

A man with short dark hair, wearing a bright green long-sleeved button-down shirt and dark trousers, stands in front of a large, ornate brick building. The building features arched windows and decorative architectural elements. The man is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a clear blue sky.

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You likely have noticed frequent discussion of college affordability, student loan debt, and high tuition. Media coverage of these topics is quite regular. Politicians are talking about the same issues. And you can be sure, families of current and prospective students share the same concerns.

The public discourse about “affordability” has been quite one-sided, often citing rather outlandish examples of uncontrolled and frivolous expenditures on the part of colleges and universities and seemingly uncaring administrators. I would like to reassure you that Grand View is very concerned about remaining affordable while maintaining quality. And we work diligently to do both.

First, Grand View already is one of the most affordable four-year, independent, traditional liberal arts institutions in our region. Our published prices for tuition, room and board are consistently the lowest, or among the lowest, for similar institutions. Beyond that, nearly every student receives some financial aid consisting of grants, loans or both. Most families who go through the financial aid process both at Grand View and at one of our state universities tell us that, after financial aid, we are as affordable (in many cases, more affordable) than the publicly

funded universities.

Next, I want to reassure you we work hard to remain in this position. Over the past decade, our annual tuition and fee increases have been lower than industry averages for private institutions and lower than the public university tuition hikes in most years.

To accomplish this, we indeed must control our expenses on a regular and ongoing basis. In the past year, I have been asked more than ever before, “What are you doing to keep Grand View affordable?” My rather snappy response is, “Well, you need to ask me that question nearly every day, because we make decisions on a regular basis that help control our costs.”

We begin with an understanding of where we get our money and for whom we are spending it. Truth be known, there are several faculty and staff members who are tired of hearing me say, “More than 90 cents of every dollar we commit comes from students who are borrowing too much money and working too many part-time jobs to get their education, so how will this expenditure benefit them?”

With that perspective, we regularly make decisions to reduce costs or avoid expenses altogether. For example, we recently changed our policy for accepting

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credit card payments as a means of paying tuition balances. The transaction fees we were paying have been skyrocketing lately. Meanwhile a relatively small number of individuals were using affinity credit cards to pay large balances on their student accounts so they could accumulate frequent flyer miles. While we have no problem with these types of credit card perks, it does not seem fair to have to pass our transaction fees along to all our other students in the form of higher tuition. While this change in policy will be a disappointment to a few families, it will save tens of thousands of dollars.

We've made similar decisions about having Grand View pay a fee to a bank in order to have an ATM on our campus. As another example, we could tie our vending and laundry facilities – and all our retail services – together on a common swipe card payment system, but the software to implement that convenience would run into tens of thousands of dollars. While this would be a great convenience, does it really add to the value of a Grand View degree?

Where we will NOT compromise, however, is on expenses that assure a quality education. We simply must offer competitive salaries to faculty and staff members so our students will receive

quality instruction, advising and support. While we are slow to spend money on technology for mere conveniences, we will not hesitate to outfit our classrooms and laboratories with state-of-the-art equipment. Our graphic design majors, for example, must use the same hardware and software they will encounter in their jobs after graduation. So, while it would be nice to freeze or even lower tuition, it would be impossible to do so without severely jeopardizing the quality of a Grand View degree.

We will continue to work at this. As you, our alumni and friends, talk to others about Grand View, you can reassure them that we already are affordable, we are committed to remaining so, and we work hard to control costs while providing a quality education.

And of course, our Advancement Office would want me to add that contributions to the Grand View Fund help offset expenses that otherwise would need to be covered by higher tuition bills. In that way, you can join us in keeping Grand View affordable to our traditional base of students.


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Dekow Sagar '11 received the **Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship** and will attend **graduate school in the fall.**
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HULL APARTMENTS EXPANSION IN PROGRESS

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Construction on the new addition to the Hull Apartments began in June and is scheduled to be complete July 1, 2013 – just in time for student move-in in August.

The building currently houses 111 sophomore and upperclass students in four-, five-, and six-person apartments. The addition will add space for 155 more students, primarily sophomores, in suite-style units, similar to the Langrock Suites. Each suite-style unit will house four students with two bedrooms, a shared living room and a bathroom. The units will not have a kitchen – a difference from the current Hull Apartments that include a full kitchen and private bedrooms for each student.

The new addition will be four stories while the existing Hull Apartments is three. The addition connects to the existing apartments to form a square. Both buildings will be fully accessible with a new elevator and will include laundry facilities and lounge spaces. **GV**



The addition to the Hull Apartments, scheduled for completion July 1, 2013, will attach to the current building, forming a square. The two-bedroom, four-person suites will house an additional 155 students.

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ARTIFACT: THAT WHICH REMAINS

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Artists Jolynn Reigeluth '12 and Mimi Solum '12 have artwork on display in the Prairie Meadows Gallery at the Rasmussen Center for Community Advancement Professions through August 3. The work displayed includes drawings, prints, collage, paintings, artist's books, sculptures and other three-dimensional pieces.

Reigeluth graduated with degrees in graphic design and visual arts, and plans to attend Kansas State University this fall to earn her Master of Fine Arts

in printmaking. She turned her office into an installation space, where she keeps information, "found" objects, and artifacts that reflect her creative processes. Her work causes viewers to ask their own questions and challenge their own mental creativity.

Solum will graduate in December with studio arts and art education degrees, and plans to attend graduate school to pursue her Master of Fine Arts in drawing and possibly bookarts. She exhibited drawings, sculptures,

and more that reflect her and her ancestors' pasts, her relationships, and connections to others through the collected objects and creations. Solum explores the fragility and remembrances of relationships along with the desire to find a place in this world away from the tangible attachments we form to objects. Her work is upbeat and creates a relationship with the viewer. **GV**



\$500,000 GIFT TO ESTABLISH VISITING SCHOLARS ENDOWMENT

Grand View received a pledge of \$500,000 from The Albert Ravenholt Fund to underwrite the Albert Ravenholt Visiting Scholars Endowment. This endowment will support the university in articulating and presenting the relevance of the philosophies of N.F.S. Grundtvig to modern life and society.

The Ravenholt Endowment will allow GV to commemorate alumnus Albert Ravenholt's many contributions to international journalism and higher education, and his commitment to the work of Danish philosopher and theologian N.F.S. Grundtvig. With the endowment, GV will annually select and host an Albert Ravenholt Visiting Scholar who will conduct presentations for community groups and organizations, as well as in classrooms. The scholar will also engage in informal dialogue with faculty and students, and visit with media representatives.

Albert Ravenholt '39 was born in Luck, Wis. He attended Grand View

before leaving to work at the New York World's Fair in 1939. Inspired to travel, he hitchhiked across the country to California where he signed on as cook with a Swedish freighter sailing for Asia and then to the Mediterranean Sea and Marseilles, France, before returning around Africa to Shanghai.

Ravenholt was a founding member of the American Universities Field Staff and from 1951 continued his research and writing throughout Asia for many decades. He provided guidance to John D. Rockefeller III in the creation of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation. With his wife Marjorie, he endowed at the University of Washington the annual Severyns-Ravenholt Lectureship, the purpose of which is to promote awareness of contemporary Asian politics, economics, and cultures. In 1998, Ravenholt was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree by Grand View. **GV**

HEALTH PROMOTION STUDENTS RECEIVE CERTIFICATION

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Three students majoring in health promotion passed the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) examination, a national competency-based exam, in April: Katelyn Keimig '12, Jennifer Hartwig '12 and Jessica Ashenfelter '12. One area greatly emphasized in the CHES is the understanding of cultural norms with the focus on health behaviors and prevention. Individuals who have this certification set themselves apart from those who do not.

In order to sit for this examination, students must prove they have graduated and taken courses in program planning, behavior change principles, health promotion, and community health education. The mission of National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. (NCHEC) is to enhance the professional practice of Health Education by promoting and sustaining a credentialed body of health education specialists. To meet this mission, NCHEC certifies health education specialists, promotes professional development, and strengthens professional preparation and practice.

With the CHES designation, Keimig, Hartwig and Ashenfelter can help individuals and communities improve their health by encouraging behaviors that promote positive health. They will be required to set up informational programs on exercise, nutrition and disease. **GV**



From left: Exhibit created by Mimi Solum '12; installation art by Jolynn Reigeluth '12. The exhibit, Artifact, is displayed in the Prairie Meadows Gallery through August 3. PHOTOS: SUBMITTED

RENOWNED NURSING THEORIST VISITS GV

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Dr. Marilyn Ray, a renowned nursing theorist, visited Grand View in April to meet with nursing students and discuss her Theory of Bureaucratic Caring.

Ray is Professor Emeritus at Florida Atlantic University. She teaches in the Ph.D. program and serves as a faculty mentor. Ray graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital in Canada with a nursing degree, and obtained her BSN from the University of Colorado. She attended Hamilton, Colorado, for her MA in anthropology and received her Ph.D. in transcultural nursing at the University of Utah. She is a retired Air Force colonel. A few of her awards include: 2010 International Award of Excellence in Creating Caring Organizations, 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award for the International Association for Human Caring, 2007 Distinguished Alumna Award from the University of Utah, and 2005 Honorary Degree from Nevada State College. She has written four books, 33 book chapters, and 45 journal articles.

Each year graduate students attend the leader summit to network and participate in workshops. Last summer, Iowa Health Des Moines hosted a retreat and Dr. Jean Logan, professor of nursing, and Dr. Carolyn Pauling, professor of nursing, attended, speaking on nursing philosophy and theories. Ray's theory is studied in Logan's graduate nursing theory class and, in the effort to bring practice and academia together, Logan reached out to Ray and asked if she might be interested in a visit to the GV campus.

Through a partnership with Iowa Health Des Moines and Sigma Delta Tau honor society, Ray accepted the invitation and came to Des Moines for a three-day visit.

While here, Ray had dinner with three senior graduate students and faculty. She enjoyed a luncheon with students, faculty and nursing alumni, and presented in a Professionalism class with sophomores and seniors.

"It was very meaningful, especially for the seniors," Dr. Deb Franzen, professor of nursing said. "Students

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*– Dr. Deb Franzen
professor of nursing*

study nursing theory throughout the nursing major but to meet an actual nurse theorist made this aspect of their nursing education truly come alive.

Dr. Ray shared how her theory was developed and evolved over time. Our students shared the evidence-based policy projects they worked on in their senior capstone course

PLAYING (AND LEARNING) IN THE DIRT

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Poplar Forest, located in Forest, Va., was home to Thomas Jefferson after his retirement in 1809. Jefferson craved privacy from the public eye and time surrounded by his children and grandchildren – and Poplar Forest became his retreat. Jefferson designed the landscape and house at Poplar Forest himself. After his death, the plantation was sold and fell into disrepair but today is being restored to its original beauty. It is through this restoration process that Poplar Forest offers education programs,

one being the Archaeological Field School.

Micheal Collins '13 applied and was accepted into the five-week course that took place June 3 through July 6. After submitting two teacher recommendations and a letter of intent, Collins received his invitation to the program along with approximately 12 other participants.

"I really wanted to get into a program like this," Collins said. "It was something I always wanted to do. I've had an interest in archaeology since I was

a little kid."

Collins participated in the ongoing excavation of an early nineteenth century building, which archaeologists believe to be part of the plantation workspaces or slave houses. He spent 40 hours a week either at the excavation site or in the laboratory. He worked with state-of-the-art equipment and computer programming, as well as GPS receivers, architectural artifact records and historical documents. He attended lectures and participated in a restoration and



From left: Rachel Evans, Susan Allen (Dr. Ray's doctoral candidate), Amy Karaidos, Dr. Marilyn Ray and Gigi Wilwerding. PHOTO: SUBMITTED

and how they used Ray's Theory of Bureaucratic Caring to add this dimension of scholarly thinking to their work."

These projects are semester-long, evidence-based practice policy projects. Students identify a real issue, usually discovered during their practice or clinical experiences, and they review it from all perspectives. They assess current research

and look at related theories. Then they develop a policy associated with their research. During an informal meeting with Ray, a few students presented their projects.

"Dr. Ray found the work of the seniors very high level," Franzen noted. "She interacted with the students, making it a very personal way for them to

come to know a different dimension to theory."

Students also study nursing theorist, Dr. Madeleine Leininger; coincidentally, Ray was a student of Leininger's while attending the University of Utah. Ray discussed Leininger's theories, which made the conversation very real for the students, explained Franzen. The students studied the theories of both these women and then to learn that one was the teacher of the other made their studies even more relevant.

Ray learned that Leininger currently resides in Omaha, Neb., and asked if it were possible to make a quick trip there to visit. Logan and her husband drove Ray to Omaha where they had coffee with Leininger, a nice conclusion to her trip to the Midwest. **GV**

Watch a video online about Dr. Marilyn Ray's visit.



preservation workshop. He also attended a two-day fieldtrip to the Maryland Archaeological Conservation lab.

"People nationwide can apply to attend this program," Collins explained. "You don't have to be a student to go. Grade school children go there on fieldtrips and people with an interest in history go just to learn more."

Collins plans to attend graduate school upon completing his studies at Grand View. He said he is keeping his options open in terms of a history-related

career but is leaning towards teaching.

"History in general is interesting and to be able to participate in something that is of significance is very rewarding," Collins said. "Thomas Jefferson left a huge legacy, and I would love to discover more about it." **GV**

Micheal Collins '13 works in an excavation site during a five-week course at Poplar Forest in Virginia.

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LEARNING LEADERSHIP IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

A group of Grand View leadership students kicked off summer with a week-long retreat near Dora, Mo., at the inaugural Outdoor Leadership Experience (Ole'). The retreat took place in the northeastern edge of Mark Twain Forest. Eight students and three advisors braved the great outdoors and spent the first week of May participating in relationship building, service and leadership development.

Kent Schornack, director of leadership and counseling, and Kali

Strutzenberg, assistant director of leadership and counseling, created this retreat opportunity in order to put leadership into practice. The five key leadership characteristics explained in *The Leadership Challenge* by James Kouzes and Barry Posner, were woven throughout the retreat experience and served as the basis for campfire discussions. The five characteristics of great leaders include: challenging the process, inspiring a shared vision, enabling others to act, modeling the way, and encouraging the heart.

"This experience has been a dream of mine since coming to Grand View," Schornack said. "One that I hope will continue as it has proved invaluable to those who participated."

The group stayed at River of Life Farms (ROLF), located on the North River, which is famed as

the second best fly fishing location in the Midwest. Proceeds from ROLF go to help operate and fund an orphanage in Guatemala. The owner, Myron McKee, is dedicated to living a life of service and uses the gift of land to serve others in need.

"I had a blast on the trip! Being in [a remote] area for a week with people you don't know that well was a thrill and made for one amazing week of finding out who you are and who other leaders are as well," Jennifer Agan '15, student participant, said. "Without a doubt, I became a better leader by going on this trip. It was filled with great people, memories and stories that I will never forget!"

Each day the students participated in five hours of service work. They also enjoyed recreational activities such as kayaking, hiking and cooking meals together. The experience provided time to have fun while building relationships and strengthening leadership skills. **GV**



Images clockwise from top: Group, left to right: Jennifer Agan, Mike Cortez, Hannah Pickart, Kent Schornack, Kali Strutzenberg, Maimuna Jatta, Jess Hunold, Patrek Tufts, Trevor Wilson, Andrew Strutzenberg, and Primo Martinez enjoy a seven-mile kayaking and canoeing trip down the River of Life; Jess Hunold helped with camp chores cleaning cabin windows; Group, back row, left to right: Patrek Tufts, Myron McKee (owner of River of Life Farms), Mike Cortez, Kent Schornack, Trevor Wilson, and front row, left to right: Primo Martinez, Maimuna Jatta, Jennifer Agan, Jess Hunold, Hannah Pickart, and Kali Strutzenberg.

PHOTOS: SUBMITTED

student success

STUDENTS SHINE AT PBL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

GV represented well at Iowa Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference. Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is the collegiate division of Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc., and has about 18,000 members across the United States. Its mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

The PBL State Leadership Conference was March 30-31 at the University of Iowa. One hundred and forty students from nine Iowa colleges and universities, with special guests from Dakota State University and the University Of Minnesota, attended. Grand View was represented by six students, and Assistant Professor of Business Administration Dmitry Yarushkin, PBL Chapter Advisor.

Students participated in workshops, networking events and competed in various competitions. **TABATHA LEEPER '12**, Iowa PBL president and North Central Region vice president, received first place honors in both Computer Concepts and Who's Who, while taking second place honors in Information Management. She also received the Award for Excellence for her service to the organization.

GERRY WOOLMAN '12, Iowa PBL vice president, received first place honors in Future Business Teacher and second place honors in Contemporary Sport Issues.

He also received the Award for Excellence for his service to the organization.

BRIAN JONES '12 received second place in Accounting Analysis and Decision Making and Financial Concepts; **DANNY AKERS '12** received second place in International Business; and **JESSICA DAVIDSON '12** received third place in Accounting for Professionals. **GV**

Three science students presented at the Spring Iowa Academy of Science meeting in April: **ELIZABETH TILLINGHAST '12** presented her research entitled, Synthesis of 4-phospho-alpha-D-glucose; **TORRANCE ROBERSON '12** presented his research entitled, Synthesis of 4-phospho-alpha-D-mannose; **SHELBE ELLISON '13** presented her research entitled, Computational Study of the Effect of Heterocycles on the Ring Strain Energy of Small Ringed Molecules.

Six Grand View students were named Emerging Iowa Artists at The Des Moines Arts Festival in June: **ABBY BUTSON '12**, **LAURI GHORMLEY '12**, **JOLYNN REIGELUTH '12**, **MIMI SOLUM '12**, **SENID TABAKOVIC '11**, and **KINDRA WISNIEWSKI '11**. **GV**

upcoming events

IOWA PRIVATE COLLEGE WEEK

August 6 – 10, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

GV AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR

August 9 – 19, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Varied Industries Building,
Iowa State Fairgrounds

NEW STUDENT DAYS

Friday – Sunday, August 24 – 26

FALL SEMESTER CLASSES BEGIN

Monday, August 27

NURSING ACTION DAY

Friday, September 28

HOMECOMING 2012

Friday – Sunday, October 5 – 7
View a detailed schedule on page 17.

DO THE VIEW AUTUMN VISIT DAY

Saturday, October 6

WORLD FOOD PRIZE CONVOCATION

October 11, 11:00 a.m.

DO THE VIEW VISIT DAY

Friday, October 26

ART ACTION DAY

Friday, November 2

FAMILY DAY

Saturday, November 3

Julefest 2012

Featuring the
Grand View Choir and Band

Saturday, December 3 • 7:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church • Clive

Sunday, December 4 • 4:00 p.m.

Luther Memorial Church
Des Moines

Receptions follow both
performances.

NEW MAGNET BROADENS CHEMISTRY RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

The Grand View Chemistry Department recently acquired a new piece of equipment that greatly enhances this area of study. The 200-megahertz Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer (NMR) came to Grand View from Iowa State University last summer and is used in the structural determination of chemical compounds. It does so by subjecting the compound to a strong magnetic field, which gives clues to the compound's molecular structure.

"The NMR has opened many doors that GV hasn't had in the past," Dr. Corbin Zea, professor of chemistry, said. "It is a very exciting time in the sciences with increased enrollment and now more opportunities to do research."

To put it into perspective for non-science majors, the NMR is a relative to an MRI – a scan used to see inside the human body – only on a much smaller scale. The NMR is used to see inside a compound to determine its makeup. A sample is put into the large magnetic



DR. CORBIN ZEA

field and over time the nuclei relax, which reveals the characteristics of that particular nucleus.

"The NMR is used more often in organic chemistry and for research," Zea explained. "Over the past year I have had six students doing research – the most I've ever had doing research at one time. The students are very excited to have the ability to use this instrument because not all students at small undergraduate universities get the opportunity. In fact, I believe that this is the only instrument of its kind in the Des Moines metro. We wouldn't be able to do the research projects we are doing now or secure the grant we received without the NMR."

For research projects, Zea provides his students with different projects to choose from that are currently being

worked on. In the past, students have done computational (a combination of computers and chemistry) and wet or synthetic chemistry projects, which have aided them in discovering what areas of chemistry truly interest them. Research is required for biochemistry majors. Zea had a student doing research at Des Moines University over the summer and three registered to begin projects in the fall.

The three students who conducted research over the past year presented at the Iowa Academy of Sciences in April. While they were very nervous and not exactly excited about presenting, they experienced an invaluable opportunity to stand up and talk about what they did.

"As you learn something in school, you also need to be able to communicate it," Zea said. "Whether in written form

faculty & staff accomplishments

BARBARA DOERING, assistant professor of nursing, finished her Ph.D. in educational and leadership policy studies at Iowa State this spring.

THE REV. DWIGHT DUBOIS, director for the Center for Renewal, was published in the Alban Institute's spring Congregations magazine. The article was entitled, Your Minister at Walgreens, and reported on research done with pastors in seven denominations about ministry in daily life.

SUSAN BREAKENRIDGE FINK, lecturer of

business, earned her Ed.D. in December from Drake University.

DR. BETH GAUL, professor of nursing, was selected to serve on the NCLEX item development panel by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing in Chicago, Ill.

DR. CATHY HOMARD, assistant professor of nursing, completed her Ph.D. in education with specialization in curriculum, instruction, and assessment at Walden University. Her dissertation topic was titled: Impact of Reflective Learning

and EVOLVE Curricular Package on Exit Exams and National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.

DR. SHERYL LEYTHAM, associate professor of psychology, presented at the 13th Annual Conference on Social Stress Research in Dublin, Ireland, in June. Her topic was Building Resilience After a Natural Disaster: An Evaluation of a Parental Psycho-Educational Curriculum. The research for the topic was conducted in Christchurch, New Zealand, after the 2011 earthquake.

At right: Dr. Corbin Zea works chemistry equations with Carolina Hernandez '13. Below: Hernandez conducts an experiment with the NMR instrument. PHOTOS: LACIE SIBLEY '07



or orally, you have to be able to talk the language and in a way the audience can understand. And these students did great.”

Zea also received a grant from the Grow Iowa Values Fund, an organization that provides funding to state universities for research that will in turn bring industry to the state or help the lives of the citizens of Iowa. This grant will fund the study of possible drug candidates and ways to control diabetes. The grant also allowed Zea to purchase an ultrafast liquid chromatograph (UFLC), which takes a mixed compound sample and separates and purifies the compounds within the sample. This instrument will only add to the possibilities science majors now have to enhance their Grand View experiences. **GV**



DR. MARK MATTES, professor of religion and philosophy, had an article entitled, Die Leuenberger Konkordie und ihre Auswirkungen im nordamerikanischen Umfeld, published in the book Die Leuenberger Konkordie im innerlutherischen Streit in Germany. He also had an article entitled, The History, Shape, and Significance of Justification for Preaching, published in Justification is For Preaching, and his translation of A Contemporary in Dissent: Johann Georg Hamann as a Radical

Enlightener, was published by Eerdmans.

REBECCA MCDONNELL, professor of communication, spoke at the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference Workshop at the University of Iowa in March. The session was entitled From Tiger Woods to Domino's Pizza: 5 steps in Crisis Communication.

DR. CHAD W. TIMM, assistant professor of education, had a book chapter published titled Stop the Madness! Knowledge, Power, and Insanity in A

Song of Ice and Fire, in the book Game of Thrones and Philosophy: Logic Cuts Deeper than Swords, edited by Henry Jacoby.

DR. CORBIN ZEA, professor of chemistry, received a grant for \$50,000 from the Grow Iowa Values Fund. The grant will fund undergraduate research at GV and lead to a better understanding of the Substrate Level Inhibition of Phosphorylate b: and the Implications Toward Diabetes Regulation. **GV**

The *Pursuit* of **EDUCATION**

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR



“Most of the other finalists were from very prestigious schools – Yale, Columbia, Harvard, and here I was from Grand View. I thought they were in a totally different class, and I wondered if I really belonged there. But I had my final interview, and three weeks later they called me; I was the first one to receive the call that I had been awarded the scholarship.”

– Dekow Sagar '11

The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans

was established in 1997 by Hungarian immigrants Paul and Daisy Soros with a charitable trust of fifty million dollars. The Soros wished to pay it forward to the country that had done so much for them and their children. They felt young New Americans needed a helping hand when it came to education and hoped to shed light on the many contributions New Americans make to this country.

Each year, 30 New Americans – permanent residents or naturalized citizens – are selected for the program. These Fellows, who must be college seniors or early into their graduate programs, receive tuition and living costs totaling up to \$90,000 for two academic years. They may pursue any field of study in any degree-granting program at any university in the country. Fellows are chosen through annual national competitions with specific criteria emphasizing creativity, originality, initiative and sustained accomplishment. Financial need is not taken into consideration when Fellows are selected.

The program's numbers are very impressive.

Since its beginning, approximately 12,500 applications have been processed, 14 classes of Fellows have been selected, 415 Fellows have been appointed, and 354 former Fellows are

alumni of the program.

In April, Dekow Sagar '11 was one of 30 New Americans from 20 different countries to be awarded a graduate fellowship from The Paul and Daisy Soros program.

“I think there were 800 complete applications and only 77 were selected for the interviews,” Sagar explained. “I was really excited – even if I didn't get the scholarship, I had made it to the second round. Most of the other finalists were from very prestigious schools – Yale, Columbia, Harvard, and here I was from Grand View. I thought they were in a totally different class, and I wondered if I really belonged there. But I had my final interview, and three weeks later they called me; I was the first one to receive the call that I had been awarded the scholarship.”

Sagar was born in Somalia. At the age of eight, his entire life was uprooted when civil war erupted in his village. He lost his home and looked on as his father was tortured. By pure grace, Sagar was able to free his father and together they ran for the Kenyan border. They walked for a month with very little nourishment and no clean water. When they reached the border, they were accepted and registered as refugees into a camp. This is where they waited for resettlement and hoped the rest of their family would find them.

“When war broke out, everyone ran helter-skelter. I fled with my dad,” Sagar said. “We didn't know if the rest of our family was alive for quite some time, but eventually we found each other while at the camp.”

Life in the refugee camp was not easy, with limited food, no electricity or water. Coming from a family that was considered wealthy in his village, Sagar struggled but learned to adapt. He attended school in the camp and finished his basic education. He began working for Doctors Without Borders and other non-governmental organizations (NGO). Sagar and his family lived in the camp for 15 years before the opportunity to immigrate to the United States arrived.

Adjusting to American life was tough. The climate took its toll on him – coming from tropical Africa to Iowa where temps dropped to below freezing was difficult. Fortunately, Sagar had a good grasp of the English language and within a week of settling was volunteering to interpret and translate for other new arrivals. Since then he has continued to reach out to countless refugees from various countries.

To support his large family, Sagar worked two jobs and still made time to teach adult ESL classes and driver's education to refugees, particularly single refugee mothers. He started sports programs for refugees and cultural events to help minimize the risk of refugee youth resorting to drug use.

Sagar has eleven siblings. Nine are still living, all with families and most of them still in dangerous refugee camps. His father resettled with him in the U.S. in 2007 but soon returned to Africa because it was too hard on him to adjust to American life. Sagar worked several jobs and long hours in order to send money to support his family in Africa while also supporting his wife, two young children

“If you have an education, you have everything you need.” – Dekow Sagar '11

and nephew here. He is the first in his family to earn a degree.

“I want to be an example to my children, my nieces and nephews,” Sagar said smiling.

In his pursuit of education, Sagar earned his GED from Des Moines Area Community College and transferred to Grand View where he attended night classes just months after he arrived in the States. Despite his many responsibilities, his studies never suffered. He received the Lifelong Learning Scholarship from Grand View and the Rising Star Scholarship from Des Moines Area Community College. He completed his

bachelor's degree with majors in human services and political science, with a concentration in public administration, in December 2011.

When Sagar received word of his Fellowship, he was urged to attend a prestigious graduate school program because he was given such a huge opportunity. He carefully thought through his options and decided on Drake University.

“I was very moved by their suggestions of prestigious schools, and I asked if the scholarship was contingent on attending certain schools but was told I could go to any school I wished,” Sagar said. “I have family here and it just wasn't in our best interests to move, so I graciously said I would be very happy to attend graduate school at Drake...and I am very happy now!”

Due to his personal experience, Sagar plans to create a non-profit organization, the Refugee Empowerment Agency, which will focus on teaching refugee communities how to better collaborate as they seek financial independence and successful lives. The organization will also provide services not offered in many resettlement agencies, such as peer tutoring, cultural orientation, driver's education,

English classes and youth counseling services.

Sagar has a great interest in politics and initially wanted to pursue public administration but has decided to add business administration to his studies as well. He wants to work with people.

“Sitting at a desk is not for me. I want to interact with people; that's what gives me self-satisfaction. I look for opportunities to serve people in a greater capacity,” Sagar said. “I don't take things for granted, because I could lose it all tomorrow! I've been down that road, and I came back up. When you have been in the situation I experienced, you have a tenderness for others and can see things from many perspectives. I learned some very important lessons that will help shape my future.”

His passion for education does not stop with him. Sagar has already been instilling the importance of learning in his children. He is determined to teach his children to not take life for granted – they have a much better opportunity to succeed than he did starting out.

“If you have an education, you have everything you need,” he states. “If something happens and I lose all my savings, I can start again. My dad is an example...he lost everything, but if he would have had an education, the militia may still have looted his property but they could not loot his education. That is a huge motivator for me; after one night he had no wealth, no savings, no education. He was like a bird without wings.”

Sagar is enrolled and will begin graduate studies at Drake University in Des Moines this fall. **GV**

From top: Sagar and his family in front of their new home by Habitat for Humanity; Sagar speaking to a group of teachers; Sagar (fourth from left) poses with fellow graduates at the GV commencement ceremony in April.

PHOTOS: SUBMITTED AND BY DAN VANDER BEEK '90



GV FINISHES 11TH IN LEARFIELD SPORTS DIRECTORS' CUP

The Learfield Sports Directors' Cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and USA Today. Points are awarded based on each institution's finish in up to 12 sports – six women's and six men's.

Grand View finished 11th of 195 teams in the Cup standings. The Vikings placed highest among Midwest Collegiate Conference schools. GV was the highest ranking school in Iowa as well as the Midwest.

GV accumulated 583.50 points during the 2011-12 athletic season, accruing points in baseball (25), women's golf (31), men's golf, (54), women's outdoor track & field (57.5), women's basketball (70), women's indoor track & field (64.5), men's indoor track & field (25), wrestling (100), women's cross country (24), football (25), men's soccer (70), and women's volleyball (37.5).

The year was highlighted by a national championship for the wrestling team and individual national

wrestling titles by Omi Acosta (133) and Eric Thompson (285). Additional highlights include an individual national championship in women's cross country for Obsie Birru, an Elite 8 finish for the women's basketball team, an appearance in the quarterfinals of the NAIA men's soccer championships, and 12th place finishes by the men's golf and women's indoor track & field teams.

Every GV athletic team earning points in the Learfield standings was nationally ranked in 2011-12. The women's cross country, women's golf and women's volleyball teams received their first-ever NAIA Top 25 rankings and all three qualified for the NAIA National

Championships for the first time. The football team won its first MSFA-Midwest title and made its first NAIA National Football Championship appearance. **GV**



Grand View athletics are enjoying unprecedented success. Learn online what athletic director Troy Plummer has to say about the influence on students' lives beyond the playing field.



PLUMMER NAMED MCC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Troy Plummer was selected as the 2011-12 Midwest Collegiate Conference Athletic Director of the Year. This is his third award in the five years he's served as athletic director.

Under Plummer's direction, the Vikings won their third consecutive MCC Commissioner's Cup in 2011-12, won 13 of the 18 possible conference championships, and participated in 16 NAIA national championships throughout the year. GV won the 2012 NAIA Wrestling Championship, advanced to the quarterfinals of the NAIA Championships

in men's soccer, the Elite 8 in women's basketball, and the dance team was the national runner-up at NCA/UDA Nationals. The Vikings also posted in the national top 25 finishes in men's golf (12th), women's cross country (25th), women's indoor (12th) and outdoor (15th) track & field, and women's golf (21st). GV also took the NAIA National Women's Basketball Player of the Year, the NAIA National Wrestler of the Year, and the NAIA National Wrestling Coach of the Year titles.

GV finished the year 11th in the NACDA Learfield Sports Director's Cup

standings, the highest finish of any MCC institution. The university also received the NAIA's Five Star Champions of Character award.

GV athletics has seen major growth over the past five years, with increased athletic participation from 275 athletes in 16 sports to more than 650 athletes in 24 sports. Plummer supervised more than \$4 million in athletic renovations and increased the athletic department staff to 30 full-time and 35 part-time members. **GV**



spring sports shorts

Baseball

- Won MCC regular season and tournament titles.
- Qualified for NAIA World Series.
- Brady Wathen NAIA Honorable Mention All-American.
- Wathen, Kyler Morgan, Joe Ramberg, and Zac Smit selected to MCC All-Conference Team. Lou Yacinich MCC Coach of the Year.

Golf: Men

- Twelfth at NAIA Championships.
- Josh Manske repeated as NAIA First Team All-Americans; Yousaf Khan named to Second Team; Ben Kern and Aaron Ahrendsen named to Honorable Mention Team.
- Won third straight MCC Championship; Khan medalist.

- Manske MCC Player of the Year; Chris Winkel MCC Coach of the Year.
- Manske, Khan and Ahrendsen selected to MCC First Team.
- Manske (twice) and Khan MCC Player of the Week.
- Ranked as high as No. 2 in NAIA.

Golf: Women

- Won first MCC title; qualified for NAIA Championships for first time.
- Finished 21st at NAIA Championships.
- Received first national ranking; ranked as No. 21 in NAIA.
- Nicole McDonald, Amalia Mejia, and Kenzie Rottinghaus selected to MCC All-Conference Team. Rottinghaus MCC Newcomer of the Year; Chris Winkel MCC Coach of the Year.
- Rottinghaus (three times) and Mejia MCC Player of the Week.
- Won Ashford Spring Invite, Viking Classic, and Mount Mercy Classic; Rottinghaus medalist at Ashford Invite and Viking Classic.



Softball

- Finished second in MCC regular season; advanced to MCC Tournament Final Four.
- Jenna Baker, Ashley Flowers, Emily Gilbert, Anna Arnold, and Haleigh Munson selected to MCC First Team; McKenzie Cason and Morgan Powers to Honorable Mention Team.
- Flowers, Arnold, Gilbert and Dacia Miller named to NFCA All-Region Team.
- Gilbert NAIA Second Team All-American.
- Gilbert selected to CoSIDA Academic All-District Team.
- Munson MCC Pitcher of the Week twice.

Track & Field: Men

- Won MCC title with five champions: Tyler Wells (shot put); Dillion McBride (javelin); Bryce Adger (400m hurdles); Keonte White, Wes Hammer, Tyler



GRAND VIEW GOLF BOASTS TWO TOP PROGR

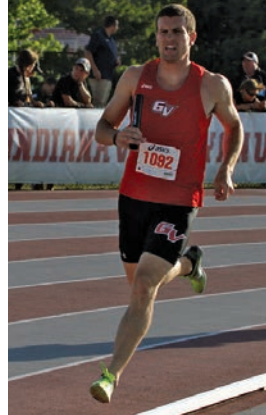
While most schools hope to showcase one of their golf programs as one of the nation's best, Grand View boasted two of the top golf programs in the NAIA this year. Under the direction of Head Coach Chris Winkel, the Viking men's and

women's golf teams won the conference championships and had national tournament appearances in 2011-12.

The men's golf team was one of the top five teams in the NAIA for the entire season. Ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation this spring, the men won their third straight MCC conference title and qualified for the NAIA Championships for the third consecutive year. GV finished



Above: The men's golf team won their third straight MCC title. Left: Women golfers made their first national tournament appearance and finished 21st. PHOTOS: SUBMITTED



From left: The baseball team was the MCC Tournament champion and qualified for the NAIA World Series; three-time All-American Emily Gilbert; Austin Ward competes at Nationals. PHOTOS: SUBMITTED AND DOUG WELLS

- Patten, Chase Carlson (4x100m relay); Taelor Bohnsack, Justin Bond, Austin Ward, Tariq White (4x800m relay).
- Wells MCC Field Athlete of the Year; Jerry Monner MCC Coach of the Year.
- 32 earned MCC All-Conference honors.
- Wells four-time MCC Field Athlete of the Week.
- Competed at NAIA Championships in four events: Pete Westerkamp (110m hurdles); Westerkamp, Adger (400m hurdles), Bohnsack, Bond, Ward, T. White (4x800m relay); Wells (discus); Wells (shot put).
- Ward selected to CoSIDA Academic All-District Team.

Track & Field: Women

- Won second straight MCC title with eight champions: Kara Keller (800m); Obsie Birru (1500m, 5000m, 10,000m); Sadie Fisher (3000m steeple); Keller,

Birru, Allison McFayden, Betsy Craig (4x800m relay); Megan Higgins (shot put); Val Veiock (discus).

- Birru MCC Track Athlete of the Year; Higgins MCC Field Athlete of the Year; Jerry Monner MCC Coach of the Year.
- 28 earned MCC All-Conference honors.
- Birru MCC Track Athlete of the Week four times; Higgins (twice) and Lauryn Camp MCC Field Athlete of the Week.
- Birru 10,000m champion at Drake Relays.
- Competed in nine events at NAIA Championships: Camp (hammer); Devon Jensen (javelin); Keller (800m); Keller, Birru, McFayden, Craig (4x800m relay); Fisher (3000m steeple); Birru (10,000m); Higgins, Veiock (shot put); Veiock (discus); Birru (marathon).
- 15th place team finish at nationals; Birru runner-up in marathon and fourth place in 10,000m.
- All-Americans (top eight finish) at nationals: Birru (marathon, 10,000m); Keller, Birru, McFayden, Craig (4x800m

SPRING NAIA ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

BASEBALL: Ryan Antolik, Devlin Hogans, Grant Liebe, Kyler Morgan

MEN'S GOLF: Aaron Ahrendsen, Ben Kern, Josh Manske

WOMEN'S GOLF: Amanda Jones

SOFTBALL: McKenzie Cason, Ashley Flowers, Emily Gilbert, Katie King, Dacia Miller, Morgan Powers

MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD: Austin Ward, Pete Westerkamp

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD: Lauryn Camp, Betsy Craig, Sadie Fisher, Allison McFayden

relay); Fisher (steeple), Veiock (discus).

- Camp, Fisher, and McFayden named to CoSIDA Academic All-District Team; Camp and Fisher to CoSIDA Academic All-America First Team. **GV**

AMS IN 2011-12

twelfth at the national tournament, with senior Yousaf Khan leading GV with a 44th place finish.

This year's team produced three all-conference selections: Khan, Josh Manske and Aaron Ahrendsen. Manske was also named MCC Player of the Year and Winkel was named MCC Coach of the Year.

Four athletes earned NAIA All-American status: Manske (First Team), Khan (Second Team), Ahrendsen and Ben Kern (Third Team).

The women's golf program had a

record-setting season in 2011-12. They won their final four tournament of the season and placed second at three others over the course of the year.

This year's GV team was the first to win the MCC Women's Golf Championship, earn an automatic bid to the national tournament, and land three athletes on the MCC All-Conference teams: Nicole McDonald, Amalia Mejia and Kenzie Rottinghaus. Rottinghaus was voted MCC Newcomer of the Year and Winkel MCC Coach of the Year.

The Vikings made an impressive

showing at their first-ever appearance at the NAIA Championships. They finished in 21st place overall; Rottinghaus was the highest individual finisher for GV in 31st place.

Following the national tournament, the women received their first-ever national ranking and were ranked the No. 21 team in the NAIA Women's Golf Top 25 Postseason Poll. The women's team returns nearly every member of the team next season. **GV**

DANCE TEAM CELEBRATES TEN YEARS WITH RUNNER-UP FINISH AT NATIONALS

The Grand View Competitive Dance Team made a fantastic showing at the NCA/NDA Collegiate National Championships April 11–15 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The team competed against rival St. Ambrose University and Oklahoma City University in the NAIA Large Dance Division final. GV finished in second place with a score of 9.094, just .006 points behind national champion St. Ambrose. GV was also presented with the Innovative Choreography award.

“This is the highest finish the dance team has had in its ten years,” Head Coach Stacie Horton said. “It’s the first

time we’ve received the Innovative Choreography award. The girls worked so hard and got to experience what it felt like to be in first place going into finals. I’m so proud of their accomplishment, especially with such a young team with eight new dancers. They are hungry for next year and ready to start preparing.”

Horton started the GV Competitive Dance Team in the fall of 2002. Under her direction, the Vikings have evolved into one of the top dance programs in the nation, qualifying for nationals the past four years, and were the national runner-up twice. **GV**

The Dance Team displays the national runner-up trophy in Daytona Beach, Fla. PHOTO: SUBMITTED



Go online to hear coach Stacie Horton talk about the team’s growth and success.

BIRRU REPEATS, DRAKE RELAYS CHAMPION

Grand View’s Obsie Birru finished on top in the 10,000m run for the second time in three years at the Drake Relays April 26 in Des Moines.

Birru was champion of the event in 2010 and runner-up in 2011. She was first in the field of 26 competitors that featured runners from NCAA Div I and Div II schools, as well as Div III and NAIA opponents.

Birru finished 15 seconds ahead of the second place runner from Minnesota-Duluth. Her time of 34:50.97 bested her 10k time from last year by nine seconds. Birru was just one second shy of the school record she set last year at nationals. **GV**

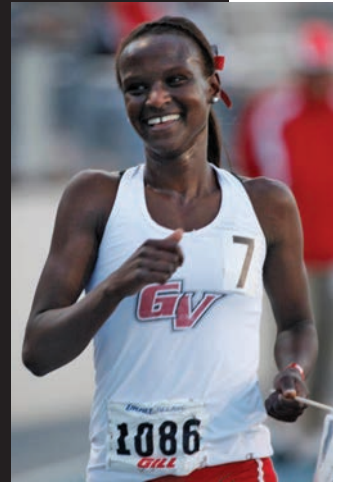
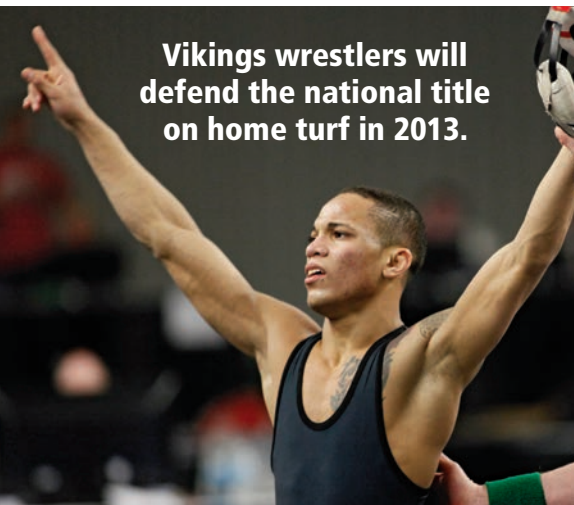


PHOTO: DOUG WELLS

Vikings wrestlers will defend the national title on home turf in 2013.



Coach Nick Mitchell talks about why the NAIA selected GV to host the event for a second year in a row.



FOOTBALL HOSTED DRAKE FOR CANDEO WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL EVENT

The GV football team hosted the NCAA Div I Drake football team June 16 for Candeo’s Annual Wheelchair Basketball Competition. Candeo is a not-for-profit organization in Johnston that serves individuals with disabilities.

The event included family activities with the teams’ mascots, cheerleaders, and an inspiring halftime show performed by Adaptive Sports – “real” wheelchair basketball.

This year’s event was hosted in Sisam Arena and attracted several hundred spectators who weren’t disappointed. The game went down to the wire, with Drake sinking a bucket in the final three seconds of the game to win the contest.

The two teams meet again Thursday, August 30, at Drake Stadium in Des Moines. The Vikings look to avenge last year’s 28-21 overtime loss. Kick-off is 7 p.m. **GV**

Friday, October 5, 2012

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
Humphrey Center, Historic Hall
- 8:30-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Humphrey Center, Historic Hall
- 9:00-10:45 a.m. Alumni College
Humphrey Center, Rodholm Room
- 11:00 a.m.-Noon Alumni Orientation & Campus Tour
Starting at the Humphrey Center
- 12:15-1:30 p.m. Lunch
Knudsen Dining Hall
- Noon-4:30 p.m. Viking 5K and Kid Trot
Registration & Packet Pick-Up
Humphrey Center, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Floor
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Class of 1962 50-Year Class Reunion
Student Center, Multipurpose Room
- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Song Fest with GV Choir
Student Center, Choir Room
- 5:30-8:00 p.m. President's Club Dinner
Des Moines Golf and Country Club
Recognition of Athletic Hall of Fame
inductees, alumni award winners and the
Class of 1962. President's Club members
complimentary. Tickets for others \$60.



Watch your mailbox or check www.grandview.edu for more details!



Sunday, October 7, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. GV Choir and Instrumental Duo
during Worship Service
Luther Memorial Church
- 11:00 a.m. Brunch
Humphrey Center, East Lawn

Saturday, October 6, 2012

- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Viking 5K & Kid Trot Registration & Check-In
Humphrey Center, Historic Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Viking 5K
Race begins outside Humphrey Center
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Soccer Alumni Game
Soccer Field at the Luhrs Athletic Complex
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Volleyball Alumni Game
Johnson Wellness Center, Fieldhouse
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Basketball Alumni Game
Johnson Wellness Center, Sisam Arena
- 10:00 a.m. Baseball Alumni Game
Luhrs Athletic Complex
- 10:00 a.m. Kid Trot - Kindergarten and Under
Outside Humphrey Center
- 10:15 a.m. Kid Trot - 1st Grade and Over
Outside Humphrey Center
- 10:30-1:00 p.m. Leisure Garden and Tailgate
Outside Williams Stadium
Featuring complimentary lunch, kid zone
with inflatables and face painting, and
aebelskiver (Danish pancakes)
- 11:00 a.m. Men's Soccer Alumni Game
Soccer Field at the Luhrs Athletic Complex
- 11:00 a.m. Men's Basketball Alumni Game
Johnson Wellness Center, Sisam Arena
- 1:00 p.m. GV vs. Waldorf Football Game
Williams Stadium
Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees, Alumni
Award winners and Class of 1962 recognized
(Purchase tickets at the gate.)
- 4:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Ashford University
Cownie Soccer Complex
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Viterbo University
Cownie Soccer Complex





PHOTOS: DAN VANDER BEEK '90



Check out highlights from the 2012 commencement ceremony, including the presentation of an honorary degree to WHO-TV's John Bachman.

commencement 2012



The 2012 Grand View University Commencement ceremony was Saturday, April 28, at Hy-Vee Hall in the Iowa Events Center. Taylor Swartz was the senior class speaker. This year's graduating class was the largest in GV history thus far, granting 503 undergraduate degrees and 16 master's degrees.

The Class of 2012 was part of many events and changes at GV during their time here as students...Grand View adopted the name Grand View University in fall 2008; the addition of the Master of Science in Innovative Leadership program in 2009; a continual increase in enrollment numbers each year; the building of the Rasmussen Center for Community Advancement Professions; the addition of new athletic programs including football, wrestling, bowling, tennis, and men's volleyball, along with many athletic awards and championships; a visit from the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark; several student publication and radio award honors; a visit from the Danish gymnastics team; and the construction of the new L Apartments, just to name a few.

John Bachman, WHO-HD Channel 13 news anchor, was the keynote speaker and received an honorary degree. A graduate of Waverly-Shell Rock High School, Bachman received his Bachelor of Arts cum laude from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., and pursued graduate studies in theology at Oxford University in England and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. He started his career at WMT-TV (now KGAN) in Cedar Rapids in 1972. He has published two books: "In the News Tonight," with the foreword written by veteran NBC anchor and colleague Tom Brokaw, and "Beyond the Facts." He was inducted into the 2006 Silver Circle of the National Television Academy – the most prestigious acknowledgement of a career in broadcasting. He also received the prestigious Jack Shelley Award in 2005 – the Iowa Broadcast News Association's highest honor – among many other achievements including the Alfred I. DuPont–Columbia University silver baton for documentary work, several regional Emmys for best newscast at WHO-TV, a national Emmy finalist for public service at KARE-TV, and numerous AP and NBNA first place awards for reporting in Iowa and Minnesota. **GV**



NATIONAL ALUMNI COUNCIL

Often times it seems like just last year that I graduated from Grand View. It has been fun watching GV grow since 2007, including the new housing and academic building, the addition of sports teams, and the graduate programs. Yet with all the growth, the traditions and the GV family seem stronger than ever. Earlier this spring I was shocked to hear someone set fire to the Rock. To non-GVers this may have seemed like mild vandalism but to us, it was a stab to the GV heart. Not only has the Rock been used as a platform to bring attention to events by the multitude of clubs, organizations and individuals on campus, the Rock marks history at GV.

When I saw images of students working together to clean and repair the Rock I was thrilled. It was interesting to see just how many layers of paint and history were removed. Past, present or future, let's all do our part to preserve GV history and keep the strong tradition of GV excellence alive.

— Rob Oxenford '07
National Alumni Council Member



1959

DONALD NEWELL '59 retired after 57 years in the transportation business. He and his wife, Martha, reside in Johnston, Iowa.

1961

DR. EDWARD W. L. SMITH '61 published two books in March: *Embodied Gestalt Practice: Selected Papers of Edward W. L. Smith*, containing 44 psychological essays by Smith; and *The Psychology of Artists and the Arts*.

1963

JUDY BENNETT ANDERSON '63 received the Governor's Award for Volunteerism and \$10,000 from Humana for her work with Central Iowa Shelter & Services, which goes to the Shelter. She is the original, and a current, board member of Central Iowa Shelter & Services and is involved with the construction of the new 12 million dollar shelter opening in September. She is also a board member of Partnership for a Healthy Community in Johnston, sponsoring a DMARC Food Pantry, Clothes Closet and Mentoring

Program, as well as being the market manager for the Johnston Farmers' Market.

1968

MICHAEL E. JOHNSON '68 is enjoying retirement.

NICK KNEZEVICH, JR. '68 is president of Digital & Linear Systems Research, Inc., which focuses on specialized electronics maintenance of the Czech-built L-39 jet fighter.

1970

TOMMY CHAMBERS '70, former GV basketball player, retired from teaching English and as a middle school principal for Grand Rapids Public Schools. He also retired as a Michigan High School and NCAA men's basketball official after 36 years. He resides in Grand Rapids and works as an observer of basketball officials for the O.K. Conference.

1973

LINDA LINDEGAARD '73 married Salvator Infelise April 4, 2011. The couple resides in Sedro Woolley, Wash.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER

ART WORKSHOP



Professor of Art and Design Aaron Tinder talks about the recent week-long art camp hosted by the Alumni Office and taught by current Grand View art education majors and GV alums.



1978

PAUL ROWE '78 is employed with The Des Moines Design Studio on the Wire Team. He is engaged to Stephanie Frick, and bowled his second 300 game in USBC competition in March.

1981

JEANNIE MCCREA '81 had artwork displayed at the Des Moines Botanical Center in July and August.

1982

KENDALL HICKS '82 is the director of surgical services for North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale, Minn.

1987

JOHN L. GAFFNEY '87 is the diocesan director, Evangelization, and Catechesis for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines.

1995

RON HARDERSEN '95 retired in 2011 from Shelter Insurance Company after

more than 20 years as a general agent. His son, **Darren Hardersen '87**, and stepson, **Rick Heath '91**, both attended Grand View. Rick is a member of GV Hall of Fame for golf.

1997

CHRISTOPHER MCDONALD '97 was appointed judge for the District Court in Judicial District 5C by Governor Terry Branstad. McDonald is presently senior counsel to Aviva USA.

2001

VERONICA MUNYON '01 is the recording secretary for Catholic Daughters in Corpus Christi, Texas.

2003

OKSANA ZAGORODNA '03 graduated from the University of Iowa with a doctoral degree in free radical radiation biology. She plans to do a post-doctorate at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

2004

CHRIS PARKER '04, RN, received the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses.

2006

LISA (DENNER '06) WILSON is a graphic artist for Wilcox Printing and Publishing, and the coordinator of performing arts and technical theatre at Iowa Central Community College. She married Thomas Wilcox June 9, 2007.

2007

MICHAEL THOMPSON '07 is the clinical coordinator for Oncology Associates, P.C. in Omaha, Neb.

2009

TOM HILLER '09 graduated from Grace College and Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind., with honors in May.

2011

AMARA HARLEY '11 is the special events and volunteer coordinator for the Salvation Army.

Mark your calendar for upcoming alumni events!

IowaStateFair

IOWA STATE FAIR

August 9 – 19 • 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Daily
Varied Industries Building

NOTHING
COMPARES

TAILGATE AT GV VS. DRAKE FOOTBALL GAME

August 30 • Drake Stadium

HOMECOMING

October 5 – 7

See detailed schedule on page 17.



DISNEY ON ICE

November 21
Wells Fargo Arena
\$15 per ticket

DANCE CLASS: SWING AND MERENGUE

January 8 • 7 – 9 p.m., Wellness Center, Aerobics Room
Learn the Merengue and how to swing dance!
\$15 per person or \$25 per couple

More event details can be found online at www.grandview.edu > Alumni.

Future Vikings

Melissa and **JONATHAN WILSON '94**, a daughter, Aubrey Celeste, born February 14.

MELISSA (ZINGALE '01) and **DAVID SHARKEY '01**, a daughter, Elizabeth



Louise, born April 17, 6 lbs. 9 oz., 19 inches long. Elizabeth joins big sister Rebecca who is five and big brother Noah who is two. David is a fourth grade teacher and Dean of Students at Windsor Heights Elementary and Melissa is Director of Residence Life at Central College. The family resides in Pella, Iowa.

Tiffany and **ALAN SKAW '01**, a daughter,

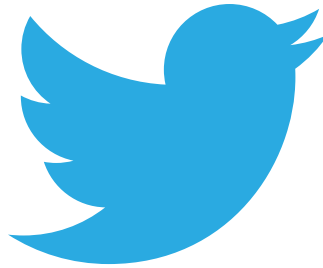


Scarlett Athena, born February 27. Alan is a senior accountant for National Indemnity Company in Council Bluffs.

JESSICA (VON AHSEN '04) and



GEORGE '03 BIRTHISEL a son, Tully Bennett, born April 13, 10 lbs. 9 oz., 23 inches long. Tully joins big brothers Keegan



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who is seven and Johann who is three. The family will relocate to Bridgewater, Mass., where Jessica accepted a tenure-track journalism faculty position in the Bridgewater State University Communication Studies Department. George is a stay-at-home dad and homeschools the children.

In Memoriam

ELLEN M. (OSTERLUND '39) JEPSEN passed away March 10. She was married to **Alvin Jepsen '39**, who preceded her in death in 1979. She was living in Luck, Wis., and was organist at West Denmark Lutheran Church for more than 60 years.

BARBARA (BRANDT '50) JENSEN, sister of **Gerald Brandt '51**, passed away

March 19, 2011. She was married to **LELAND JENSEN '51** who passed away May 31.

DUANE NIELSEN '52 passed away September 29, 2011.

ROBERT W. LUTH '57 passed away June 3.

BEVERLY (DUNLAP '57) SCOTT passed away.

BRUCE PARTRIDGE '68 passed away March 14.

DOROTHY BARINGER '73 passed away February 15.

MAHMOUD ATTARI '80 passed away April 5. 

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SHARING HER GRUNDTVIGIAN HERITAGE

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Grand View red runs deep in Joy Ibsen's veins. Her grandmother attended GV in the early 1900s and was a sister of S.D. Rodholm, GV president from 1925-1931. Ibsen's father graduated from GV Seminary in 1933. Her brother, David, and sister, Karma, also attended Grand View.

"I have tremendous affection for Grand View," Ibsen said. "I experienced fantastic friendships – many of which continue – and benefited from dedicated professors who not only had high ideals and a commitment to excellence, but really cared about their students."

Ibsen was born in Tyler, Minn., and grew up in small Danish-American communities. She graduated from GV in 1960 and attended Shimer College in Chicago, Ill. She completed graduate work in religion and art at the University of Chicago – where she took two courses with German-American theologian and Christian existentialist philosopher, Paul Tillich, one of the most influential Protestant theologians of the 20th century.

It took many years for Ibsen to realize the value of her Grundtvigian heritage, even as a student at Grand View – which was founded on the philosophy of N.F.S. Grundtvig. In 1993 she reconnected with her Danish roots while attending the Danebod Folk Meeting in her hometown.

"I had come to help my mother, who was the accompanist, but I received much more than expected," Ibsen recalls. "I listened to a lecture by Walter Capps and it changed my whole outlook on my heritage – from something wonderful in the past to something needed for the future."

Her first attempt to share her Grundtvigian heritage was the 2005 publication of her songbook: *Songs of Denmark, Songs to Live By*, with photographs by prize-winning National Geographic photographer, Sisse Brimberg. The songbook includes a CD by the Grand View Kantorei of all the songs in the book.



Joy Ibsen '60

In April 2006, Ibsen assumed the editorial position for *Church and Life*, a publication of the Danish Interest Conference – the Grundtvigian publication in the United States – with the motto: A simple life, a merry heart. Ibsen publishes articles and book reviews from around the country, and composes an editorial on social, political and religious subjects.

Ibsen's father passed away in 1972 but his teachings and Grundtvigian sermons resonated in Ibsen's heart. In 2009, Wipf and Stock published her book, *UNAFRAID*, co-authored by her father, posthumously.

"The best way I could communicate my experience of Grundtvig was through cuttings from my father's sermons, followed by stories about what was going on in the lives of people in the congregation," Ibsen explained.

Dr. Mark Mattes, Grand View professor of religion and philosophy, wrote the foreword for the book. She also obtained endorsements from Walter Bruggeman, an American Protestant Old Testament scholar and theologian, and Marcus Borg, an American New Testament scholar, theologian and author.

Most recently, Ibsen began working with the Grand View Danish Archives and through a grant from the Albert Victor Ravenholt Trust Fund, the entire collection of *Church and Life* will eventually be available in electronic form. She is also in the midst of a new manuscript, *Glimpses of Eternity* – a combination of her roots and her life's journey.

"When I was a student at Grand View I took so much for granted and didn't realize the full value of my heritage," Ibsen said. "I'm grateful to have another chance through my books and editing *Church and Life*. I'm convinced that the Grundtvigian values are not just for Danes nor for the past, but are precisely what is desperately needed today and for the future, including a deep spiritual relation with the environment, quality life-long education for all, honoring fellow human beings – without regard to race, ethnicity, gender or religion, an economy where most people are neither super rich nor super poor, and, finally, of course – celebrating life!"

Ibsen currently lives in Trout Creek, Mich., with her husband, Don Lenef. She has three children, two stepchildren, and five grandchildren. **GV**

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