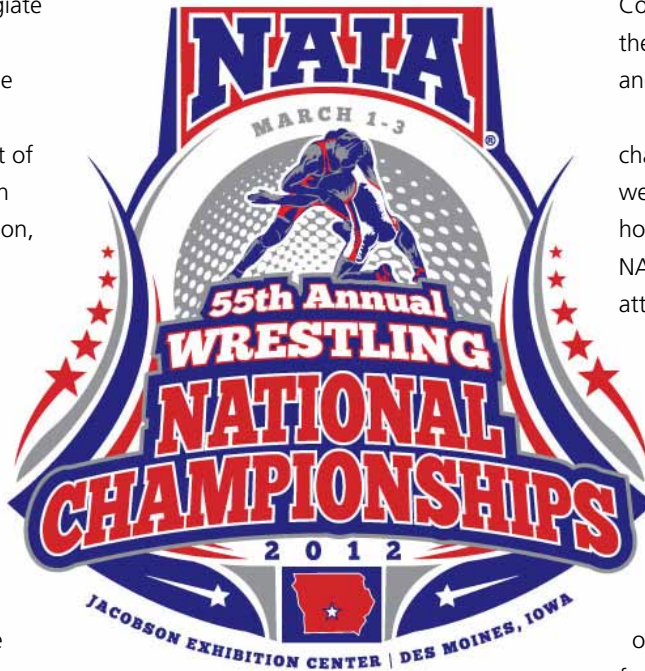
# GV TO HOST 2012 NAIA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY MOLLY BROWN, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC MEDIA AND GAME OPERATIONS

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced in August that Des Moines has been awarded the 2012 NAIA Wrestling Championships. Grand View will serve as the local host of the event, working in conjunction with the Des Moines Area Sports Commission, March 1-3, at the Jacobson Exhibition Center at the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

Approximately 320 athletes from around the country will compete, and ten individual national champions will be crowned. Grand View started its wrestling program in 2008 and is one of the top wrestling programs in the nation. During the first three years of competition, the Vikings have crowned three individual champions, placed in the top ten each year. The team placed fifth in 2011.

“Grand View is very excited to be the host of the 2012 NAIA Wrestling Championships,” said Grand View Athletic Director Troy Plummer. “The



popularity of wrestling in Des Moines and surrounding areas will make for a great atmosphere for the national event. We look forward to working with the NAIA and the Des Moines Area Sports

Commission to provide a quality event for the athletes competing and the coaches and fans attending.”

Iowa has hosted seven wrestling championships. The 2011 Championships were in Cedar Rapids, and Sioux City hosted the event from 2005-08. The NAIA estimates that 5,000-8,000 fans attend the wrestling championships.

The Championship consists of ten individual weight classes with five sessions during the three-day span. Wrestlers qualify for the Championships in one of three ways: placing in the top four in any weight class at the qualifying group tournament; having a .666 or better winning percentage against four-year accredited intercollegiate competition provided the wrestler participates in a minimum of 12 matches during the regular season; and through an intercollegiate tournament during the season. **GV**

# EMERGING MEN'S VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM

BY MICHAEL BENNION '11, SPORTS INFORMATION INTERN

Last year, Grand View announced the addition of four sports, one being men's volleyball, and Athletic Director Troy Plummer named Donan Cruz as the head coach. Cruz currently serves as an assistant coach to the GV women's volleyball program.

The men's volleyball team will join the Mid-American Men's Volleyball Intercollegiate Conference (MAMVIC), which is split into separate divisions – East, West and National. The Vikings will join the West Division. Their opponents

include Graceland University, Park University, Missouri Baptist University, Missouri Valley College and Hannibal-LaGrange College.

“Men's volleyball is what they call an emerging sport in the NAIA, which I think is a misconception for a lot of people,” Cruz said. “We have a national championship invitational that's sponsored by Tachikara. The top six teams in the country at the end of the year play for a national title.”

According to the NAIA, emerging

sports consist of any sport recognized by the NAIA where participating institutions follow all regulations but without an official national championship.

The first NAIA men's volleyball invitational was in 1999, and during this time volleyball was still a recognized sport – meaning 15 institutions in the NAIA declared an intent to participate as a varsity team. Men's volleyball was grandfathered under the 2005 Emerging Sports Plan and will continue to host a National Invitational in the spring. Each



# PLUMMER NAMED 2010-11 MCC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

BY MOLLY BROWN, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC MEDIA AND GAME OPERATIONS

In August, Grand View Athletic Director Troy Plummer was selected by his peers as the 2010-11 Midwest Collegiate Conference Athletic Director of the Year.

Under Plummer's direction the Vikings won their second consecutive MCC Commissioner's Cup in 2010-11, winning six conference championships and participating in six NAIA national championships over the year. GV also posted national top 20 finishes in dance, wrestling, men's golf, and women's indoor and outdoor track & field, while the Viking men's soccer team advanced to the quarterfinals of the NAIA National Championships. GV finished the year 35th in the NAIA Director's Cup

standings, the highest finish of any MCC institution, and received the NAIA's Five Star Champions of Character award. The women's basketball team also finished second nationally among NAIA women's basketball teams in team GPA.

GV athletics has seen huge growth in the past three years, with the addition of eight sports resulting in more than 300 new student-athletes. Plummer has overseen more than \$3 million in athletic renovations in recent years and has added 16 new full-time athletic department staff. This is the second time Plummer has received the award in four years as GV athletic director; he also received the MCC award

*"Amid this rapid growth, Troy has built a qualified team of coaches and staff dedicated to the success of their student-athletes, on the playing field and in the classroom."*

*— Kent Henning  
president*

in 2008-09.

"Troy's leadership has been instrumental in the growth and success of Grand View's athletic programs," said President Kent Henning.

"As athletic director, Troy has overseen the addition of numerous new sports and the recruitment of hundreds of additional student-athletes. Amid this rapid growth, Troy has built a qualified team of coaches and staff dedicated to the success of their student-athletes, on the playing field and in the classroom. He is widely respected by his colleagues and his peers at the conference and national levels for his many accomplishments." **GV**



TROY PLUMMER,  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

winner of a conference tournament will get a bid to the national tournament.

For the 2012 spring season, the MAMVIC will host its conference tournament at Missouri Baptist University in St. Charles, Mo., March 30-31, followed by the national tournament at St. Ambrose University.

"Grand View will be able to compete with any team in the conference," Cruz said. "There are no sure expectations except to practice hard, train hard and see where that leads. As we grow,

expectations will grow."

The Vikings will open their first regular season by hosting the Viking Inaugural Invitational in Des Moines January 13-14. **GV**



The men's volleyball team is preparing for the inaugural season, which begins in January.

# fall sports shorts

Information below is current as of press time, with football, men's soccer and volleyball headed into post-season play. For the most up-to-date results, see [www.grandview.edu](http://www.grandview.edu) > Athletics.

## Cross Country: Men

- Fourth at Mustang Gallop and Loras Invitational.
- Jim Vonnahme named MCC Runner of the Week in October.
- Vonnahme placed second at MCC Championships and qualified for NAIA Championships for second straight year.
- Vonnahme earned MCC First Team honors. Justin Welsh named to Honorable Mention Team.

## Cross Country: Women

- Led by senior Obsie Birru who won four meets this fall.
- Birru named MCC Runner of the Week five times and NAIA Runner of the Week October 26.
- Received votes in the national rankings.
- Won the MCC Championships to qualify for the NAIA Championships for the first time in program history.
- Birru won fourth straight MCC title and Harrier of the Year Award.
- Birru, Kara Keller, and Sadie Fisher earned MCC First Team Honors. Betsy Craig named to the Honorable Mention Team.
- Head Coach Jerry Monner voted MCC Coach of the Year.

## Football

- Currently 8-3 overall record with only losses to NCAA Div I Drake (28-21 OT) and nationally-ranked Marian and St. Ambrose.
- Ranked as high as No. 18 team in NAIA.
- Knocked off two top 10 teams: No. 9 St. Francis and No. 8 William Penn.
- Won the MSFA Midwest League for first time with a 6-1 record.
- Qualified for the NAIA Championship for the first time in the program's four-year history.
- Greg Charles named MSFA Player of the Week in August.

## Golf: Men

- Ranked as the No. 2 team in Nike/Golf World ratings.
- Won five meets – Madonna University Invitational, Mount Mercy Cropper Classic, GV Classic, Viterbo Invitational and Park Invitational. Second at prestigious Oklahoma Christian Intercollegiate, behind the No. 1 team in the NAIA, Oklahoma Christian.
- Aaron Ahrendsen named MCC Player of the Week in September. David Walter MCC Player of the Week in November.
- Ranked No. 2 in the NAIA Preseason Top 25 Poll.

## Golf: Women

- Team was second at Park Invitational, Madonna University Crusader Classic and GV Classic, and third at the Viterbo Invitational.
- Team set a school record at Crusader Classic.
- Amalia Mejia selected as MCC Golfer of the Week in October.
- Received votes in NAIA Preseason Top 25 Poll.

## Soccer: Men

- Ranked in NAIA Top 25 every week in 2011, reaching as high as No. 6.
- Luis Heitor-Piffer and Per Poulsen voted MCC Player of the Week twice. Ross Alexander and George Hunt were MCC Players of the Week in September.
- Finished 7-1 to finish first in the MCC.
- Heitor-Piffer MCC Player of the Year for the second year. Heitor-Piffer, Per Poulson, Ryan Adamson, and Jonny Macadam named to MCC First Team. Alexander and Wes Dawson selected to Honorable Mention Team.
- Received at-large bid to NAIA Championships for program's seventh NAIA Championship appearance.

## Soccer: Women

- 14-6 record and recorded ten shutouts.

- Jordyn Thompson, Katie Zenz, Lindsey Bardole and Kayla Pitman named MCC Player of the Week; Thompson three times.
- Thompson led MCC in goals scored (24) and among leaders in seven national categories.
- Won MCC regular season title with a 7-1 record.
- Thompson voted as MCC Player of the Year. Thompson, Bardole, Zenz and Alecia Werner named to MCC First Team. Deb Jenkins and Bridgette Niles selected to the Honorable Mention Team.
- Head Coach Ventsi Stoimirov voted as MCC Coach of the Year.
- Received votes in the national rankings.

## Volleyball: Women

- Currently 38-7 with school record set for wins in a season.
- Went 9-0 in the MCC for the first MCC regular season title.
- Won the MCC Tournament and qualified for the NAIA Championships for the first time in program history.
- Received first-ever NAIA top 25 ranking, reaching as high as No. 22.
- Went 4-0 at Grand View Tournament, Graceland Tournament and Olivet Nazarene Tournament.
- Upset No. 15 Northwestern, No. 20 Oklahoma Baptist (twice), and No. 23 Viterbo.
- Players received MCC weekly volleyball awards: Devon Jensen, Kadie Subbert, Jessica Garland, Amber Boevers. Jensen and Boevers named three times.
- Jensen leads NAIA in kills.
- Jensen named MCC Player of the Year for third year. Charmin Anderson selected as MCC Newcomer of the Year. Jensen, Anderson, Subbert, Boevers, and Paige Harris named to MCC First Team.
- Head Coach Tina Carter voted as MCC Coach of the Year and recorded career win No. 100 in just three and a half seasons.

# 2011 GRAND VIEW HOMECOMING STUDENTERFEST SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 2



**BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR**

Alumni were invited back to campus to join students and the campus community during Homecoming festivities September 30–October 2.

The celebration commenced with a continental breakfast Friday morning, followed by the Alumni College and a campus tour. That afternoon, the Class of 1961 enjoyed a 50-year class reunion with fellow classmates and a songfest with the GV Choir. That evening, the President's Club dinner was hosted at the Tuscany Event Center in Urbandale where the Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, the alumni award winners, and the Class of 1961 were honored. For more information on the Hall of Fame inductees and alumni award winners, see page 18.

Saturday morning started off with a bang at the annual Viking 5K and Kid Trot, and the Alumni

baseball game was played at the Luhr's Athletic Complex. Alumni enjoyed the Leisure Garden for a morning of fun, including a tailgate lunch, live music and a kid zone with inflatables and face painting, as well as the Aebleskive Experience. That afternoon, the Vikings took on St. Ambrose at the Homecoming football game hosted at Williams Stadium. The men and women's soccer teams played against Ashford University that evening.

The GV Choir and Instrumental Ensemble performed at the Sunday morning worship service at Luther Memorial, with guest speaker The Rev. W. Clayton Nielsen '42. Afterwards, the Memorial Garden dedication and brunch took place, followed by the Nielsen Concert Series featuring Edwin Griffith. **GV**

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** Donors gather during the President's Club Dinner at the Tuscany Event Center; Grand View students painted faces at the Leisure Garden; Nursing students pose with Dr. Jean Logan '78 prior to starting the Viking 5k; Alumni College attendees; Picnic lunch; Alumni enjoyed the Aebleskive Experience; The Class of 1961 was honored at the President's Club Dinner. photos: DOUG APPLEBY AND KEELY SHANNON '12

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 COUNCIL

Thirteen years ago my life-changing journey began at Grand View. I remember thinking how great it would be if GV grew and we had more students living on campus – there are now five full residential buildings. I remember thinking how fun it would be to add more sports teams – GV now offers 24 men’s and women’s sports.

Grand View has changed in so many ways and all in a very positive manner. However, one thing that has not changed is that Grand View is still a family. My hope is that you will bring your families to campus for a visit, an athletic event or attend an alumni event so you can experience the GV family for yourself.

Once a Viking, always a Viking!

**Scott Prickett**  
**Grand View Alumni Council**  
**Vice President**

**1948**

**HARRY SLOTH '48** joined 99 other World War II veterans on the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to visit the WWII Memorial last year. As a soldier, Sloth was part of the invasions of Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima.

**1958**

**DR. ROY MCFALL '58** retired from Michigan State University last fall. He taught human biology for North Central Michigan College. He and his wife, Carol Jo, reside near Devereaux Lake in Cheboygan, Mich. They have eight children.

**1963**

**RALPH H. SPEER '63** retired from teaching fulltime at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Ind., but continues to teach online courses. He taught at Grand View for 22 years.

**1964**

Mary Lou and **KENT WILDRICK '64** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 28, 2011.

**1965**

**DAVID H. WILKINSON '65** retired in December from the Iowa State Education Association after 42 years as a teacher, leadership consultant, and professional development specialist.

**1968**

**TIMOTHY D. VUAGNIAUX '68**, co-founder of Mefford, Vuagniaux, Assoc., a counseling and psychological practice established in 2000, has grown from two mental health counselors to eight providers and three administrative support staff.

**1973**

**CYNTHIA DOWIE-ELGIN '73** and her husband, Mike, have a son, Colby, attending Grand View and majoring in business.

**1978**

**LARRY R. KIRSTEIN '78** was promoted to manager of transportation in Network Operations at Union Pacific Railroad. He has worked for the railroad for 32 years.

**ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS**

As part of 2011 Homecoming festivities, Grand View was proud to honor five alumni for their achievements and successes beyond their time at Grand View.

Lewis Yacinich '85 and Leslie Shipp '87 were inducted into the Grand View Athletic Hall of Fame.

Yacinich, currently head softball coach at Grand View, was a baseball player for the Vikings and a member of the 1985 NAIA All-American Baseball Team.

Shipp played tennis for the Vikings and was a member of the 1987 NAIA

National Championships tournament team. Shipp is a Johnston High School newspaper and yearbook advisor.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Samuel Bernabe '79, current president and general manager of the Iowa Cubs. Bernabe was named the American Association Executive of the Year in 1993 and the Pacific Coast League Executive of the Year in 2008.

Clayton Nielsen '47 was the recipient



LEWIS YACINICH '85



LESLIE SHIPP '87



SAMUEL BERNABE '79

of the Danish Heritage Preservation award. Nielsen attended Grand View in 1942 where he earned his Associates in Arts degree and later graduated from Grand View Seminary. Nielsen has served many parishes during his career, including the Denmark Community Evangelical

## 1981

**STEVE CARNES '81** received an Emmy Award for his coverage of a 2009 Honor Flight in the Best of Community Affairs category. He worked for WHO-TV, NBC News and CNN through the 80s. He also worked for Iowa Public Television for nearly 21 years and is currently a photo-journalist.



## 1988

**BETTY PETERSON '88** was awarded Teacher of the Year by Living History Farms. She is a teacher in the Baxter School District.

## 1990

**LESLIE (SUFFICOOL '90) MALCOM** was appointed to a two-year term on the Koman of Iowa Board of Directors.

## 1995

**SEA FAY '95** was featured on the OB spotlight for Iowa Health Des Moines pregnancy and maternity at [www.iowahealth.org](http://www.iowahealth.org).

## 1998

**MICHAEL NICODEMUS '98** was appointed principal of Runnells Elementary in the Southeast Polk school system.

## 2002

**SARAH BATTIN LOPEZ '02** finished her M.A. and is going on to obtain her Ph.D.

## 2003

**RYAN GROTHOR '03** married Carissa Lee Peiffer at St. Boniface Church in Waukee August 13. Carissa is a nurse at The Iowa Health Clinic in West Des Moines and Ryan owns his own business, Ryanscardz, dealing in sports cards and memorabilia.

## 2006

**STACI SCHWARZ '06** launched a non-profit organization, Groovy Planet, designed to get kids involved in free-trade and volunteerism.

## 2007

**KEVIN MCCARROLL '07** married Michelle McGilley September 10, 2011, in Lake County, Calif. The couple resides in Walnut Creek, Calif.

**RODRICK WHETSTONE '07** is a graduate research assistant for the University of Iowa Museum of Art. He graduated in May 2011 with his M.A. in graphic design and drawing.

## 2011

**NICOLE CREASON '11** was selected to exhibit for a second time at the Des Moines Arts Festival in June.

**MARIE HERRICK '11** received a promotion at Wells Fargo and credits Grand View's graduate program.

**STEPHANIE MYERS '11** received the first Keep the Lamp Burning Nursing Excellence Award at the Central Iowa VA. She also received national certification as a Clinical Nurse Leader, graduating as part of Grand View's first master's class in 2011.



**CLAYTON NIELSEN '47**   **CHRISTIAN MURRAY '98**

Lutheran Church.

The Young Alumni Achievement Award honored Christian Murray '98. In 2003, Murray joined the Denny Elwell Company. He was appointed president in 2007 and later promoted to CEO in 2010. **GV**

Don't miss these upcoming alumni events!

### POTTERY PAINTING

December 13 • 6:30 p.m.  
Rasmussen Center Room 112  
Cost: \$18, includes a piece of pottery to paint and refreshments

### BLUE MOON PIANO BAR

January 26  
Blue Moon Piano Bar, West Des Moines

### GV GOURMET

February 9  
Ador Kitchens

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## Future Vikings

Darren and **KAYLENE R. (ROGERS '98) HARKINS**, a daughter, Lauren Ann, born September 1.

**JOHN '99 AND LACEY (MEYER, '00) THOMPSON**, a son, Joshua Edward,



born April 11, 8 lbs. 1 oz., 20.5 inches long. He joins big sister, Sarah, who is two. John is an assistant registrar and Lacey is an assistant

director of financial aid at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

Lindsay and **STEVE ARMSTRONG '05**, a son, Kinnick Charles, born June 6.

Matt and **JODI (AYERS '05) CROSS**, a son, Reagan Matthew, born August 26.

**STEPHANIE N. (CAMERON '08) AND JUSTIN D. ANDERSEN '08**, a son, Owen Charles, born May 7, 8 lbs. 14.8 oz., 22.5 inches long.



Eric and **LINDA '09 MAROVELS**, a son, Gavin Eric, born July 2.

## In Memoriam

**SOLVEIG (UTOFT '31) JENSEN** passed away.

**HELGA (REERSLEV '40) BECK** passed away July 31, at the age of 90.

**AGNES (KILDEGAARD '47) HATH** passed away July 11. She is survived by three children, five stepchildren, many grandchildren and her sister, **Selma (Kildegaard '47) Sloth**.

**VERNER JENSEN '48** passed away September 25.

**HELEN (UTOFT '48) SKOV** passed away July 10, at the age of 83.

**LEO MATHIASEN '49** passed away July 25, at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife, **Mary (Sorensen '49) Mathiasen**.

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**DEBRA (HILDEBRAND '78) JENNINGS** passed away June 6.

**DEBORAH ERICKSON '80** passed away September 3.

**JAMES M. FOREMAN '90** passed away September 30.

**GLADYS ASBE SHUMWAY '93** passed away August 25.

Grand View **PROFESSOR EMERITUS ELIZABETH STRASSER**, a professor of biology for 15 years, passed away. Strasser established an endowed scholarship for Grand View biology students upon her retirement, and after the passing of her husband, Joseph, a well-known Des Moines attorney, she established the Joseph Strasser Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Students in Criminal Justice. **Gv**

## GV UNITED

The Alumni Relations and Advancement offices are proud to introduce the 2011–12 GV United Student Leadership Team. These students help bridge the gap between alumni and current students by attending alumni events and making connections with alumni on a daily basis. Watch for these students at upcoming alumni events! There is no better way to learn about what is going on at GV than to chat with a student leader.

Won't you support GV students, just like these GV United team members? With your help these students will continue to lead, not only on campus but also well into the future.



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# PUTTING ON THE GLOVES TO HELP KIDS

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Some might be surprised to see an 84-year old man in the boxing ring, but for Carl Hansen '55 it is perfectly natural. Hansen is a certified boxing coach in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., for a boys and girls boxing program sponsored by the Police Athletic League and Club 100 – a faith-based service group of which Hansen is a member.

“As retired people, we needed to do something, and we decided that we could best serve kids,” Hansen said.

Five years ago Club 100 collected \$25,000 to start the boxing program and scouted for a location. They found an old fire station in an area where just a year earlier two young boys died from an overdose. They decided this was the place they could make a difference; they would take in troubled kids, teach them to box and hopefully get them away from potentially bad situations.

“Most of the kids coming into the program are not ready for the ring,” Hansen said. “They need to get in shape and train. Many of them are not involved in school sports because they experienced rejection by school coaches for their lack of physical ability.”

Hansen finds joy knowing that the kids who come to his ring develop self-confidence as they realize they

do have talent and boxing is a healthy alternative to other activities. Most at-risk children have little to take pride in, and through this program, they learn discipline, heart and respect, which makes them feel better about themselves.

The program is free to boys and girls from elementary through high school. Hansen works with Club 100

*“This is a great experience, and to see that you’re making a difference as the kids accept you as a coach and mentor is very rewarding.”*

– Carl Hansen '55



Carl Hansen '55 spends his retirement days mentoring at-risk youth in a boxing ring. photos: SUBMITTED

to raise donations for tournaments and equipment. The Police Athletic League conducts background checks on the volunteers in the program for the safety of the participants.

“At my age, to be working with these kids...there is just nothing like getting a high-five from a ten-year old,” Hansen said. “This is a great experience, and to see that you’re making a difference as the kids accept you as

a coach and mentor is very rewarding.”

Hansen was born in Denmark during a bad time for the country. At the age of 13, he had completed school up to the seventh grade and was then sent out to be a farmhand. In 1948, he was inducted into the Danish Army and was sent to Germany to join the Danish Brigade. In 1950, Hansen emigrated to the United

States with a visitor’s visa and a green card so he could be employed. Shortly after he arrived, the U.S. engaged in the Korean War and he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1951. Since he was not a U.S. citizen, he stayed stateside when the majority of his company was shipped to Korea.

Just before being discharged from the Army, Hansen took college entrance exams in lieu of having a high school diploma and was told he could attend any college he wanted. After speaking with a Danish pastor who had attended Grand View, Hansen applied and was accepted for the fall semester in 1953. After two years at GV, he transferred to the University of Minnesota and graduated with an electrical engineering degree in 1957.

“Grand View was a great way to start my college education,” Hansen said. “It gave me a foundation for college life in a larger school after I transferred.” **GV**



## MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION

Grand View University welcomed guests to a dedication ceremony October 2 for the new Memorial Garden, located on the east lawn of the Humphrey Center. The guest speakers included Grand View past president The Rev. Dr. Arthur Puotinen, current president Kent Henning, and Bill Burma, vice president for advancement. The GV brass ensemble, and the GV choir led guests in a hymn. The service recognized the memory of Dale and Bonnie Henning, Judith Puotinen, Pastor Mike Nehls, Edward Jensen '66, and Solveig (Petersen '61) Gregory.

Additional opportunities to contribute to the Memorial Garden and honor a loved are available. Please contact Katharine Yarnell at 515-263-2828.

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**One of the joys** of my job is giving campus tours to alumni and friends. And, naturally, those on the tours reminisce about their days on campus and pay a compliment to the recent upgrades. Lately, the reaction to campus changes has been much more dramatic.

"I hardly recognize the place." "Wow, Grand View sure has changed." "What a difference ten years makes."

Comments like this are quite common around campus and Des Moines these days. Over the last decade, you have read about and seen the changes printed in this magazine. But words and pictures just don't do it justice. Even those that are relatively close to Grand View are surprised when they see firsthand the transformation that has occurred. The Rasmussen Center had a major impact on campus and the East 14th corridor. The recent construction of the L Apartments, the new green space and the completion of additional parking that opened up views of the Johnson Wellness Center have enhanced the transformation. Add the Memorial Garden near the Humphrey Center and you've got quite a list.

The donor names on the following pages are largely responsible for that transformation. We are grateful for their support and faith in what we do. Because of their gifts, more students have a quality Grand View experience and graduate truly prepared to make a difference in this world.

So I invite you to come back. Come back and experience how Grand View has changed. Whether it's been six months or 60 years, you'll not only be surprised, I'm sure you will also be proud of what you see. Any member of the Advancement Team will be happy to give you a tour and share a vision of what's next.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.



Bill Burma  
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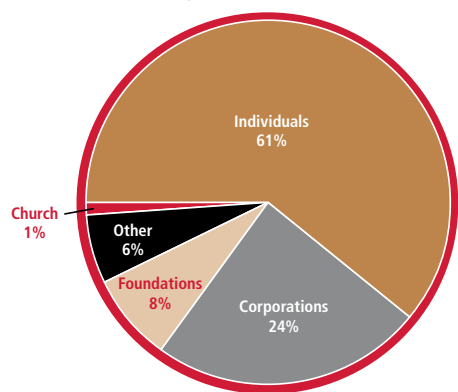
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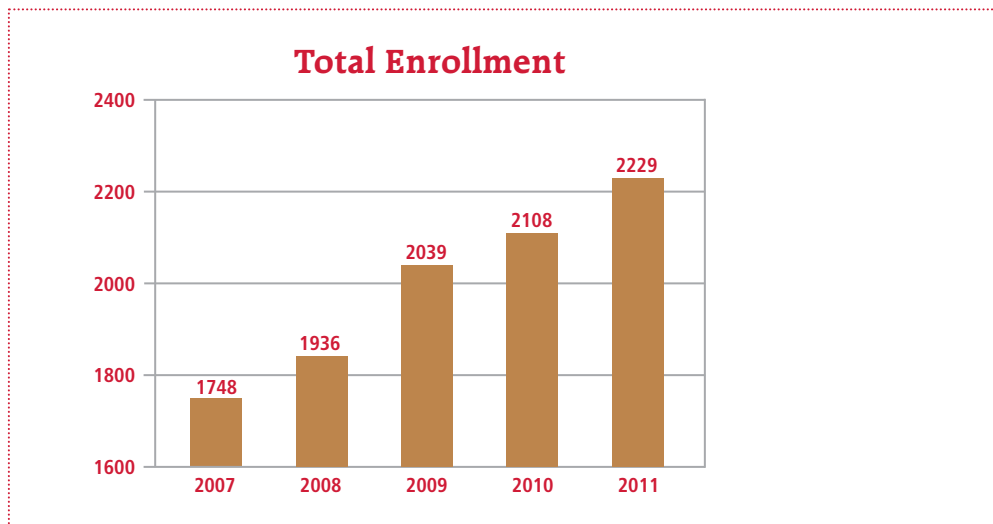
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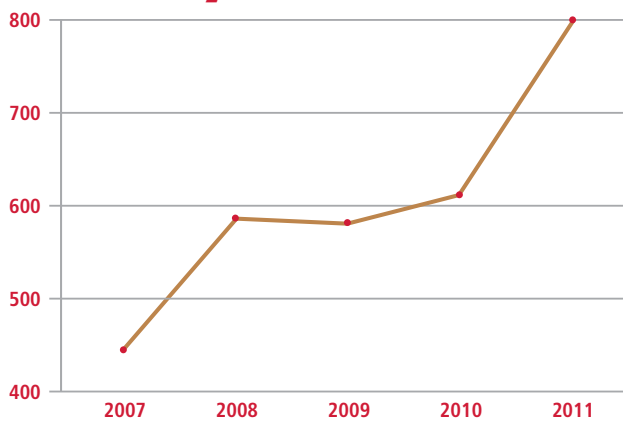
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