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GRAND VIEW ALUMNI LEAD AND SUCCEED.

Take a trip down memory lane with me. Think back to your college days, maybe even high school, and recall



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some of our silly antics and naïve thinking. (I'm smiling; are you?)

When I think about some of what my friends and I did back then, I'm somewhat amazed we are doing the things we do today. I'm sure many of my friends, and probably most of my college professors, are astonished that I'm a university president. (Please note that I'm omitting names, dates, and other details to protect the innocent and to impede your research into my younger days.)

I also recall some of our elders fretting about my generation and what we would turn out to be. Yet somehow, we all managed to learn, grow, mature and assume "adult" responsibilities in "the real world." And I'm rather proud to think

about how some of my classmates and childhood friends are making a difference in the world today.

That dynamic continues, even as I (and many of you) are now of that older generation. The news media are quick to be critical of young people today... their weak academic skills, their obsession with technology and social media, their personal tastes, their health status, and even the unfortunate criminal behavior of a few. I fear that those pictures of youth and emerging adults painted by the media and the public discourse misrepresent the exciting potential this generation holds for the future.

As I write this, I am anticipating the return of our students as the fall term starts up. They will arrive on campus full of energy and optimism. Their enthusiasm about their studies and their future is infectious. Despite all the doom and gloom about the job market, student loan debt, and this country's competitiveness in the world economy, many of our students view their time here as preparation for when they'll go out and conquer the world. (It's why so many of us here love our jobs.)

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VELKOMMEN TIL DENMARK!

Three Grand View students embarked on life-changing experiences studying abroad in Denmark this past year.

Sure, our students have much to learn, both about their subject matter and about life. Sure, some are not very well informed about (therefore perhaps not as jaded by) politics and world affairs. And I'm sure some of them will even pull some interesting pranks.

BUT...it is so rewarding to get acquainted with students when they first arrive on campus, and then to watch them grow and mature over their years here. It's fun to see them sharpen their thinking skills, grow as leaders, mature as individuals, and discern their life's purpose. It's also gratifying to follow them after graduation, to see them land that first job, earn that promotion, get involved in their communities, and make a difference in the world.

In our positions here at Grand View, we have perspectives of this emerging generation that run counter to the impressions you might form if you see young adults only through the lens of critical media stories. Our students today hold as much potential as any of their predecessor generations. And it is our job to help them realize their potential, so they indeed can make a

difference in the world.

In this issue, you will meet some of our graduates who are doing just that here in the greater Des Moines area. Identifying and recognizing successful Grand View alumni in a very deliberate way was actually the idea of Gary Palmer, Grand View graduate and trustee. As we discussed his suggestion, we realized that there are many, many Grand View alumni making a real difference in Des Moines (hence, "Des Moines Difference Makers").

And while the graduates covered in this issue are only a few examples, they should remind us of our mission statement: Grand View engages, equips, and empowers students to fulfill their potential and serve society.

That's what we do. That's what should give us hope for the future.

Kent Henning
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Grand View submitted a football uniform and a variety of photos and scans from the university and the archives as part of a traveling exhibit for the Danish Skanderborg Museum, titled "Grundtvig på prærien... danske indvandremiljøer i USA."



BIG CHANGES HEAD: PART 2

Go online to hear Adam Voigts, vice president for administration and finance, explain the campus corridor project.



Clockwise from top: 1. Grandview Avenue changes daily as construction continues on the pedestrian walkway. The concrete from the original street is being used as fill under the new concrete. Underground utilities were relocated and the water retention system is being completed before work begins on the pedestrian walkway. 2&3. Students began moving into the Hull Suites at the beginning of August. The facility houses 144 beds in 40 units and connects to the original Hull Apartments building via an indoor walkway. 4. Classrooms on the second floor of Elings Hall are being converted to lab space for science classes. Additional renovations in Elings Hall include converting space for larger lab prep areas and updates in additional labs. 5. The Johnson Wellness Center underwent a transformation, which increased the number of locker rooms for athletic teams. 6. The Viking Theatre will have increased seating; aisles have been moved to the center and include glass handrails. The exterior will also receive a facelift with metal panels in red and black. PHOTOS: LACIE SIBLEY '07 AND KEITH DANIEL '00





CAMPUS NEW HOME FOR DSM REGISTER PHOTO ARCHIVES

Photos and imagery have always been very important in preserving memories, important events, and history in general. When the Des Moines Register moved from its home on Locust Street to Capital Square, the need to house thousands of photo negatives emerged.

One of the Register's senior news editors, Randy Brubaker, launched a nonprofit organization – The Iowa Visual History Center – to preserve these important parts of local history captured on film and saved on negatives. The collection stretches from the 1940s to the 1990s, and will be housed on the GV campus in the old Eden building, formally home to the humanities department and originally built as the girls' dormitory.

"Our goal is to not only preserve those visual archives but to rediscover some of Iowa's history," Brubaker said, as quoted to The Des Moines Register, "bringing to life significant and everyday moments from the state's past."

It is estimated that more than 100,000 negatives will be relocated to GV. Cumbersome bound volumes of newspapers will also accompany the photos in order to provide context.

"This collection is a treasure for all Iowans," said Grand View President Kent Henning. "It contains perhaps one of the most complete pictorial histories of Iowa. I believe this collection can become a valuable resource for individuals and groups who want to research Iowa's history. It will also enable Grand View students to conduct some of their own research, and it's just plain interesting." **GV**

CAMPUS UPDATES

LIBRARY LAUNCHES NEW COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

The library directors of Grand View, Grinnell, Drake, Central, and Simpson officially announced the formation of the Central Iowa Collaborative Collections Initiative (CI-CCI).

Pam Rees, director of the GV library, and Teri Koch, collection development coordinator for Cowles Library at Drake, initiated the collaboration following a conference where they attended a session, Shared Print Monographs: Making It Work. In January, they began to develop a shared print initiative with college libraries in and close to Des Moines. This initiative builds on the foundation of collaboration within the Iowa Private Academic Libraries (IPAL) consortium of which all CI-CCI colleges are members.

The colleges will work together with a consultant to identify overlap in the collections and low-use titles. From there, the group will decide which items should be retained and where they should be held. As a result of this collaboration, students will have access to print materials at all participating colleges.

Several project aspects distinguish it from others of its type: the smaller size of the institutions involved, the depth of the collaboration, and the coordinated acquisitions. Starting this fall, the participating libraries will share all items purchased and make efforts not to purchase more than two copies of any item within the group.

IOWA COUNSELORS VISIT ON THE R.I.D.E.

The R.I.D.E (Rediscovering Iowa's Diverse Education), sponsored by the Iowa Association for College Admission Counseling, is designed to allow high school counselors three days to visit colleges and universities in Iowa. Each year focuses on a different region of Iowa and includes tours, hands-on learning,

meals and overnights in campus residence halls, providing counselors a first-hand look at what the schools have to offer students. This year the R.I.D.E. focused on central Iowa June 9-12, including an overnight stay at Grand View.

PUERTO RICAN COUNSELORS VISIT

GV hosted more than 20 high school counselors from private Puerto Rican high schools in May. The counselors are very influential when helping to find the perfect fit for their students' college experiences. This traveling tour took the counselors throughout Iowa and the Midwest.

GV RECEIVES 2013 RODINE/MICKLE AWARD

The Union Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA) nominated GV for the Rodine/Mickle Award in recognition of the community support GV provides.

Grand View was selected for the award for the positive impact on the neighborhood, helping to beautify the area and improve safety measures. Campus expansions add to the quality of life in the neighborhood, including access to athletics and cultural events. The UPNA also recognizes GV's mission to welcome and support all kinds of diversity.

Diane Schaefer Johnson, director of admissions, attended the awards dinner and accepted the Rodine/Mickle award on GV's behalf in April.

GOLD FIT-FRIENDLY WORKSITE AWARD

The American Heart Association recognizes Fit-Friendly Worksites as employers who go above and beyond when it comes to the health of their employees. GV received the gold Fit-Friendly Worksite award thanks in part to Mindy Cathcart, wellness director, for implementing multiple programs for GV to be award-eligible. **GV**

Hear President Kent Henning's thoughts on The Register archives housed on GV's campus.



MUNNY, AFFORDABLE DIY VINYL ARTWORK

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Obtaining a piece of art by an artist you enjoy can be quite costly, especially if you are a college student. However, assistant professor of art and design, James Ewald, is trying to bridge the gap between expensive art and affordable art with do-it-yourself (DIY) vinyl toys called munnies.

"You can purchase a poster for \$40 or more and hang it on your wall, but there is only so much wall space. With vinyl toys, it's a 3D piece of art that can start at about \$10. Artwork isn't affordable for many people, and we see this type of art as affordable artwork."

Ewald and his wife, Jing, were first introduced to vinyl toys two years ago while living in Texas. He was teaching at Texas A&M in the visual arts communication department, and Jing was teaching architecture in China, so Ewald had some time on his hands. A friend worked at a vinyl



toyshop, and after a visit to the shop, Ewald started collecting. From there he started customizing his own.

"I saw many designers that I followed had created these dunnies – which is a prepackaged finished munny, and discovered that many big-name artists are getting into the vinyl toys," Ewald explained. "So instead of spending \$1,000 or more for a painting or poster, I could get artwork by these artists for much less."

Munnies range in size from four inches to six feet tall. They have a humanoid appearance and come with accessories, so they are ready for creation right away. There are various pre-made munny molds that can sometimes be found in certain bookstores.

"This is a creative release for my

wife and me. We don't do custom work right now, but we do attend exhibitions," Ewald said. "For my dunnies, I usually come up with a design fairly quickly, sketch it out, transfer it to the munny, and then spray paint it. My wife is very intricate with hers. It can take her up to three weeks to complete her dunny and may take me three days. I have a problem though because I like to touch mine to see if they are dry, so many of mine have fingerprints in the paint."

Ewald said his artist niche is gig posters for bands and events, but vinyl toys are quickly becoming a niche as well. He finds creating them relaxing and just plain fun. The exhibitions he attends usually have a theme, and Ewald tries to create his dunnies to the theme. Most of his are pop culture characters.



JAMES EWALD

faculty & staff accomplishments

DR. AHMADU BABA-SINGHRI, professor of sociology, was a keynote speaker for the Iowa Sociology Conference and for the African Students' African Nights Annual event at Iowa State University.

DEB BARGER, vice president for enrollment management, was named president of the Iowa Association for College Admissions Counseling.

TINA CARTER, head women's volleyball coach, was the assistant coach for Team

Iowa Ice who captured the second Annual Women's Premier Volleyball League (PVL) title following a 25-18, 25-21, 25-17 victory over Team Florida Wave in Louisville, Ky., in May. Current student, Devon Jensen, played on the team.

AMY DEIBERT, professor of sociology, will present a workshop on teaching theory at the eighth International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences at Charles University in Prague in August. She is also the 2013 president for the Iowa

Sociological Association, and she wrote a chapter on groups and organizations for the academic book publisher Kendall Hunt.

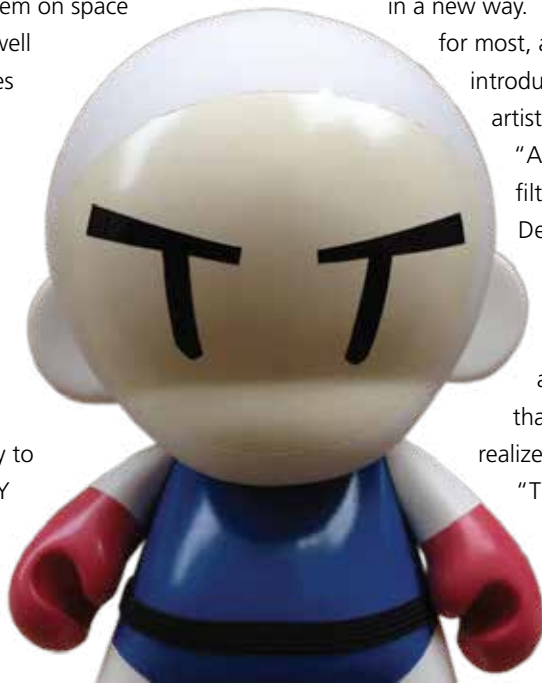
MARK DOERFFEL, director of instrumental studies, was accepted to present three clinics at the South Dakota Music Educators Convention, and will present five clinics at the Iowa Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference.

"A lot of culture filters through the Des Moines area because we are at the intersection of two majors byways, and students absorb that but don't always realize it."

*—James Ewald
assistant professor of art and design*

The goal is to introduce this type of artwork to the Des Moines and GV communities. It is new in this area, although very common in Texas and New York. Ewald is conducting workshops with students to create their own dunnies and instructing them on space consideration as well as how their pieces interact with their audience.

"It's a fun activity and an opportunity to be really creative. It's also very affordable for students while giving them a way to experience the DIY culture and experiment with something new," Ewald said.



Workshops are in addition to his regular courses. Ewald started at GV last fall and teaches typography and design studios for sophomores and seniors. His goal for students is to take away another subculture and experience art and design in a new way. It's a newer medium for most, and he hopes it also introduces them to new artists and designers.

"A lot of culture filters through the Des Moines area because we are at the intersection of two majors byways, and students absorb that but don't always realize it," Ewald explains. "There are so many creative things that are happening here." **GV**

GV WELCOMES TWO NEW DEANS

Grand View recently welcomed **DR. KATIE VAN BLAIR** to campus as the new Dean of the College of Social and Natural Sciences. Van Blair comes to GV from St. Ambrose University where she was a professor and the Director of the School of Social Work. She also worked with the St. Ambrose president on strategic planning. Van Blair is excited to join the GV community. She and her 13-year old daughter are happy to be closer to many family and friends in the Des Moines area.

DR. ROSS WASTVEDT is GV's new Dean of the College of Humanities and Education. Wastvedt was a professor in the English department and the Director of the First-Year Program at Westminster College in Pennsylvania. He served in many capacities at Westminster including Department Chair of English and public relations, chair of the faculty, and writer/faculty leader for the college's reaccreditation. Wastvedt looks forward to serving GV students. His wife, Sonja, will be an instructional coach at Wright Elementary School. They have three children. **GV**

DR. AMY GETTY, professor of English, published an article entitled, Letting the Students Lead, in the February 2013 edition of The Teaching Professor newsletter.

DR. REBECCA LANG, professor of health and physical education, was the keynote speaker at the Wellness Champion meeting at the State of Iowa, Iowa Department of Administrative Services, in May. She also presented at Morbid Obesity: A Growing American Epidemic

conference at Mercy Medical Center in April.

KRISTIN LARSON, associate professor of theatre, played the lead in Time Stands Still, a contemporary play by Donald Margulies.

DR. JAY PRESCOTT, vice president for student affairs, was appointed by Governor Terry Branstad to the Board of Educational Examiners for a three-year term.

DR. CHAD TIMM, assistant professor of education, had a chapter titled Caesar's Identity Crisis published in Planet of the Apes and Philosophy: Great Apes Think Alike, edited by John Huss.

CORBIN ZEA, professor of chemistry, gave a presentation titled Fostering an Atmosphere of Undergraduate Research at Mercy College's Research Conference in April. **GV**

LIVING LEADERSHIP AND LISTENING FOR VOCATION

BY KENT SCHORNACK, DIRECTOR OF LEADERSHIP & COUNSELING

In April, seven student leaders and three staff embarked on the second annual Outdoor Leadership Experience (Ole' 2), a five-day backpacking trip in Buffalo River National Park in northern Arkansas. The trip was designed to provide experiential learning in leadership, and to create a space to listen and reflect on one's life story as it relates to vocation.

Author and teacher, Parker Palmer, states that our most transformative times occur as we journey through hardship. "Treacherous terrain, bad weather, taking a fall, getting lost – challenges of that sort largely beyond our control..." quoted from Palmer's book, *Let Your Life Speak*. While Palmer is talking metaphorically, trip participants received both the metaphorical and literal experience of those elements. They encountered challenges and successes that created

new learning and opportunities to see themselves in a new light.

The group lived and worked together while hiking with 50-lb. backpacks, navigating trails, cooking their own food, purifying their own water, setting up camp, and negotiating bathroom necessities.

Experiences like these, ones that take students out of their element and push relational dependence, expose leadership strengths and weaknesses.

Hannah Pickart, nursing senior,



Leadership students prepare for a morning hike along the Buffalo River just south of Harrison, Ark. This is the second year for the annual Outdoor Leadership Experience (Ole' 2), designed to provide experiential learning in leadership and reflection on vocation. PHOTO: SUBMITTED

said, "I was definitely challenged and discovered my limitations. I learned that even though we are leaders, we do have limitations and must rely on others sometimes." **GV**

student success

Clinical Nurse Leader students **DARLA UEDING '13**, **ABBY SNOBERGER '13**, **MELANIE FRANTZ '13**, **MELANIE DAVIS '13**, and **LIZ JONES '13** presented their posters of best practice projects at the Veterans Administration Hospital in May.

MARK HEIRIGS '13 presented a paper titled *A Sociological Perspective on Homicide Cross-Nationally* at the Iowa Sociological Association Annual Meeting. He won the Ward Reynoldson Award for best paper in criminal justice.

RANDY YOUNG '13 received a technical theatre summer internship at the Des Moines Community Playhouse.

MICHAEL WIGNESS '13 presented his research titled *Synthesis of 4-phospho*

Maltose at the Iowa Academy of Science conference at Simpson College in April.

SHELBE ELLISON '12 presented her research titled *Synthesis of 4-phospho Glucose* at the Iowa Academy of Science at Simpson College in April.

Three students competed in the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Leadership Conference:

IYYAD RAYYAN '15 received third place for Economic Analysis and Decision Making and third place for Public Speaking; **MELANIE ELLIS '15** received fourth place for Accounting for Professionals and third place for Word Processing; **ASHLEY ADAMS '16** received fourth place in Financial Analysis & Decision Making.

Local Des Moines artists Jonathan Pearson, Caye Dreiss, and Larassa Kabel judged the annual GV Fine Arts Competition. The following awards were given: Best of Show: **DEREK BARNETT**; Juror's Awards: **ANDY PEEK '13**, **KAITLYN WITZEL '13**, **JOSE MARENTES-GONZALEZ '14**, **SARAH SPARLING '13**, **PAIGE KLECKNER '13** and **MATT WEBB '15**.

The Emerging Iowa Artist Program, presented by Principal Financial Group, offers new artists the opportunity to showcase their talent at the Des Moines Arts Festival in June. GV students and alumni **ABBY BUTSON '12**, **ABIGAIL COOPER '12**, **SARAH FRIEDRICKSON '13**, and **KYLE LAWLER '14** were selected. **GV**

DES MOINES DIFFERENCE MAKERS

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HAVE YOU EVER PAUSED in your busy, rush-rush, get here, go there, get that done, finish this life to reflect on the things you do for others? And how those actions not only affect that one person but also sometimes create a chain reaction and change the course of things, not only for that one person, but for others around that person?

As an academic university, we encourage our students to get involved in the many opportunities available to them while on campus, and many of them do! Words cannot express the pride we have in our graduates who take their Grand View experiences to new levels as they get involved in their communities. Most don't even realize the difference they are making.

Grand View continues to grow and thrive in our community. More than 8,000 alumni live in and around the area, and they are increasingly creating and leading significant institutions and initiatives in the region. Grand View success stories saturate the Des Moines area in the private and public arenas, lifting up the standard of living, increasing cultural opportunities and awareness for residents and the many visitors to the capitol city. Trustees Gary Palmer '72, CEO of Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, and Martha Willits, retired CEO of the Greater Des Moines Partnership, are leading a new initiative called the Des Moines Difference Makers. The goal of the project is to call attention to Grand View alumni who are taking what they learned as students and what they have absorbed in the real world to make a difference in Des Moines. No matter small or large, every difference made, every dollar donated, every minute given, means something to someone's life.



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STEVE & NANCY BOBENHOUSE

ONE CANNOT LIVE IN IOWA without hearing about the Living History Farms Road Race. The seven-mile race was declared the largest cross-country race in North America and has been featured in several national running magazines. This fall will be the 35th year for the high profile race that started in 1979.

Steve '69 and Nancy Lavender '78 Bobenhouse have been involved with the race since its inception. The idea behind the race was simple: a few friends thought Living History Farms (LHF) would be a great location for a cross-country race, and it evolved from there. The race started out with a couple hundred participants the first few years, but as word spread the numbers grew. In recent years registration was capped at 7,500 runners because the course just cannot handle much more. Last year it took a mere 36 hours before race slots were full.

The Bobenhouses are strong believers in giving back to the community that supports them and their business, Fitness Sports, a locally owned running store.

"Giving back to the community that we are a part of and the events we support and participate in is important to us," Nancy said. "And encouraging others to take part and do the same."

Steve did not found the road race but has been an integral part of its success, and together with Nancy, the two have adopted it and helped it flourish. Last year's event brought in more than \$200,000 that was given right back to the community. The race is the largest contributor to LHF, which relies on donations and sponsor support.

"I had the opportunity while growing up to spend a lot of time on my aunts' and uncles' farms every summer, and I really enjoyed it," Steve said. "I think it's a great part of Iowa life and LHF greatly represents that. I think that's something that we're gradually losing. LHF is very much the family farm, and to have a museum like that in the metro is something really special."

The timing of the race, just before Thanksgiving, seems to work well with runners returning to Des Moines for the holidays and athletes just coming off the running season. In 2003, the race became an official not-for-profit charitable event with all proceeds going to LHF and other charities. Over the years, the race has brought in about three-quarters of a million dollars.

"It is a ton of work to pull this race off," Nancy said. "We have a committee of volunteers who are dedicated and willing. This is just our way to put on a fun race to showcase the Farms and central Iowa. It's a big boost to the area all around because people come from out of town and out of state to run, and then

stay and shop and sightsee. Steve has described this as our own little United Way."

Fitness Sports opened in 1984. Steve had been in the sporting goods business for several years and decided he was prepared and could open his own store.

"It was really while I was at Grand View that I realized I could be in charge of something and manage it," Steve said.

As a GV student, Steve helped establish and manage the coffee house that was run out of the basement in Eden – originally the girls' dormitory – in the late 1960s. He, along with a group of friends, furnished it and managed it, turning it into a student union, of sorts. Students could meet up, hang out and enjoy musical entertainment one night a week.

"We both think GV is the coolest thing," Nancy said. "Having spent a long time there, we have always felt the quality of education we received, the personal touch and the opportunities presented in a more intimate setting were beyond compare. You can go to a big university and you're a number; they don't know you. But at GV, you know they care about you, they make an effort to know you, and you form relationships with friends, staff, professors, organizations, and that is just not available in many other colleges."

As business owners, Steve and Nancy help coordinate and sponsor many local races. For them, being involved is good for their community, for the event they sponsor and for their business. Additional races the Bobenhouses' help with are the Windsor Heights Annual Mini-Marathon (WHAMM), which benefits muscular dystrophy, a cause dear to their hearts. They also contribute to the ALS Association and the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDS); Steve was recently inducted into the MDS Hall of Fame. They participate on the Des Moines Marathon committee, help with Midnight Madness in Ames, and are sponsors of the Viking 5K during GV Homecoming festivities. The couple not only enjoys the sport of running, but also looks at their sponsorships and involvement as their way of saying thank you for the community support they receive.

"Giving is more fun than receiving and it really is! You get so much satisfaction doing something that helps other people. Our fathers were very active in our communities and I think the way we were raised has played a part," Nancy said.

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KURT RASMUSSEN

THE JENSEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY was founded in 1912 and The Rasmussen Group was established in 1988 as a management company for several companies, including Jensen Construction. Kurt Rasmussen '88 is the fourth generation to run the 100-year old family business; he is the great-grandson of T.G. Jensen, founder of Jensen Construction. Kurt was born and raised in Des Moines and worked many different jobs within the family business throughout his high school and college years. Upon graduation from Grand View in 1988, he continued the family tradition and began full-time employment at The Rasmussen Group, which had just been formed at the time.

In the 1980s, Kurt's father, Jim Rasmussen '57, began expanding his focus from the core bridge building business of Jensen Construction and acquired other businesses that specialized in other aspects of heavy construction and project management. It became apparent that centralized management would be strategic and efficient. In 2003, after the loss of his father to cancer, Kurt became President of The Rasmussen group, which is currently comprised of eight construction-related companies. Kurt fondly remembers his father as a hard-working man with a brilliant business mind who was well respected in the industry. His dad was always quick to say it wasn't just him that made the company successful; it was the people he worked with.

"My dad always told me you are only as good as the people who work with you, and your company can only succeed if you have good people," Kurt said.

The Jensen family had strong beliefs when it came to giving back to the community. The Rasmussen Group established a foundation that supports local and state charitable causes. In addition, the Rasmussen Group companies have historically been connected to all communities in which they operate as a good business partner with both

financial support and in-kind donations. For example, T.J. Jensen built a community swimming pool, and Jim Rasmussen was Chairman of the Racing Association of Central Iowa (RACI) non-profit board.

Since 2004, Kurt has served on the board of Anawim Housing, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing housing for low-income Iowans. He also serves on the board of the Des Moines YMCA Camp, and is involved with Mosaic and the John Stoddard Cancer Center.

"Both my parents graduated from Grand View, and I believe that their experience and direction gave me a foundation for service," Kurt said. "My time at Grand View only solidified my service to the community. Grand View cares and teaches students to care about the community."

Kurt believes that Grand View taught him in-depth about diversity, ethics, religion, and sociology with an emphasis on a true commitment to humanity – which have all played a significant role in his personal and professional life. Grand View's small campus and tight-knit community made it easy for him to meet a multitude of people from different cultures and backgrounds. These experiences have greatly helped him in his professional life, working with so many employees and clients.

"By engaging in the community, you keep your community strong and vibrant, which is why I have volunteered my services and financial support to many organizations. I strongly believe that a liberal arts education teaches you how to be a full participant in your life," Kurt said. "I guess I would say my purpose in life is to live a very full and enriched life. I am dedicated to lifelong learning and I have an interest in a variety of perspectives."

Kurt has been recognized as Associated General Contractors of Iowa Member of the Year 2001, inducted into the Prairie Meadows Hall of Fame in 2013, and received the HBPA Appreciation Award in 2012.



"MY TIME AT GRAND VIEW ONLY SOLIDIFIED MY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. GRAND VIEW CARES AND TEACHES STUDENTS TO CARE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY."

Moberg Gallery



JACKIE MOBERG

JACKIE (RUSH) MOBERG '01 WAS not a traditional Grand View student. She joined the United States Navy fresh out of high school and was shipped to Florida for military boot camp. From there the Navy deployed her to Adak, Alaska, where she served two years on the remote Aleutian Island before returning to Iowa.

"I just wasn't sure what I wanted to do, and I didn't think I was ready for college, so I thought the military was my best option," Jackie said. "Because of my service, I was eligible for the GI Bill and took advantage of it. After spending two years on a remote island near Russia, I was very eager to get into school and the workforce."

After she decided to pursue her education further, Jackie chose Grand View to complete her bachelor's degree in business administration because of the small campus feel and the location. She worked full-time and attended Grand View's evening and weekend classes; it took her eight years to complete her degree. Jackie was undecided as to what she really wanted to do as a career, what her calling truly was in life, and she credits her GV advisor with helping her set her mind in a direction that led her toward her future and the success she's had. Wanting to further her education even more, she earned her master's degree in higher education with an emphasis in leadership and policy studies.

In 2003, Jackie opened Moberg Gallery with her business partner TJ Moberg. At inception, the gallery represented four artists, and within three years of opening, signed more than forty regional artists. Media represented by the gallery include: painting in oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor, gypsum plaster sculpture, metal sculpture, woodcuts, glass works, ceramics and clay, multi-mixed artworks, and large and small scale sculpture.

"I always had an entrepreneurial spirit and wanted to own my own business and be responsible for my own successes," Jackie said. "At the time, I was married to an artist so it seemed a natural fit – he wanted to exhibit his artwork in the best possible gallery space, and I wanted to own and manage it."

Moberg Gallery is a contemporary gallery that specializes in commissioned artworks. Their client list includes: American Mutual Life Insurance, Blank Park Zoo, the Des Moines Art Center, General Electric, Hy-Vee Corporate Headquarters, Kansas City Royals, Marriott Hotels, Prairie Meadows, Des Moines University, SVPA Architects, Mercy Medical Center, John Deere Manufacturing, Vermeer Manufacturing, and the Ronald McDonald House. Although most of their projects are concentrated in the Midwest, they have reached as far as Georgia, California, Nevada, Florida and Hawaii.

Moberg Framing opened on Ingersoll in 2011 and, most recently, Moberg Gallery Chicago opened its doors in 2012.

"We have mounted 70 solo exhibitions and represent more than 100 artists," Jackie said. "I think the gallery has added to the fabric of the city's culture, providing a significant entertainment that continually draws more and more visitors. And I think we have helped many of our artists establish careers in art which would not have been possible ten or fifteen years ago without leaving Des Moines for a larger market."

Jackie has participated on boards for many community businesses. Some include the Ankeny Art Center, ArtStop, Ingersoll Business Association, and Ingersoll Live. The gallery has also hosted fund raising events for the Metro Des Moines Opera, Des Moines Symphony, Mercy Hospice's Art of Life, Animal Rescue League, Camp Sunnyside, the National Association for Mental Illness, Variety Club, and Tunisian Art Affair, just to name a few.

"Des Moines has not traditionally been known as a town of artists. Those with artistic talent used to have to choose between a career in art or living in Iowa," Jackie explained. "That's changing, for many reasons, but just not fast enough. It's wonderful to see new artists' work blooming in this area and the enthusiasm that it generates. That's a word I learned at Grand View: enthusiasm. Its roots mean 'god within,' which says a lot about community. When a person is enthusiastic, others sense it and want to get some for themselves. That creates a good kind of contagion."

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MICHAEL MAURO

MICHAEL MAURO '68 ATTENDED Grand View when it was a two-year institution and speaks very highly of the education and experiences he had as a Viking.

"My Grand View experience was great; it was a great environment and the right place for me," Michael said. "When I graduated high school I needed to find a way to further my education and pay my own way through it. The classes at Grand View were small and instruction was almost on an individual basis. The family-feel of the college was great too, and I was able to transition and move on from there without missing a beat."

With Grand View's flexible schedule, Michael was able to work and attend classes, preparing him to continue his education after Grand View at Drake University where he earned his degree in education. He wanted to teach government and history and coach, which he spent four years doing in Council Bluffs. He took another teaching position in Nebraska and while there, decided to obtain his real estate license to bring in an income during the summer months when he wasn't in the classroom. Later Michael decided to return to Des Moines and get involved with his family's insurance business, as well as open up a real estate branch.

"Through insurance and real estate, I started networking, increasing my center of influence and eventually got involved with the Young Democrats group," Michael said. "At that time the Iowa caucuses were just really getting big, and I was a young real estate guy getting my feet wet in politics."

It was during the Iowa caucuses that presidential candidates would come through Iowa and rub elbows, shake hands and get their names throughout the state. Michael received a call one day to attend a candidate visit so that the candidate would arrive to a small crowd. He went, and with the others who were waiting, decided to give this candidate a chance and listen to his spiel. The candidate showed up, gave his speech, and then asked to attend the State Fair before jetting off to his next engagement. Michael volunteered to take him – because no one else would – and they made their way through the grand concourse and to the Varied Industries building, where the candidate stood at the Democrat's booth, shook hands and introduced himself.

"I liked the guy. I thought he was brilliant," Michael said. "He'd shake a hand and say, 'Hello, my name is Jimmy Carter and I'm running for president of the United States.' After we dropped Mr. Carter off at the flying service, I went back to work

and they asked me where I had been, and I said I was just with the next president of the United States, even thinking that he probably wouldn't be."

That was Michael's first real introduction to the world of politics. Carter was a relatively unknown man, with little money, who came to Iowa to raise his visibility and won the election. From there Michael's interest in politics spiked. He took a job as the Polk County Election Director and was responsible for all of Polk County's elections for 12 years. In 1996, he ran for County Auditor and was elected. His role included overseeing the Polk County Election Director, as well as accounting, payroll, and budgeting. Then in 2006, he ran for and won the position of Secretary of State and served for four years. He ran again in 2010 but lost a close election. Governor Terry Branstad named him the Iowa Labor Commissioner, and in this position he is in charge of health and safety in the Iowa workforce, making sure employees are protected and work in safe conditions.

"I have the opportunity to talk with many people, and I think if you put yourself in opportunities you enjoy and you take some risk, you can discover other opportunities to do more in other areas," Michael said. "With each day you have the chance for something good to happen. That impact for me has been the chance to serve in a public service job for most of my life. My background evolved in the election process and from that I've been able to help shape and form things that will make the voting process better for Iowans, making it easy and accessible and fair, and I feel very good about that."

In Michael's profession, he feels he has accomplished a great deal of things, including uniform voting equipment throughout Iowa. All 99 counties use the same paper ballots and tabulating machines, creating a paper trail and making sure every vote counts. He is also a strong advocate for disabled individuals and has worked to get accommodations so they may vote on their own with touch screens and hearing devices. Michael is also pleased that he was part of making it possible for military personnel serving abroad to still partake in voting processes that occur while they are away.

"It's important to be involved and be an active force, because making your opinions known helps make good things happen," Michael said. "If you don't get involved, you can't complain. If you do get involved, you have the opportunity to learn, to shape the process and make it better. By doing that, you not only help the community, but it's something you can be proud of while making things better for others."

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VELKOMMEN TIL DENMARK!

BY LACIE SIBLEY ’07, EDITOR



Grand View is thrilled to offer students study abroad opportunities, ranging from short-term faculty sponsored trips and summer programs to semester or year-long programs. Faculty-sponsored study trips are usually during spring break or for about two weeks in May term. Students can study in almost any country in the world, based on their interests. Founded on Danish tradition, Grand View partners with the Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS), providing students the opportunity to study in Denmark for a summer term, a semester or a full year.

This past year, three GV students embarked on a life-changing experience in Denmark. Todd Nielsen ’14 spent nine months studying through DIS, Keyla Spahr ’13 spent fall 2012 in Copenhagen also through DIS, and Michael Cortez ’15 studied through the University College Capital (UCC) in Copenhagen during spring 2013.

TODD NIELSEN ’14, GRAPHIC DESIGN

Q. Why did you decide to study abroad?

A. I have a deep Danish history. My mother’s grandparents on her mother’s side and my dad’s great-great-grandparents on both sides all came to America from Denmark. We attend the Danebod Folk Camp every summer where we participate in traditional Danish activities like folk dancing and we eat Danish food. I had always wanted to visit Denmark since my sister went when she was 17. My mom traveled there when she was 17 as well. The country just seemed interesting and I wanted to explore my heritage.

Q. What was the experience like for you?

A. My first semester courses included Danish Design, Information Design Studio – which is a core course and included a trip to Amsterdam, European Art of the 19th Century, and Scandinavian Moods in Cinema. Second semester I took Nordic Mythology, European Storytelling: From Homer to Harry Potter, Cultural Diversity and Social Capital –

another core course with a trip to Istanbul, and Conspiracy Theories and Historical Controversies. School was similar to GV academics but I had to commute, which involved catching the train. The grading was tougher; few students seemed to earn A’s.

I lived with a host family, Morten and Sanne, and their four sons. Most of my free time was spent traveling – I visited 12 countries. I also spent a lot of time with my host brothers, getting to know them and becoming a part of their family. The most challenging aspect at times was communication because English isn’t their first language.

Q. Would you do this again?

A. Absolutely! It was an incredible experience. I visited many areas of Europe and experienced so much culture. I’ve grown as a person and view the world differently. As a student, this is the best thing you will ever do. The experiences you have far outweigh the drawbacks of the cost. It’s seriously the best decision I’ve made.

Q. Any plans to travel in the future?

A. Yes. I plan to go on a May term trip, but I'm undecided on where. I just know I want to travel. I also plan to return to Denmark periodically throughout my life to visit family, friends, and my host family. The Amazon rainforest, Machu Picchu, The Great Wall of China, and Australia/New Zealand are all on my travel wish list.

KEYLA SPAHR '13, THEATRE ARTS & MUSIC

Q. Why did you choose to study in Denmark?

A. Grand View is a Danish university, and I was eager to experience its roots first hand. Denmark is also English-friendly, so I didn't have a problem communicating, even while learning the Danish language. I have to credit Dr. Ken Jones for pushing me to experience something new. I need to be challenged

a coffee house/bar called Studentehuset with other exchange students. While there I was involved in an a capella choir that performed Christmas carols at the end of the semester.

Q. What did you most enjoy?

A. If I were to choose something simple, it would be biking everywhere. Copenhagen is very bicycle-friendly with bike lanes on every street, bike shops everywhere, and bikes available to rent or purchase. To choose something more complex, I would say my friend, Maria, who was also studying at DIS. She was born in Russia and when the Soviet Union collapsed, she fled with her family to Israel. Now she is a student at Wheaton University in Massachusetts and is fluent in three languages. I learned more from her than anyone else during my study trip.

Q. How was your experience with the UCC?

A. The UCC Blaagaard/KDAS was a fun place to study. It's very relaxed and the professors ask that you refer to them on a first-name basis. Texting a professor and calling their cell to ask a question is completely normal.

Q. What was the experience like for you?

A. Denmark was a great country to explore. I lived with two German students and no matter how stressful the day got, chasing buses and making sure I wasn't taking the wrong train, I always looked forward to making dinner together. The Danes are interesting. I love that nobody makes small talk on a train or in the grocery store; however, they do have a tendency to stare if you wear something other than black, dark blue, gray, or brown. I learned quickly that standing out is a gigantic no-no, and it all stems from their ideal that nobody is



From left: Keyla Spahr '13 visits the Little Mermaid in Copenhagen, dedicated to Hans Christian Andersen; Michael Cortez '15 visits the famous Stork Fountain in Copenhagen; Todd Nielsen '14 standing at the most northern point of Denmark where the waters of the Kattegat Sea (Baltic Sea) and the Skagerrak Sea (North Sea) come crashing together shifting the sands. PHOTOS: SUBMITTED

and what better way than to move across the ocean, away from everyone I love, start completely anew, and learn another language.

Q. How was your experience with DIS?

A. DIS was extremely easy to manage as a study abroad institute. They assisted me with obtaining my visa, my Danish residence permits, CPR card – which is like the American social security card, and transportation passes. They also gave me a play-by-play of what to expect once I arrived in Denmark.

Q. What was the experience like for you?

A. The school environment is more relaxed. Classes, however, were very difficult, but I was able to travel with some of my courses, visiting places like Lund and Malmø, Sweden, Germany, Austria, Prague and Vienna, among others. I lived in Hoffmans Minde Kollegium in Brønshøj, which is apartment-style housing for students of all ages in Copenhagen, with a roommate from Johns Hopkins University. I also worked at

I was fortunate to visit a Danish family whom I had a home stay with during our international choir tour in 2009. I stayed in contact with them, and when they knew I was coming, they couldn't wait to see me and share my experiences – we even played bilingual Scrabble! They are what the Danish poster family should be: Hygge, loving, and happy.

MICHAEL CORTEZ '15, EDUCATION

Q. Why did you decide to study abroad?

A. I chose to study abroad because I wanted something different...something I could look back on in ten years and say, "Yes, I did something with the opportunities available that benefited my education." Independence was another reason. I had always admired others who were less fortunate than myself but were able support themselves while living on campus. Now I understand what it's like, and it's a liberating feeling to rely on yourself.

better than anyone else. In school, my Danish colleagues told me that students try not to seem too smart because they'd stand out and seem above their peers.

During my free time I went to various metro areas such as Osterport, Norreport, and Copenhagen Central Station. They are filled to the brim with shopping areas, museums, 19th century architecture, cathedrals, and palaces. The streets are narrow and sometimes cobblestone; the buildings are brightly colored and bicyclists are everywhere.

Q. Would you recommend this experience to other students?

A. If they have the means to do it, they should definitely study abroad. I've grown so much as a person and pushed myself in ways I never imagined. Grand View is a lovely place to study, but you won't get that global perspective from just going to class or reading a text book. **GV**

FOURTH MCC COMMISSIONER'S CUP AWARDED

The Midwest Collegiate Conference announced that Grand View won the 2012-2013 Commissioner's Cup trophy.

The Commissioner's Cup honors all-around athletic excellence among the MCC's seven member schools. It is awarded to the institution with the highest cumulative score as determined by a rating system that includes points awarded at the end of the regular season of each championship sport sponsored by the MCC. Points are scale-based, awarding points per finishing position, with a bonus awarded to conference tournament winners.

This marks the fourth consecutive year GV has won the Cup. The Vikings claimed six championships: men's soccer, men and women's volleyball, women's basketball, men's outdoor track & field, men and women's golf.

The Vikings qualified teams for NAIA national championships in men's soccer, volleyball, women's basketball, men's and women's golf, and baseball. The men's golf team highlighted the efforts by placing fourth in the national tournament. **GV**

COMMISSIONER'S CUP 2012-2013 STANDINGS (Titles)

1. **Grand View** 865 points
(MS, VB-shared, WBB, MOTF, MG, WG)
2. **St. Ambrose** 790
(MXC, WXC, MBO, MITF, WITF, SB, WOTF)
3. **Mount Mercy** 725 (WBO)
4. **William Penn** 660 (MBB, BS)
5. **Viterbo** 575 (WS, VB-shared)
6. **Clarke** 375
7. **AIB** 160

FORMER STANDOUTS EXTEND ATHLETIC CAREERS PROFESSIONALLY

LUIS HEITOR-PIFFER '12 began his professional soccer career in the Twin Cities after signing with the Minnesota United FC early in the 2013 spring season. While at GV, Heitor-Piffer was a two-time NAIA All-American and the MCC Player of the Year twice.

"Two great years at Grand View, hard work, dedication, faith, and a desire to improve prepared me to fight for my dream of becoming a professional athlete," Heitor-Piffer said. "I remember Coach [Blair] Reid saying, 'You're going after a job and if you're serious about taking someone's job, you better be ready for anything.' When I was going through my trial with Minnesota, I would mentally prepare myself to battle. Coach [Al] Driscoll helped me get fit, and worked on my touch weeks before heading to Minneapolis. My mindset was that I was going to show the Minnesota United coaches I was good enough to play."

Four-time NAIA All-American and two-time MCC Player of the Year **DEVON JENSEN '14** continued her volleyball career with Team Iowa Ice, a member of the USA Premier Volleyball League (PVL) and the first professional volleyball team in Iowa. The USA PVL is a grassroots professional volleyball league that began in 2012 and is comprised of teams from the forty regional volleyball associations across the United States.

"Being asked to be on a professional volleyball team was a shock to me," Jensen said. "I worked very hard for my career accomplishments, but this opportunity made me speechless. It's such an honor and an incredible experience to play with a team full of excellent talent and for coaches that know the game."

Jensen tried out for the Iowa PVL team in the spring of 2013 and was selected to the 13-member Iowa



Ice roster as a defensive specialist and libero. In May, the Iowa Ice took first place at the second Annual Women's Championships in Louisville, Ken. Jensen and her teammates shared a \$10,000 prize for winning the tournament. GV head women's volleyball coach Tina Carter has served as the assistant coach to the Iowa Ice Team for the past two seasons.



PHOTOS: SUBMITTED

Des Moines native **TYLER WELLS '13** was given the chance to continue his football career in front of a hometown crowd. Wells, an All-American and MSFA Midwest First Team offensive lineman for the Vikings, earned a spot on the Iowa Barnstormers roster in the spring of 2013. The Iowa Barnstormers are an arena football team based in Des Moines. Currently, they are members of the Arena Football League (AFL) and play home games at Wells Fargo Arena. Wells is the third player from Grand View to play for the Barnstormers, following in the footsteps of Titus Bland and E.J. Peterson who played on the 2010 and 2011 teams respectively.

"I really wanted to continue playing football and I'm glad all my hard work paid off," Wells said. "It is the best feeling playing in front of a home crowd. I worked very hard for success at Grand View and will continue to do so to live out my dream as a professional athlete." **GV**

spring sports shorts

Baseball

- Won MCC Tournament; qualified for national tournament.
- Blake Marchant MCC Player of Year.
- Seven earned All-Conference honors – First Team: Micah Loegering and Blake Marchant; Honorable Mention: Zach Little, Joe Ramberg, Zac Smit, Kevin Soine, Pat Winnike.
- Marchant named to NAIA All-American Second Team.
- Zac Smit MCC Player of Week.

Golf: Men

- Won fourth consecutive MCC title.
- Mike Slavin MCC medalist; MCC Player of Year; MCC Player of Week three times.
- Chris Winkel MCC Coach of Year.
- Qualified for nationals for fourth time.
- Finished fourth (program's highest) at NAIA Championships.
- Three named NAIA All-Americans – Slavin (First Team), Matt Weeks (Second Team), and Tyler Christians (Third Team).

Golf: Women

- Won second consecutive MCC title.
- Mackenzie Rottinghaus MCC medalist; MCC Player of Year.
- Chris Winkel MCC Coach of Year.
- Rottinghaus and Nicole McDonald MCC Player of Week.

- Qualified for nationals for second year.
- Finished 21st at NAIA Championships tying program's highest national finish.
- Ranked 20th in the nation, program's highest national ranking.
- Rottinghaus named to NAIA All-American Honorable Mention Team.

Softball

- Won MCC Tournament; qualified for national tournament.
- Dacia Miller MCC Player of Year.
- Nine earned All-Conference honors – First Team: Anna Arnold, Jessica Grochala, Miller, Jordan Sandquist and Cari Smith; Honorable Mention: Caitlyn Carmichael, Justina Glick, Haleigh Munson, Abbey Wilmes.
- Munson MCC Pitcher of Week twice; Miller and Morgan Powers MCC Player of Week.

Tennis

- Men won over Bethany Lutheran, Simpson, and Midland.
- Women won over Stephens and Lindenwood-Belleville.

Track & Field: Men

- Won 12 of 22 events for third consecutive MCC Championship.
- Lance Maxwell MCC Field Athlete of Year; MCC Field Athlete of Week twice.
- 20 earned MCC All-Conference honors:



Bryce Adger, Justin Bond, Chase Carlson, Allen Clark, Spencer Gardner, Seth Harjes, Jon Higgins, Toi Jones, Tanner LaBore, Maxwell, Marc

Osborn, Tyler Patten, Tre Porter, Kenny Simmons, Jacob Stacy, Zach Vos, Austin Ward, Keonte White, Tariq White, Cy Williams.

- Adger MCC Track Athlete of Week twice; Jones MCC Track Athlete of Week; Williams MCC Field Athlete of Week.
- Six qualified for NAIA Championships: Adger (decathlon), Clark (long jump), White (100m), Jones (100m), Maxwell (discus), Higgins (discus).



Track & Field: Women

- Third at MCC Championships.
- Val Veiock MCC Field Athlete of Year; MCC Field Athlete of Week twice.
- 12 earned All-Conference honors: Holly Anthony, Dede Ayers, Kelsey Carbajo, Jazmine Dupee, Colleen Frank, Brooke Hammond, Samantha Horn, Devon Jensen, Allison McFayden, Jasmine Nielsen, Ashley Ubbelohde, Veiock.
- Four competed at NAIA Championships: Frank (hammer), Veiock (discus, shot put), Carbajo (marathon), Jensen (discus).
- McFayden, Ragan Duax MCC Track Athlete of the Week; Jensen MCC Field Athlete of the Week. **GV**

NAIA ALL-AMERICA SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

BASEBALL: Ryan Antolik, Grant Liebe

SOFTBALL: Savannah Bice, Dacia Miller

WOMEN'S GOLF: Amanda Jones, Nicole McDonald

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD: Wes Hammer, Tyler Patten, Zach Vos, Austin Ward

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD: Kelsey Carbajo, Allison McFayden

COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD: Allison McFayden

NSCAA WOMEN'S SOCCER ACADEMIC ALL-REGION

Deb Jenkins Jordyn Thompson
Meghan McCoy Alecia Werner
Carly O'Keefe Katie Zenz
Liz Slaton

Grand View had 129 student-athletes receive MCC Academic All-Conference honors.

The complete list can be viewed online at: <http://www.gvwikings.com/article/2636.php>

NATIONAL ALUMNI COUNCIL

Our alumni have been busy the last few months watching a game at Wrigley Field, sending their children to art camp, enjoying dinner on the John Anderson White Riverboat, and cooking up a four-course meal. In addition to attending fun events and supporting their alma mater, GV alumni are making a difference in their communities. From managing their own businesses to helping their neighbors with lawn care, each of our alumni make a difference, and we want to brag about you! So be loud and be proud...attend an upcoming alumni event, Homecoming or sporting event, become a National Alumni Council member, and contact the Alumni Relations office to share the exciting things happening in your life.

Thank you for making a difference. You should be proud of your accomplishments!

– Katie Ostrem '06
Director of Alumni Relations

1958

SANDRA M. (JOHNSON '58) LINFORD retired in 2003 after 43 years in nursing, with the last 18 years spent at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Her husband, **RON LINFORD '71**, passed away in January 2011.

1964

GEORGE K. HUNTINGTON '64 has been enjoying retirement since April 2010.

1974

BRENDA LONG '74 was named one of the 100 great nurses for 2013.

1982 & 1983

KENDALL '82 and **SUZANNE (TURNQUIST '83) HICKS** reside in Robbinsdale, Minn., with their daughter, Kate. Kendall is the director of procedural services at North Memorial Medical Center and Suzanne is a substitute teacher.

1985 & 1986

BRUCE '85 and **VICKIE (LENIHAN '86) CLARK** are thrilled to have their son, Erik,

currently enrolled at Grand View. Vickie's daughter, Bridget Stark, graduated from Grand View in April.

1987

KELLI WRIGHT VELLINGA '87 is a clinical aims manager for Telligon, formerly the Iowa Foundation for Medical Care. She consults nationwide and has regular meetings with Dr. Kathleen Sebelius, current cabinet chair for health and human services.

1990

MICHELLE (KELLER '90) DECLERK founded Conference Event Management (CEM) to provide professional event services, including incentive travel, reward strategies, hotel, cruise and speaker bookings. The company celebrated its ten-year anniversary and relocation in April.

1994

KRISTEN (LEGG '94) GRAY is the director of communications at Iowa Public Television. She and her husband, Jim, reside in Ankeny, Iowa.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS...

For the Love of Scotch

Tuesday, October 22 • 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Vom Fass, 833 42nd Street, Des Moines
Tasting Fee: \$20 per person (\$5 discount)

Are you a scotch enthusiast, scotch novice or just want to learn about scotches and finally give it a try? You'll enjoy our For the Love of Scotch class with the opportunity to sample five of Vom Fass single malt scotches, learn about the distillery and how they're made. Tasty treats from neighboring shops are paired with the scotches. Space is limited.

Disney on Ice

Wednesday, November 27
Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines
\$15 per person

Be one of the first 75 guests to register and receive an exclusive meet and greet with the stars of the show.

TO REGISTER...

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Julefest

Grand View Choir and Band

Saturday, December 7, 7:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church
10395 University Avenue, Clive

Sunday, December 8, 4:00 p.m.

Luther Memorial Church
1201 Grandview Avenue, Des Moines

Receptions following each service,
hosted by President and Mrs. Henning.

Admission free with ticket.

1997

DEBORA A. CARLSON '97 is the prostate and gynecological cancer care coordinator for the John Stoddard Cancer Center in Des Moines.

1998

RACHEL EVANS '98 was invited to present a paper at the National Association of Neonatal Nurses in Nashville, Tenn., on the work she did during her CNL graduate work at GV.

2004

PAMELA ROSA '04 is the safety compliance specialist for Des Moines Public Schools and will be handling safety and health for 5,000 employees and 32,000 students.

2005

AREE BAKER '05 was named one of the 100 great nurses for 2013.

SARAH (RUBY '05) TASSI is a licensed massage therapist at Massage Heights in Des Moines. She and her husband, Jason, have a son, Preston, who is one.

2008

RYAN COSGROVE '08 was ordained at Luther Memorial Church in April.

2009

JANIE EARLES '09 was honored as an extraordinary nurse with the national DAISY Award. She is employed with Broadlawns Medical Center in the emergency department.

2011

LARAMIE LOWE '11 is the activities manager for the Paradise Activity Company. He conducts daily operations for the center at the Suites at Fall Creek, a Diamond Resort. He is also the emcee for a local acts show in Branson, Mo.

JORIE SMITH '11 is the HR/operations/finance manager for Sogeti, a leading IT consultant company in Clive, Iowa.

2012

SETH MEYERS '12 received the DAISY Award while with the ICU/CCU at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.

LEAVING AN HONORABLE LEGACY

The spirit of philanthropy in the Grand View community is perfectly exemplified by a chain of gifts from three of the university's most inspiring members.

- In 2002, Dr. Alice Jordan funded the Robert M. Speed Endowed Scholarship in the Humanities.
- In 2003, Speed recognized GV professor emeritus Dr. Marvin Jessen by funding the Marvin and Helen Jessen Endowed Scholarship in Biology.
- In 2012, Jessen designated a bequest from his estate to the GV endowment.
- After her passing in 2012, a significant portion of Jordan's estate was designated by her executor, Speed, to Grand View to increase the Speed and Jessen endowed scholarships.

There are heart-warming stories behind the friendship and generosity of these educators.

In 2003, Jordan said she "chose to honor Bob Speed because of his notable impact on both the English literature and music programs at Grand View and for initiating the Nielsen Concert Series. Bob added so much to Grand View." Speed is the longest-serving faculty member in the history of Grand View, serving 45 years from 1952-1997. Jordan, a renowned composer of choral and organ works who was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters from Grand View in 1986, met Speed in 1948.

Speed became acquainted with Jessen in 1952. "From the beginning, I always had great confidence in Marvin's wisdom in all things," reflected Speed. "Dr. Jessen truly was one of the great teachers at Grand View." In response to the scholarship in his honor, Jessen said, "On behalf of students who will benefit from the generosity of Professor Robert Speed through this scholarship, I express grateful thanks."

The relationships of Jordan, Speed and Jessen have flowed through more than six decades of Grand View history. Their long relationships, exemplary philanthropy and commitment to students are truly inspiring. **GV**

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TYLER WELLS '12 signed a professional football contract with the Iowa Barnstormers.

2013

JOEY AGUIRRE '13 is the general assignment reporter for The Storm Lake Times in Storm Lake, Iowa.

STEPHANIE IVANKOVICH '13 is a reporter for The Patch. She reports news in and around Johnston, Urbandale, Waukee, West Des Moines, and Ankeny.

CAY LEYTHAM-POWELL '13 had her article on the Angkor and Mayan civilizations titled Betrayal of Natural Resources: The Fall of the Angkor and Mayan Civilizations, published in Middle Ground Journal.

ALLI STEFFENSMEIER '13 passed the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) exam given by the National

Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. She is the wellness center manager for Hegg Memorial Medical in Rock Valley, Iowa.

AMY VOS '13 was awarded a scholarship to attend the Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health in April. She listened to state and national speakers, and participated in networking and research poster sessions.

Future Vikings

HEATHER '00 and **DAVID WALLEES '00**, a son, Owen Matthew, born February 19, 8 lbs. 14.5 oz, 20.75 inches long. Owen joins big brother, Noah, and big sister,



Grace. Heather is a school-based mental health therapist for Child Guidance Center with Orchard Place.

LINDSAY SCHREURS '10, a daughter, Alexiah, born January 12, 2011.

Jen and **JOE WOODLEY**, assistant GV football coach, a daughter, Emma Elizabeth, born April 30, 8 lbs. 3 oz.

In Memoriam

EDEL (LUND '35) SWADLEY passed away August 2, 2012.

MARIE T. (PETERSEN '44) SCHULTZ passed away February 15.

ROBERTA (JOHNSTON '48) PETERS passed away May 2. Her husband, **Richard E. Peters '49**, preceded her in death September 5, 2007. They are survived by their son, **Gary A. Peters '73**, and daughter, **Lynnette L. (Peters '84) Moore**.

DR. ROBERT W. ANDERSON '50 passed away April 23.

DAGMAR EVE PETRIZZO '58 passed away May 25 from pancreatic cancer. She was the sister of **Anita Eve Clark '64**, sister-in-law to **Paul D. Sorensen '58**, and the daughter of the late **Valborg Godfredsen Eve '27**.

STEVEN B. CARLSON '65 passed away May 6.

G. RAY MORRIS '65 passed away June 11.

DAVID H. FOSTER '67 passed away March 24.

SHERRI L. (REESE '68) SLACK passed away June 9.



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Brooke Curry '13, graphic design and journalism

“I recently graduated, but I plan to continue my connections with Grand View... contributing my time to the National Alumni Council, participating in university activities, going to alumni events, or donating money. I would like to express a special thanks to those who have contributed to the success of our campus including the alumni, faculty, staff and students, because without you, my experience at Grand View would not have been the same.”

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COMING FULL CIRCLE

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Craig Hughes '11 was first introduced to the game of soccer by his dad; they would spend hours kicking around the ball. He went to see his first professional team, the Glasgow Rangers, when he was just five years old and has loved the game ever since.

Originally from Scotland, Hughes discovered FirstPoint USA through a friend of his father. FirstPoint is the number one sports consultant for athletes from around the globe looking to receive scholarships to study in the U.S. The original founder was a Scottish soccer player named Andrew Kean, who played for the University of Cincinnati. Once Hughes passed the FirstPoint soccer assessment and the interview, the organization began promoting him to schools in the U.S., and one of them was Grand View.

"I spoke to one of the Scottish guys playing for GV and he said many good things about the school," Hughes said. "I also knew the soccer team was very good. So, like most international students, I took a bit of a gamble and decided to give GV a try."

Hughes was a business major and really enjoyed being a student athlete. Meeting new people through the soccer program and classes was the highlight of his time at GV. He also enjoyed the banter with the boys on the team.

"One of the most challenging things was homesickness," Hughes admitted. "There were times I really struggled and missed my family and mates back home. But my teammates, friends and coaches really helped pull me through it. And having other international students around helped because we were all in the same situation – away from our families – so we stuck together."

As an international student athlete, Hughes said he was able to play at a competitive level and study at the same

"I learned so much from the GV coaches, and Coach Reid has been tremendously successful. Being a GV captain also helped me make the progression from player to coach, by being responsible for organizing and leading the team."

– Craig Hughes '11



Craig Hughes '11, a Scotland native, was recruited by Coach Blair Reid to play soccer for the Vikings through FirstPoint, a sports consulting organization. Hughes took a job with FirstPoint following graduation, which led him to his current position with Midland Lutheran University in Nebraska as a graduate assistant.

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time; in the UK, you either play or study, there is no in between. He is grateful for the traveling and cultural experience abroad because he knows it gives him an edge on his resume.

Hughes is currently a graduate assistant at Midland Lutheran University in Fremont, Neb. Prior to that, he worked for FirstPoint, placing international athletes in U.S. schools. As a grad assistant, he has many responsibilities, more so than the typical grad assistant.

"I do a lot of recruiting work," he explained, "contacting potential recruits and watching live games or footage to identify talent. I also help the head coach plan and implement daily practice sessions. Other aspects include analyzing game footage, stats, and researching and scouting opponents."

Being involved with a successful

college program helped Hughes understand the work involved and what he needs to do to build a winning team.

"I learned so much from the GV coaches, and Coach Reid has been tremendously successful. Being a GV captain also helped me make the progression from player to coach, by being responsible for organizing and leading the team. And the experience of being a student-athlete helps me advise the Midland players. Many of them will face issues that I am familiar with, so I can share my experiences."

As for the future, Hughes has ambitions of coaching college-level soccer as a head coach. He said he is still very new to coaching and feels it's important to learn and develop as a coach in order to climb the coaching ladder. **GV**

PAUL D. SUTHERLAND '87 passed away March 15.

AARON T. HALVERSON '93 passed away May 8.

MARY J. (THOLEN '99) THOLEN-HOBBS passed away June 13.



FYLLA ("PUTTE") KILDEGAARD, 89, died March 18, 2013, peacefully in her apartment in Minneapolis, with family at her side. She was a 1942 alumna of Grand

View, where she met her husband of 60 years, Axel C. Kildegaard, who predeceased her in April 2003. When Fylla and Axel met at Grand View, he was teaching and she was a student; Fylla later managed many operations as secretary to the president. A feminist and progressive political activist, Fylla said that in those days they paid her half as much as her predecessor because she did the work twice as fast.

Fylla completed her MLS at Rosary College and was for many years a librarian at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools. Fylla and Axel were vital parts of the community at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, where he was on the

DON RITTER '00 passed away June 1.

DAVID GRUBB, assistant GV football coach, passed away April 12.

JOAN M. PEDERSEN passed away April 19. She worked in the GV advancement office as the records manager. **GV**

faculty. Both came from the life-affirming tradition of Danish Lutheranism, which owes so much to the writings of N.F.S. Grundtvig. As Librarian at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, Fylla transfixed students with her storytelling magic. She filled the music section with rock, soul, folk and funk records from artists she read about in Rolling Stone and Creem magazines. Proud of her Danish heritage, Fylla translated Danish hymns, contributed to the Danish-American community, and enjoyed Danish cultural practices with family, sharing smørrebrød and aquavit with children Arne, Lise, Siri and Nis.

Following in her mother's footsteps, Fylla's daughter, Lise, a professor at Luther College, is currently developing the program for the Danish American Heritage Society Conference, sponsored in part by Grand View, to be held in Des Moines this coming October. **GV**

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SOYA VISTA JAZZ ORCHESTRA
Sunday, October 6, 3:00 p.m.

MORGENSTERN TRIO
Friday, November 8, 7:30 p.m.

Catherine Klipfel, piano
Stefan Hempel, violin
Emanuel Wehse, violoncello

LYRIC WINDS TRIO
Sunday, February 2, 3:00 p.m.

Kimberly Helton, flute
Susan Odem, oboe
Kariann Voigts, clarinet
with Sonya Siebert, piano

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2013 commencement



Listen to Judy Bradshaw speaking at Commencement.



Grand View University's 2013 Commencement was Saturday, April 27, at Hy Vee Hall in the Iowa Events Center. Judy Bradshaw, chief of the Des Moines Police Department, was the keynote speaker and received an honorary degree. This year's student speaker was accounting major Debra Hermanson. Grand View proudly handed out 508 academic degrees and students from seven countries were represented with their countries' flags, which were displayed across the commencement stage along with 12 other flags representing the countries of current Grand View students. PHOTOS: DAN VANDER BEEK '90



Watch a video of 2013 graduates describing commencement in one word.



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What's going on?

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Alumni Colleges
Alumni Orientation & Campus Tour
50-Year Class Reunion (Class of 1963)
Song Fest with GV Choir
President's Club Dinner

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Viking 5K and Kid Trot
Women's Volleyball Alumni Game
Baseball Alumni Game
Elings Science Building Open House
Viking Theatre Open House
Tailgate Lunch and Leisure Garden
10-Year Reunion (Class of 2003)
GV vs. St. Francis Football Game

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

GV Choir / Instrumental Duo – Worship Service
Complimentary Brunch
Softball Alumni Game

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