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Kelley Johnson '15 and President Kent Henning. Johnson was the 2015 Commencement speaker and competed in the Miss America Pageant in September.

PHOTO: DAN VANDER BEEK '90

**The feature in this issue tells the story** of one of our recent nursing graduates, Kelley Johnson, who ended up in the media spotlight because of her talent monologue at the Miss America Pageant. Kelley talked passionately about what it means to be “just a nurse,” using an anecdote from a conversation she had with a patient during her

clinicals here at Grand View.

I imagine much of the Grand View community, like me, isn't in the habit of watching the Miss America Pageant, but because we knew Kelley would appear as Miss Colorado, we tuned in with great interest. Her monologue was the talk of

campus that night and the next day. We were so proud, not just because she was one of our own but because of what she said and the passion with which she said it. Then, when the media storm hit as a result of some negative comments on the television show *The View*, we applauded as nurses all across the country came to Kelley's defense – and to the defense of the profession of nursing. Kelley had become a poster child, not because she's a nurse but because she felt empowered to stand up for herself, for nurses and for patients.

Chris Eckardt, assistant professor of nursing, commented that Kelley “did what she was taught. She was taught advocacy for the individual, advocacy for community and advocacy for us all. She did all those things. Nurses don't toot their horns, we just do our jobs and are passionate about them.”

Yes, that kind of advocacy is part of what Grand View nursing students are

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taught, but it is also part of what all GV students learn. Grand View's mission statement begins, "Grand View engages, equips, and empowers students to fulfill their individual potential and serve society." Among the many things upon which all colleges and universities are evaluated is the extent to which we fulfill our mission. We can assess the degree to which we engage and equip our students through a variety of instruments, from classroom performance, curricular assessments, and the National Survey of Student Engagement, but empowerment is a little more challenging to evaluate, because it is so individual. Students become empowered one at a time, and in so many different ways.

In the case of Kelley Johnson, Grand View fulfilled its mission by helping her develop further her strong sense of purpose, her passionate calling to "take care of people ... to make sure that the awesome care that was given to

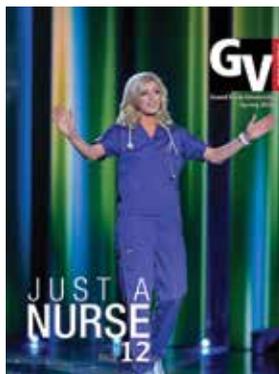
my family when we were going through a tough time is given to other families." In her monologue, Kelley spoke eloquently about how her vocation manifested itself with her patient, and later, when she was challenged, she stood her ground and brought her message to the world. She continues to do that.

Kelley is a visible example of the empowerment Grand View students demonstrate. Also in this issue is the story of Eric Thompson, another GV graduate and wrestling standout, who is following his passion to become an Olympic wrestler. We may yet see his name in lights! But there are so many others who never get a national spotlight yet contribute to their communities in countless ways every day because they left here knowing they were empowered to do what they are called to do.

  
**KENT HENNING**  
**PRESIDENT**

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Kelley Johnson '15, Miss Colorado, uses her platform to raise awareness for the nursing profession.



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# WHOLE-DEGREE PLANNING AND FINANCIAL LITERACY

BY BETH CARLSON, WHOLE DEGREE PLANNING DIRECTOR

Grand View's innovative program to address affordability, on-time graduation and student debt has a new name: GV COMPLETE. When the pilot of our whole-degree program launched in the fall of 2014, we knew we would learn a great deal as the first cohort progressed through the initial year. In the early going, our focus was very much on the financial aspects of whole-degree planning, partly because finances are the primary concern of families as students begin their education.

However, GV COMPLETE is much more than a financial-planning program. It's truly focused on financing and planning the whole-degree. As GV COMPLETE students enter their second year, the academic planning – the four-year plan of study – becomes critical to creating the path to graduation in four years. Currently, we have 129 students in the 2014 pilot cohort, and 268 freshman students participating in the Fall 2015

cohort. Encouraging projected student loan debt numbers for both cohorts reveal that if GV COMPLETE students continue on their plans, their overall student loan debt will be significantly below the average debt of borrowers who graduated in 2014.

Grand View has partnered with American Student Assistance® (ASA) to provide a new resource to our students and alumni called SALT®. We are setting ourselves apart from the norm by taking on a leadership role in higher education and providing this comprehensive program as part of a well-rounded GV education to help our students become financially literate during college and beyond.

SALT is a dynamic, multi-channel financial education and debt management program that educates, empowers, and engages our students to truly own their finances. SALT makes it immediately rewarding, easy, and fun to

make smart decisions about money and student loan borrowing.

We will be using SALT in conjunction with the GV COMPLETE program, but it is available to all students at Grand View – even those upper classmen not currently enrolled in GV COMPLETE. Check out the SALT site at [www.saltmoney.org/GrandView](http://www.saltmoney.org/GrandView).

Through this program, our students and recent alumni receive:

- Access to a scholarship search tool, so they pay less for school.
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# CAUCUS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT GAINS NATIONAL ATTENTION



CBS News was on campus January 13 to cover the photography exhibit as part of their caucus coverage. "First in the Nation: 40 Years of Photographs from the Iowa Caucuses," featured the work of more than 30 Iowa news photographers – including three Pulitzer Prize winners – starting with the 1976 caucuses. More than 120 images covered not only the candidates, but the rich and famous supporters who make the trip to the state on the candidate's behalf, as well as the Iowans who take their first-in-the-nation status very seriously when it comes to choosing our future presidents. The exhibit was also featured locally on KCCI and We Are Iowa Local 5 News. **GV**

From left: Chris Gannon, former Des Moines Register photographer, takes photos of the CBS crew including Dean Reynolds, CBS News Emmy-award winning correspondent, interviewing retired Des Moines Register photographer Warren Taylor. Doug Wells, Grand View photography professor and exhibit curator, discusses the exhibit with Reynolds. **PHOTOS: TODD BAILEY '92**

## Spring Tour Grand View Choir March 11-April 3

- March 11 7:00 p.m. Coon Rapids United Methodist Church  
Coon Rapids, IA
- March 12 7:00 p.m. St. Peder's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
- March 13 7:00 p.m. Danebod Lutheran Church, Tyler, Minn.
- March 14 7:00 p.m. First Lutheran Church, Duluth, Minn.
- March 15 7:00 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau, Wisc.
- March 16 7:00 p.m. Bethany Lutheran Church, Escanaba, Mich.
- March 17 7:00 p.m. Messiah Lutheran Church, Bay City, Mich.
- March 18 7:00 p.m. Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, St. John, Ind.
- March 19 5:30 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, Guttenberg, Iowa
- April 3 3:00 p.m. Luther Memorial Church, Des Moines, Iowa

**Join us for a free concert!**



# STEM PROGRAM COLLABORATION



Two students from Hoover High School take advantage of the STEM program resulting from a partnership between GV and Hoover.

PHOTOS: CORBIN ZEA

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

This fall five students from Hoover High School in Des Moines participated in a STEM program in conjunction with Grand View. Hoover was one of four schools in Iowa to win one of the first grants offered by Governor Branstad's STEM council two years ago. Hoover was recently awarded a STEM BEST grant designed to provide funds for community collaborations involving business-education partnerships to provide students a real-world experience outside the normal high school day. It is through this grant that Hoover hopes to continue a partnership with GV for at least the next two years.

Seniors in Hoover's STEM Academy came to Grand View as part of the partnership. These students successfully completed a scientific research course during their junior year and expressed an interest in a research experience outside of school. The students receive an audit grade from Hoover but are actually enrolled at GV for the semester in Bio199 or Chem199 courses, depending on their project, and receive three hours of college credit.

"It's great to provide students with an opportunity they may not have had otherwise," Dr. Corbin Zea, GV professor of chemistry, said. "Partnering with Hoover created this chance."

According to Maureen Griffin, science school improvement leader at Hoover High School, the student response to this program has been overwhelmingly positive. The participating students enjoyed having a college professor available to help and answer questions. They were able to understand how the research equipment works, which helped improve their skills in writing scientific papers.

"The [students] loved the freedom and trust they were given by the professors to do the research," Griffin said. "I am overwhelmed and grateful to everyone at Grand View who worked to make this experience come to fruition for our kids... an engaging research opportunity that just might help them figure out what their college path could look like."

Four students came to campus twice a week. They collected water samples from the Des Moines river and conducted water quality analysis, including temperature, PH levels, dissolved o2, and nitrate levels. Two students had prior lab experience; however, Grand View provided them with new tools and instruments to conduct their research. The fifth student worked with Dr. Laura Salazar, professor of chemistry, taking a protein, making a mutant protein and comparing the results to the original.

The students will present the results of their lab work at the Iowa Academy of Science and participate in the Grand View Scholarship Symposium.

"People think science is just one thing," Zea said. "But when you actually do science, it's totally different. This opportunity changed the perspective these students had about science and what research is all about." **GV**

# NEW NMR INSTALLED IN ELINGS

Last fall a donation provided by the R.W. and Mary Nelson Foundation – founders of Kemin Industries – allowed Grand View to purchase a new 400 MHz Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer (NMR), which replaces the 200 MHz NMR from three years ago. The instrument 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 400 MHz instrument does the same structure analysis as the 200 MHz but also has a few new capabilities and is much more sensitive, which allows analysis of more complex systems. Initially, students are provided with a list of research projects because at first they don't have enough background to

be able to create projects of their own. Once an idea is proposed, students investigate it to see if it is feasible. And, after sufficient training on how to appropriately use the instrument, students are free to conduct experiments and test ideas with the instrument.

"It is great to have this instrument, and a dream to have such an important scientific tool on campus," Dr. Corbin Zea, professor of chemistry, said. "The goal of the instrument is to use it to its full potential and for it to be in use continuously. Grand View will also make it available for use by organizations outside the campus for a fee."

According to Zea, this 400 MHz NMR is

the only one in the Des Moines metro. This instrument adds a lot of engagement to the classroom and research experience. It allows students to analyze samples so they can accurately know what compound they have synthesized. These results then create opportunities for discussions about whether or not students' experiments proceeded how they were expected to. The NMR provides yet another high quality opportunity for students to prepare them to be successful after GV. **GV**

Images depict the arrival and installation of the new 400 mHz NMR instrument, which arrived in December and is currently up and running.  
PHOTOS: CORBIN ZEA



## TALKING WITH APES

Last fall the Psychology Club invited the campus community to participate in a rare experience at the Ape Cognition Conservation Initiative (ACCI) in Des Moines, which has been extremely exclusive to the public. A group of 41 campus members took advantage of the opportunity.

"I've been working with the ACCI to open up opportunities for GV students who want to do research," Dr. Josh Woods, assistant professor of psychology, said. "The bonobos are one of our closest genetic evolutionary relatives and it just so happens this facility is in our backyard. It is an incredible opportunity to have locally."

The goal of the visit was to view a real example of comparative psychology. World-renowned bonobo, Kanzi, who resides at the ACCI, is known for his ability to communicate ideas using lexigrams. The group had the opportunity to watch Kanzi interact with lexigrams and perform an experiment. A thick window separates visitors from the bonobos. Because bonobos are very strong and unpredictable animals, even the researchers do not enter the



Students and faculty visit the Ape Cognition Conservation Initiative. PHOTO: CHASE KOVATCH '18

apes' space. However, there was a lot of interaction through the glass. Apparently Kanzi enjoys the ladies...he would reach out and put his hand on the glass for the females in the group, but if a larger male came to the window Kanzi started throwing things and puffing up his chest.

The tour lasted approximately an hour, but members of the group remained long after it was over. Woods believes students were rather shocked at what they learned during the visit. The interaction, although through glass, opened up new insight into how bonobos think and behave. As one student put it: When you look into the bonobos' eyes, it's like someone is looking back at you. Not like a dog or something, but a person. They look into you.

Nick Little '14 took the opportunity to visit the ACCI and is now considering

volunteering at the facility.

"It was a stimulating experience getting to see the bonobos up close," Little said. "Witnessing their behavior and discovering how smart they are amazed me. One thing that surprised me was Kanzi's ability to comprehend sentences and communicate with the scientists. I am fortunate to have experienced this and developed an appreciation for the researchers and contributions of the ACCI."

Woods added, "It's difficult to put into words how awesome this visit was; it wasn't like going to the zoo with a guide. It was much deeper. Many students didn't know what comparative psychology was, and through this single experience they gained appreciation and curiosity for a field they didn't even know existed." **GV**

## FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**DONAN CRUZ**, head men's volleyball coach, received national coach of the year honors for the second year in a row.

**MARK DOERFFEL**, director of instrumental activities, presented a clinic at the Wisconsin Music Educator's Conference in October. He was the conductor of the South Central Iowa Bandmasters Association Middle School seventh and eighth grade honor band in November, and the conductor of the Baker University (Baldwin City, Kan.) high school honor

band last February. He was selected to present a clinic at the Iowa Bandmasters Association Convention in May.

**LAURA EATON**, data specialist and lecturer of sociology, earned her master's degree in organizational leadership.

**DR. CRAIG ERICKSON**, assistant professor of mathematics, published a research paper entitled, Sign patterns that require eventual exponential non-negativity, in the Electronic Journal of Linear Algebra,

published by the International Linear Algebra Society.

**BRIGID ERNST**, administrative coordinator, earned her master's degree in organizational leadership.

**KARLY GOOD**, instructional technology specialist, successfully defended her dissertation at Iowa State University in November.

**DR. MARK MATTES**, professor of theology and philosophy, was a keynote

# STUDENT SUCCESS



From left: Bailey Phares '16; Tiona Sandbulte, Cattell Elementary principal; Courtney Copley '16; and Lindsay Grow, assistant professor of education and department chair. PHOTO: LACIE SIBLEY '07

The **GV EDUCATION CLUB** raised and donated \$1,000 to Cattell Elementary to purchase books for students. This gift, combined with another donation, allowed the school to give approximately 400 students three books each.

**HALEY KOTTRA '18** and **CHRIS HACKETT '19** participated in the Iowa Intercollegiate Honor Band in Nevada, Iowa, in November.

**MOHAMED TOURE '17** is an Americorps Vista Volunteer with EMBARC, a local

speaker for the Vi Messerli Memorial Lectures in church music at Concordia University Chicago in October. He spoke on Luther's Theology of Beauty and Music. He also had a chapter titled, Hegel's Lutheran Claim, published in the Nineteenth-Century Lutheran Theologians by Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.

**DR. SARAH MILLER-BOELTS**, assistant professor of Spanish, presented at the Iowa World Language Association Conference in October in Des Moines.



Grand View's Dance Marathon organization is one of more than 300 schools nationwide raising money for Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Hospitals. The money raised at GV Dance Marathon goes to the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. The funds help purchase equipment, pay for research to save and improve the lives of children, educate families about diagnoses, and enhance the hospital experience. Dance Marathon is about connecting and celebrating the journeys of Miracle Kiddos and their families. GV has eight Miracle Families who have been treated at University of Iowa Children's Hospital. Throughout the year, the families are invited to various activities and the dance event to share their stories.

"My hope for Grand View Dance Marathon is that it continues to grow so that we may continue to make miracles," Jess Short '16, executive director for GV Dance Marathon, said. "Dance Marathon is not only about the one big event, but about 365 days of emotional and financial support of the families and kids treated at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital, and I hope that GV Dance Marathon can grow into that and continue to unite the campus for something bigger, for the kids."

This year Dance Marathon raised \$20,669.03, more than double what was raised last year. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED



Watch a student-produced video of the fundraising event.

non-profit focusing on the Burmese Refugee population. He's working specifically with a project called Justice for Our Neighbors.

Ten students were accepted into the AmeriCorps state program for the 2015-16 school year: **ANDREW OLSON '19**, **BRITTANY BLANFORD '17**,

**DZENAJLA SARIC '19**, **JENNIFER KIX '17**, **JESS SHORT '16**, **MADI WILLIAMS '16**, **TAYLOR HOFFMAN '16**, **THOMAS DANIELS '17**, **THOMAS MCMULLIN '17**, **ZACH WALKER '19**. This opportunity engages students in intensive community service, with a minimum of 300 hours served within a school year. **GV**

Her speech was entitled, The Beauty of Travel to Cuba. She will present a paper at the Urban Affairs Association Conference in San Diego in March.

**ALEJANDRO PIEDRAS**, director of multicultural and community outreach, was recognized as a Community Champion by Polk Community Partnerships. He organized the civic engagement tent at the Latino Festival where three presidential candidates spoke to the Latino community.

**JESSE WILCOX**, assistant professor of education, is the director-elect of the North Central Association for Science Teacher Education – an organization that strives to improve the education of science teachers and promote excellence in science teacher education through scholarship and innovation. He also had an article published in the September issue of The Science Teacher entitled, Teaching Science through Inquiry: Seven common myths about this time-honored approach. **GV**

## GRANT RECEIVED FOR MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND PROJECT

Iowa Campus Compact announced the recipients of the 2016 MLK Day of Service Community Partnership Project mini-grant funds. Nearly \$85,000 will fund higher education community projects fighting hunger and serving veterans. Projects will be coordinated by 62 Campus Compact member colleges and universities in 25 states. The grant is supported by federal funds from the Corporation for National

and Community Service. Grant funds leverage more than \$300,000 in local and state funding for projects on and around the MLK Day of Service, January 18, 2016.

"Campus Compact member institutions across the country have a strong history of honoring the work of Martin Luther King, Jr., through service in their communities," Emily Shields, Iowa

Campus Compact Executive Director, said. "These funds will create even more opportunities for colleges and universities to build new partnerships and strengthen existing ones."

Grant recipients plan to leverage nearly 20,000 volunteers in support of those projects. These volunteers will support the packaging, sorting and collecting of more than 130,000 pounds of food and the provision of services to nearly 4,000 veterans.

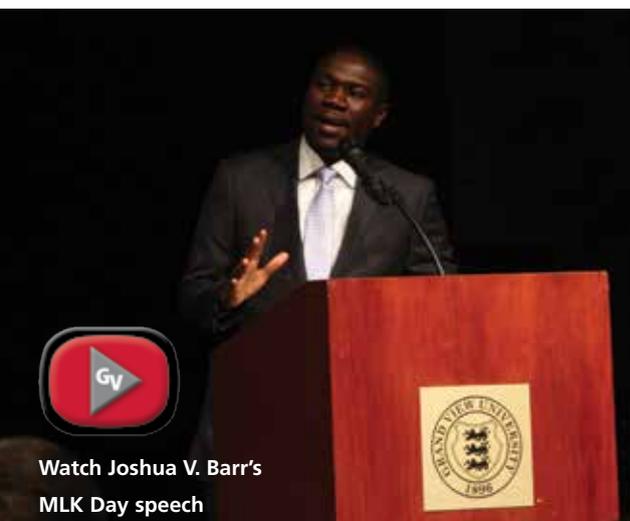
The mini-grant project is focused on supporting service projects that work toward alleviating hunger and supporting veterans. Mini-grants ranged from \$500 - \$2,000, and Grand View received \$1,800 to support the Meals from the Heartland packaging event during the MLK Week of Service. Grand View exceeded this year's goal of packaging 30,000 meals, with a total of 38,880 meals packaged. Last year GV packaged 20,000 meals. **GV**

At left: Shelby Sieloff '18 and Jerry Monner, head men's and women's track & field and cross country coach, package meals. Below: Campus community members participate in Meals from the Heartland. PHOTOS: TODD BAILEY '92



Meals from the Heartland timelapse.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WEEK OF SERVICE



Watch Joshua V. Barr's MLK Day speech



From left: Joshua V. Barr, director of the civil and human rights department for Des Moines, was the keynote speaker. Angela Lose '18, Shelby Sieloff '18 and Ashley Jaeger '17 make pillows for Blank Children's Hospital. Pedro Cardoso '17 helps make pet toys for Furry Friend Pet Refuge. Pillows and pet toys were part of the week of service. PHOTOS: LACIE SIBLEY '07



# GRAND VIEW DESIGNATED MILITARY-FRIENDLY SCHOOL

BY RACHELLE MITCHELL, MANAGER OF EVENTS AND PUBLICITY

Grand View has been designated a 2016 Military Friendly® School by Victory Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs®, STEM JobsSM, and Military Spouse. In its seventh year, the Military Friendly® Schools designation provides service members and their families with transparent, data-driven ratings about post-military education and career opportunities.

Institutions competed for the title by completing a survey of more than 100 questions covering ten categories, including military support on campus, graduation and employment outcomes, and military spouse policies. Survey responses were scored against benchmarks across these key indicators of success. In addition, data was independently tested by Ernst & Young based upon the weightings and methodology established by Victory Media with guidance from an independent advisory board of higher education and recruiting professionals.

This designation is awarded to colleges, universities, community colleges and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace military students, and to dedicate resources to ensure their success both in the classroom and after graduation. The methodology used for making the Military Friendly® Schools list has changed the student veteran landscape to one much more transparent, and has played a significant role over the past seven years in capturing and advancing best practices to support military students across the country. **GV**



Quandra Brown '14, military veteran, discusses her path to ministry. **GV**

## GV NAMED RAIN FOREST RESCUER

Grand View participated in VWR International's rain forest conservation program with the Arbor Day Foundation. GV purchased enough VWR-branded material to reserve 2,500 square feet of rainforest in our name and match our contribution, resulting in the conservation of 5,000 square feet of rain forest.

Tropical rain forests are the most ecologically important resource on our planet. Among the many reasons they are vital, rain forests help maintain global weather patterns and rainfall, as well as supply food, medicines and other plant based products that cannot be found anywhere else in the world. This Arbor Day Foundation project aims to make a difference by donating funds to help protect rain forests and educate those who rely on them for survival. **GV**



### Side By Side: A collaboration of retired professors Dr. Bill Schaefer and Jim Engler February 14 – March 27

Prairie Meadows Photography Gallery  
Grand View Student Center  
2811 East 14th Street, Des Moines



The Side By Side exhibit is a collaboration between two artists, one using graphite and ink drawings, the other using black and white, and color photos. We hope these dual images lead viewers to a broader appreciation of a single subject when it is depicted through two different visual media. Subjects in this exhibit include self-portraits, organic forms in nature, buildings and industrial settings.

*Exhibit funded with a gift from Elaine (Nelson '54) and the late Lou '54 Bredesky.*

# Thank you for your

*As another academic year enters the second term, Grand View is preparing to say farewell to several retiring faculty members. GV is grateful for nearly 250 years of service from these individuals. And while we are sad to see them move on to the next adventures in their lives, we are thankful for the time and energy they gave to our students and the knowledge they have instilled.*

## **FLORENCE 'FLOSSIE' DUSEK** **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY, 19 YEARS**

"One of my most memorable teaching moments was when the mayor of Des Moines, Frank Cownie, spoke to my environmental science classes. He has won national recognition for his work protecting the environment. I have learned that if students are prepared for college and open to learning, they will do well no matter what the class is. Students have shown me over and over that we, as educators, need to care about what we are doing if we want to capture their minds. If we care about what we do, the students see it and it does impact them. Our legacy lives in all the students' lives we have touched. We are always there in their thoughts somewhere."



## **DR. DEB FRANZEN** **PROFESSOR OF NURSING, 35 YEARS**

"I am very proud of our innovative nursing curriculum, our outstanding students and graduates, and my role in helping to develop the graduate nursing program. I've learned so much from my valued nursing faculty colleagues, and from my students. I hope the caring curriculum continues to make a difference in healthcare and the graduate program continues to set a standard for best practice."



## **DR. BETH GAUL** **PROFESSOR OF NURSING, 31 YEARS**

"I came to Grand View in the fall of 1985. I am so grateful that I became a registered nurse as I have always had worthwhile work that challenged me. Teaching has been an opportunity to learn alongside my students. I am so proud of the graduates that I see making a significant difference to nursing and healthcare, many of whom are in advanced leadership roles, academic roles and practice within the community. I will miss interacting with my students and colleagues daily, but I have many fond memories of my time here."



## **DR. JEAN LOGAN** **PROFESSOR OF NURSING, 33 YEARS**

"I came to Grand View in 1983, after graduating as one of the first GV RNs in 1978. I am proud to have taught and had a part in the design and revision of all three nursing programs offered at GV, including the BSN, the RN to BSN, and the MSN program. There is not a single teaching moment that stands out, but rather collectively it is seeing my students grasp the essences of a caring relationship. I believe I have created an environment where students are eager to learn. I will carry those memories with me."



# dedicated service



**JUDY MYERS**  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NURSING, 12.5 YEARS**

"I came to Grand View with 30 years of teaching experience, and Grand View offered me opportunities to learn new approaches to teaching within and outside of my discipline. I became a better teacher by taking advantage of these opportunities. My GV experience was a new challenge that helped develop my teaching and advising abilities. I will miss my students and my colleagues; the people of Grand View are the most memorable."

**DR. CAROLYN PAULING**  
**PROFESSOR OF NURSING, 17 YEARS**

"I am very proud of the work that was done with the Grand View Nursing Student Association and receiving the National Student Nurses Association Stellar Chapter Award in 2011. I've really enjoyed working with students throughout their journey in professional nursing, and I'm very excited when students 'put it together.' Since I started in 1996, I have seen many changes in healthcare, nursing, and nursing education, and I have learned lots of excuses for late papers. It fills me with pride when I see our graduates be successful in the working world. I will miss engaging with them, but most of all I will miss the scholarship of the practice of nursing education and my nursing colleagues."



**DR. EVAN THOMAS**  
**PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, 29 YEARS**

"The most important thing Grand View has given me is the opportunity to do good in the world. Advising has been one of the most meaningful and rewarding aspects of my job, and receiving the award for outstanding faculty advisor was very memorable. I believe that many students discovered their vocations and completed their degrees because I was their advisor. Students persist when their teachers care about their well-being as much as their academic success; this concern for the individual student at the undergraduate level is unique to the college experience."

I respect the non-traditional students for their serious attitude towards learning and ability to meet competing demands. The younger students make me hopeful with their fresh and positive outlook on life. They have the potential to lead us toward a more creative, just, and tolerant society."



*Also retiring this academic year: Dr. Sharon Brindle, lecturer of education, 7.5 years; Carolyn Hudgens, professor of nursing, 31.5 years; Mike Miller, professor of business administration, 31 years.*

# JUST A NURSE



**ARTICLE BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR**

*"Every nurse has a patient that reminds them of why they became a nurse in the first place..." And that's how it began. Kelley Johnson '15 had no idea that making the decision to perform a monologue as her talent at the Miss America 2015 pageant would thrust her into the limelight as a spokesperson for nurses across the nation. Her monologue has received more than six million views on YouTube since the pageant aired in September.*

# JUST A STUDENT

Originally from Fort Collins, Colo., Kelley Johnson transferred to Grand View her sophomore year. She received an athletic scholarship to play volleyball for the Vikings and felt that the GV nursing program could offer her everything she needed for a successful nursing career.

“Grand View allowed me to pursue both of my dreams – being a collegiate athlete and obtaining my nursing degree. I felt incredibly challenged in both areas, but Grand View offered me an environment conducive to success,” Johnson said. “I worked hard in the classroom and on the court, and was fortunate enough to reap the benefits of all of the opportunities Grand View has to offer. I felt equipped and prepared heading into the real world. I’ve always wanted to be a nurse, and I’m proud that I earned that degree through dedication and commitment.”

During her time at GV, Johnson was the captain of the volleyball team, on the board of the Viking Brigade, a member of Iowa College AmeriCorp Program (ICAP), and the vice president of the American Association of University Women. As an ICAP member, she volunteered at hospice and at Hyatt Middle School, where she was able to work with the school nurse and obtain more nursing experience. She also participated in several blood drives, blood pressure screenings, skin cancer screenings through Mercy, and she helped make cards for nursing home residents, as well as several other campus-based volunteer opportunities.

“[The most common answer] you get when you ask people why they go into a caring profession is that they want to help people, which is definitely true,” Johnson said, “but for me, I lost my father to colon cancer when I was four. And if there is any way that I can help another family not have to go through what we did, or if I can be a similar caring professional like the nurse my father had, then I will do whatever it takes to be that for others. I am going into nursing to take care of people, but it’s also to make sure that the awesome care that was given to my family when we were going through a tough time is given to other families.”

Johnson’s GV professors describe her as real and genuine, with a passion for nursing and caring that cannot be taught. She entered the nursing program with a true zest and commitment that was evident in the way she cared for her patients.

“She did what she was taught,” Chris Eckhardt, assistant professor of nursing, said. “She was taught advocacy for the individual, advocacy for community and advocacy for us all. She did all those things. Nurses don’t toot their horns; we just do our jobs and are passionate about them.”

Brenda Carlson, assistant professor of nursing, agreed and added that Johnson has what a caring professional needs. She has the personal qualities, and the caring curriculum offered at Grand View fit Johnson very well. Carlson feels Johnson has done so much in the nursing field in such a short amount of time with her advocacy and ability to bring the nursing profession together.

Speaking of Johnson’s pageant monologue, Kelly Kane, assistant professor of nursing, said it wasn’t just a speech made up for the competition.

“That was not just a speech; this is something that was part of her being,” Kane said. “This was not something that Kelley, as a little girl, dreamed about growing up to be – Miss Colorado. Things have happened in her life because of who she is and how she defines herself.”

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assistant professor of nursing**

## GRAND VIEW VOLLEYBALL HONORS

*Two-year team captain, Conference Newcomer of the Year, All-Conference performer, 1,000+ career kills, NAIA Scholar Athlete, NAIA Champion of Character*



Photo:  
Doug Wells

# BREAKING INTO PAGEANTRY

Before she actually began competing, Johnson had no knowledge of what really happens with pageant competitions, but she learned as she went. The Greater Des Moines Scholarship Pageant Program sent out a campus email that caught Johnson's eye, something fun and different to do outside school and athletics. She jumped right in and won fourth runner-up in her first pageant. The directors offered to take her on and she kept competing. A year later, she won the Miss Liberty 2014 title.

"[Doing the first pageant was really] just on a whim, but after that, seeing what you could do with a title was what became important to me," Johnson said.

**"It wasn't about winning the crown or the sash – that's fun and the whole pageant day is a blast – but it's once the pageant's over and what you get to do with that crown...the schools you get to visit, the kids you talk to, people in nursing centers and hospice...you get to make their days."**

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Johnson revealed a behind-the-scenes glimpse of what it's like on pageant day. The night before the competition is dress rehearsal, which lasts about five hours. Competitors run through the opening number and practice walking patterns that must be learned for every category. On pageant day, Johnson wakes up early to get ready and prepare for her interview, which takes place only in front of the judging panel and lasts about ten minutes. The pageant usually begins that evening and starts with an opening number, which leads into the on-stage question. After that is the swimsuit or fitness section, and then the talent portion, followed by evening gown and crowning.

"You choose a swimsuit based on what fits your body the best and that you feel comfortable in," Johnson explained. "You don't want a lot of strings or jewels hanging down, and it's usually one solid color. The Miss America organization wants you to be comfortable and confident, and to show that health is important to you."

Johnson's favorite part of competition is the evening gown portion, although she struggles a bit with it. Being 6'1" makes it somewhat difficult to find gowns long enough to cover her heels. She was very excited to wear her red Giovanni gown, which helped her win a title.

After Johnson won second runner-up in the Miss America pageant as Miss Colorado, she signed a contract with her Board agreeing to be available throughout the full year, and to be the best title-holder possible, as well as promising not to participate in any dangerous activities.

"You are a representative for the community, and Miss America organization," Johnson said. "And over the next year, you serve and make



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*Kelley Johnson  
along with her  
parents, Gene  
Haffner and  
Julie Johnson  
Haffner.*



*"The person I would put on the \$10 bill would be Ellen DeGeneres. I think that woman is so amazing. Not only is she kind, not only is she intelligent, not only is her entire platform speaking tolerance and equality for all and kindness, but she is able to be funny without insulting someone and I think that is an incredible feat." Johnson's response to her on-stage question at the Miss America pageant.*

appearances wherever they request you to go. Sometimes it's parades, nursing homes, hospitals, or schools. You're a public figure and that crown gives you a platform to talk to people and make a change."

Johnson's platform is raising cancer awareness. Her goal at the end of this experience is to make a difference in others' lives. Many people don't know when to get cancer screenings or preventative cancer measures; sometimes cancer just doesn't seem like a possibility. Johnson never intends to scare people. She feels if she can speak with people who are uninsured or under-insured about the two Iowa programs the state offers or Governor Brandstad's health initiative, or even go to schools and talk to children about preventative cancer measures, then she has done her job.

Photos submitted by Kelley Johnson

# LIFE AS MISS COLORADO

When Johnson was named Miss Colorado, she felt incredibly humbled by the support and encouragement she received from the residents of Colorado and, even more so, after winning second runner-up at the Miss America competition.

"We were treated like royalty, and I tried to soak up every second of the two weeks we spent at Miss America. It was a thrill like no other," Johnson said.

Johnson's original talent was playing the piano. However, en route to the competition in Colorado, she just didn't feel good about it and wondered if there was something else she does, something that felt more like herself that she wanted to share with the world. And the monologue was born.

"I never expected the reaction," Johnson said. "The monologue went viral three nights before the live competition, and I couldn't wait to see how the rest of the world reacted."

The reaction was phenomenal. Nurses across the nation were tweeting, posting, and going viral with support of Johnson's monologue message. However, not all the reaction was positive. Comments made on the daytime talk show, *The View*, made headlines as well.

*The View* hosts, Michelle Collins and Joy Behar, mocked Johnson for her monologue talent and attire, saying she entered the stage wearing a nurse's uniform and a "doctor's stethoscope" to read her emails out loud. Outrage from the nation's nurses erupted, and *The View* lost funding from two major supporters, Johnson & Johnson and Egglund's Best. *The View* has since tried to make amends with apologies and dedicating a show to nurses.

During Kelley's appearance on the *Dr. Oz* show, Dr. Oz said he was frustrated about the negative comments and throughout his entire career he has been in awe of nurses.

"[The comments were] a blessing in disguise. So many people are now talking about how much [nurses] do, how educated we are, how important we are to the entire healthcare team, how much we care and how

serious our job is," Johnson said. "I don't know if everyone understands how hard being a nurse is. We are highly educated professionals who are essential to safe and effective patient care. We're there with our stethoscopes making critical judgments. Those comments created a teachable moment for our profession to educate and to shine. And, if Joy or Michelle from *The View* every truly needed [a nurse], we would be there for them. And THAT is what makes nurses who we are."

As a guest on *7 News Now*, Johnson revealed that she knew her monologue would get attention because it was unique, but the type of attention was surprising.

"There are consequences for what you say. [*The View*] didn't apologize to me, they apologized to nurses all over America. They didn't just offend Kelley Johnson, they offended 3.6 million nurses," Johnson said. "I am thankful for

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Kelley Johnson appeared on the Dr. Oz show and advocates for many organizations, including the No Room for Domestic Violence Campaign with The Family Tree organization.



Photos submitted by Kelley Johnson



## MISS AMERICA TALENT MONOLOGUE

*"Every nurse has a patient that reminds them of why they became a nurse in the first place, mine was Joe...one night everything changed... I found him in his room crying. I went over to him and I lifted his head up out of his hands and I said: Joe, I know that this is really hard, but you are not defined by this disease. You are not just Alzheimer's, you are still Joe.' And he looked right back at me, almost to look through me, and said: 'Nurse Kelly, then the same goes for you. Although you say it all the time, you are not just a nurse, you are my nurse, and you have changed my life because you cared about me.' And that's when it hit me...patients are people with family and friends and I don't want to be a nurse that ever pretends because you're not a room number and a diagnosis when you're in the hospital, you're a person, very first. And Joe reminded me that day that I'm a life-saver, I'm never going to be just a nurse."*

those comments because of what it gave to nurses – the recognition they deserve and the unification that our profession has been longing for."

Johnson has made several appearances on talk and news shows, including The Ellen DeGeneres Show, The Doctors, Dr. Oz, Good Morning America and others. She has spoken at nursing and educational conventions and has traveled around the nation, as well as visiting with students in grade schools. She also spends a lot of time volunteering at Children's Miracle Network hospitals.

"There's quite a bit of glitz and glam in pageantry. A lot of getting ready and doing hair and makeup and, of course, beautiful gowns, but at the end of the pageant day, I was still Kelley. I wanted the crown for the impactful voice that it would give me, the opportunities it created to serve, and the stereotypes that it allowed a non-typical pageant girl like me to shatter," Johnson said. "[It's what happens the next day], what you get to do in the community and the platform it gives you to change the world. [These titles] have given hundreds of women scholarship money and the opportunity to be proactively involved in what they are passionate about. It has been one of the best experiences I've ever had. I will be forever indebted to pageantry, the way it's shaped me and the way that I enjoy life having experienced this with my fellow nurses." 



Kelley Johnson addresses the graduating class at the 2015 Commencement ceremony.

# ATHLETES GIVE BACK THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE

BY MOLLY BROWN, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC MEDIA AND GAME OPERATIONS

Many GV sports teams have found ways to give back to the community through time and service. Recognizing that they are leaders in the community, student-athletes focus on making an impact, so service has become an integral part of GV athletics.

Community service also aligns with the NAIA Champions of Character initiative that promotes five core character values – respect, integrity, responsibility, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

“It’s important to learn how to give back to the community,” Troy Plummer, athletic director, said. “It’s what servant leadership is all about and what being part of Grand View athletics is all about.”

Several teams visit elementary schools throughout the Des Moines area. Athletes read books to children and speak with them about the importance of staying in school, doing the right thing, respect, safety and staying physically active. The football team has visited many schools in the community, including Lovejoy Elementary and Prairie View

Elementary, Gloria Dei Preschool, and Conmigo Early Education Center. The competitive dance and cheer team visited

distributed to children in need throughout the world. In the offseason, the team volunteered at the Des Moines Triathlon.

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*– Troy Plummer, athletic director*

Cattell Elementary and participated in a pep assembly. The softball team participates in the Reading Adventures program at Phillips Elementary in Des Moines. Each year the baseball team visits Beaver Creek Elementary in Johnston to read with students on Dr. Seuss’ birthday. In the fall, the cross country teams volunteered at the Iowa Youth Shelter and spent a day cleaning the facility.

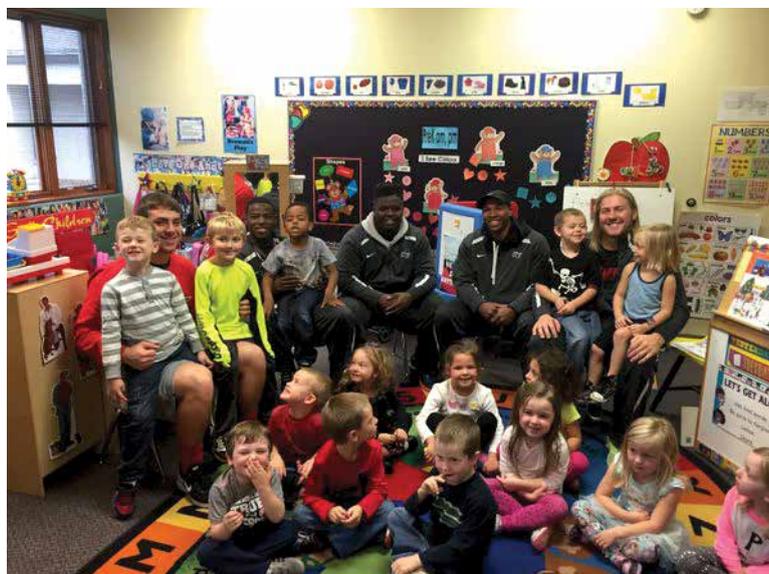
This winter, track and field teams participated in Operation Christmas Child where they purchased and packaged 36 boxes filled with gifts, school supplies, and personal hygiene items that were

The women’s soccer team hosts an annual indoor soccer match, a kickoff event for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation’s (JDRF) One Walk fundraiser. The match pits a team of GV faculty and staff against the soccer team with all donations given to JDRF. This year’s match was February 9 in the Charles S. Johnson Wellness Center.

Community service instills a sense of pride in our students, as well as that feel-good feeling of helping others. It is our hope that our students and student-athletes will carry this with them after graduation and continue to incorporate service into their lives. **GV**

From left: Cross country athletes volunteered at the Iowa Youth Shelter, spending a day helping clean the facilities. Football players spent time at Gloria Dei Preschool talking with students about making good choices.

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# FALL SEASON PRODUCES FOUR NAIA ALL-AMERICANS

BY MOLLY BROWN, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC MEDIA AND GAME OPERATIONS

Following another successful season for GV fall sports, four student-athletes earned NAIA All-American recognition. After leading GV to its fifth-straight conference title (first Heart Northern Division title) and the program's fourth playoff appearance, two Vikings received AFCA NAIA Football All-American recognition.

Senior defensive lineman Mike Erpelding (Algona, Iowa) was voted to the AFCA NAIA First Team. It is the first career All-American award for Erpelding, who is the 2015 Heart of America Athletic Conference Defensive and Overall Player of the Year and member of the Heart Northern First Team. Erpelding played in all 13 games this season, recording 52 tackles, five sacks and an interception. His 21 tackles for loss ranked fourth in the nation. Senior defensive back Robert Lewis (Hewitt, Texas) was named to the AFCA NAIA All-America Second Team. Lewis collected his first career All-American award after earning Heart North First Team honors. During his 13 games this season, Lewis tallied 47 tackles, including a team-high

35 solo tackles, and ten tackles for loss. He also had three interceptions and a sack.

Grand View sophomore midfielder Jovan Petrovic (Belgrade, Serbia) was named to the NAIA Men's Soccer All-American Honorable Mention Team, his first career All-American honor. Petrovic tallied four goals and two assists in 2015, and was selected to the Heart of America Athletic Conference First Team.

For the second time in her career, junior opposite hitter Taylor Wells (Des Moines, Iowa) earned NAIA Women's Volleyball All-American Honors. Wells was voted to the NAIA All-American Second Team; she earned Honorable Mention All-American recognition in 2014. In 2015, Wells totaled a team-high of 441 kills (3.32 per set), assisted on 68 blocks, and recorded 54 service aces and 192 digs. She was selected as the Heart



Clockwise from left: All-Americans Taylor Wells, Mike Erpelding and Jovan Petrovic. PHOTOS: DOUG WELLS

of America Player of the Week twice and named to the Heart All-Conference First Team.

For the latest athletic updates, visit the Grand View athletic website at [www.gvikings.com](http://www.gvikings.com). **GV**

## 29 ATHLETES NAMED NAIA SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

This fall, 29 student-athletes were recognized as NAIA Scholar-Athletes. To qualify for the honor, student-athletes must be of junior or senior standing with a GPA of 3.5 or above.

### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Chris De Joode, Nate Johnson

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:

Macy Carbajo, Natalie Potts

### FOOTBALL

Josh Calmer, Dallas Franks, Derek Fulton, Jacob Hosking, Ben Hurley, Tyler Reicks, Kyle Stillmunkes, Jake Vanbesien

### MEN'S SOCCER

Andy McLeavy, Paul Riesthuis, Tal Zloczower

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Shelby Berg, Morgan Buzzell,

Caitlin Calaro, Brianna Davis, Taylor Hoffman, Karisa Longcor, Carmen Silva Trejo, Madison Vestal, Taylor Woods, Katelyn Worple

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Courtney Bliss, Chrissy Daggett, Kadie Subbert, Maggie Wiltfang

# VIKING STANDOUT CHASES OLYMPIC DREAM

BY MOLLY BROWN, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC MEDIA AND GAME OPERATIONS

Former Viking wrestling standout Eric Thompson '14 wasn't satisfied with just winning three straight national titles for Grand View. Less than a month after collecting his third national title, three-time All-American Thompson was accepted into the Nittany Lion Wrestling Club at Penn State University. Just a little over a month after graduating in 2014, Thompson moved to State College, Pennsylvania to begin chasing his dream of winning a gold medal at the Olympics.

Thompson's training with the Nittany Lion Wrestling Club has paired him with many former NCAA Division I wrestlers, including 2012 Olympic Gold Medalist Jake Varner. Thompson is no stranger to high-level competition, having successfully wrestled against D-I wrestlers while competing for Grand View.

"The biggest difference between college and wrestling as a professional is that I compete a lot less and train a

lot more. I lift and do cardio five days a week, and I'm wrestling on the mat 4-5 days a week. Not competing very often makes it easy to lose sight of what I am trying to do. I have to keep my goals

2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

"I was very excited when they announced that the trials will be in Iowa City. I think it is going to be a great

*"I feel very blessed and fortunate to be able to do what I am doing."*

— Eric Thompson '14

clear-cut, know exactly what I want, and remind myself of that every day."

The Club has afforded Thompson the opportunity to travel internationally. He has trained and competed in Italy, Uzbekistan, and Canada, and in March, Thompson is headed to Turkey to train and compete in a tournament in Ukraine.

On December 19, his twenty-sixth birthday, Thompson qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials and is one step closer to realizing his dream. He competed and placed fifth at 125 kg/275 pounds at the U.S. Senior National Championships in Las Vegas, Nevada, which qualified him for the Olympic Trials and will fittingly be hosted in Iowa City April 9-10; Thompson will get to compete on his home turf. He must win at the trials in order to qualify for the

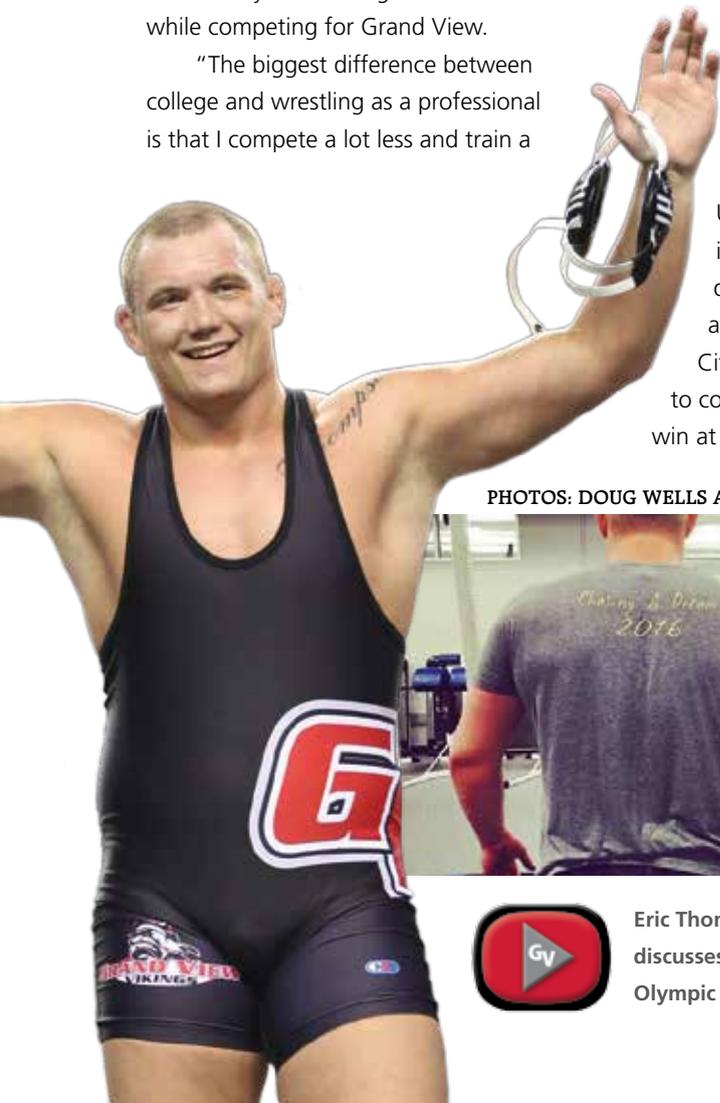
experience to wrestle in front of my friends and family."

Thompson isn't chasing his dream alone. His wife, Sarah (Field '14), moved to Pennsylvania after graduation to support him and is currently working for a private company educating underprivileged children in the State College area.

"Without her I wouldn't be able to do what I am doing. She has been amazing through the ups and downs that this sport can throw at you."

No matter what happens in April, Thompson is grateful for the opportunity he has earned.

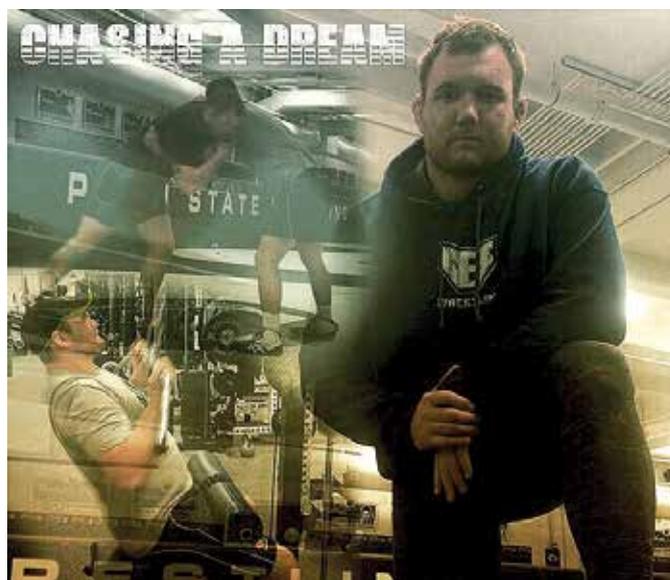
"Just being able to do this for the last two years has been amazing. Few people get to do the sport they love after college. I feel very blessed and fortunate to be able to do what I am doing." **Gv**



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Eric Thompson '14 discusses his Olympic dream.



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Laine Mendenhall-Buck '92  
Director of Alumni Relations

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**MARVIN CRIM '64** retired after 36 years of teaching and enjoys playing the tuba in The New Horizons Band.

### 1968

**TIM VUAGNIAUX '68** is co-owner of Mefford, Vuagniaux and Associates, in Sedalia, Mo. He continues to expand the mental health staff along with psychological counseling services in Central Missouri with a new office in Warrensburg, Mo.

### 1981 & 1987

**DAVID '87 AND JULIE (REESE '81) KERR** welcomed a new granddaughter, Reese Everly Kerr, daughter of Stephen and Lauren, born October 28.

### 2001



**MELISSA GARRETT '01** married Peter Nelson Sept 27, 2014. The couple resides in Altoona, Iowa.

**MELISSA (ZINGALE '01) SHARKEY** is the assistant dean of students at Central College, in Pella, Iowa. She oversees residence life and student safety.

**DAVID '01** is the dean of students at Capitol View Elementary, the second largest elementary in Des Moines. David and Melissa reside in Pella with their three children, Rebecca, Noah and Elizabeth.

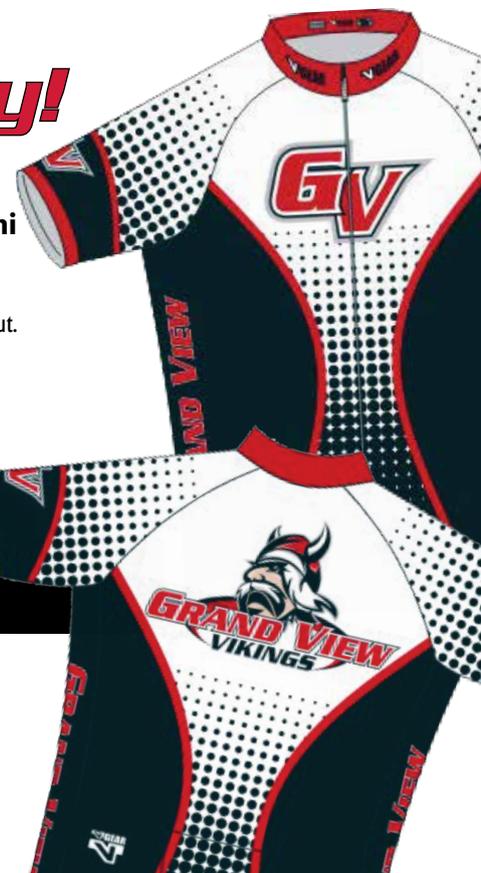
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## 2004

**RACHEL GILLOTTI '04** married Nuy Nguyen June 27 in Maui, Hawaii. She is the director of operations for CalCEF in California.

## 2006

**KATIE (OSTREM '06) ROYER** is the marketing communications consultant for DLL Finance LLC, in Johnston, Iowa. She resides in Bondurant, Iowa, with her husband, Casey.

## 2007

**GILSCOTT NICHOLS '07** is a video editor for WOI-TV and earned an Upper Regional Emmy Nomination for work on WOI's 65th Anniversary show.

## In Memoriam

**EDWARD D. GRODT '48** passed away October 11.

**GERALD W. PEDERSEN '48** passed away in September.

**DAROLD D. BRAIDA '49** passed away May 30.

**JOAN THYGESEN, '51** passed away November 7. She is survived by her sister, **Carol (Thygesen '57) Osborn**, her husband Gary, and several nieces and nephews.

**ERNEST W. NIELSEN '52** passed away December 11. His wife, **Dorothy M. Nielsen '52**, precedes him, and his son, **Ernest R. Nielsen '78**, survives him.

**RUTH (FARSTRUP '53) LONGMAN** passed away January 1. Her father, the

**Rev. A. Ejnar Farstrup '29**, and her brother, **Alan Farstrup '61**, precede her in death.

**RICHARD B. CHANCE '57** passed away.

**DR. ALAN E. FARSTRUP '61** passed away October 31.

**DIANA SUE REYES '65** passed away November 1.

**NICK KNEZEVICH '68** passed away September 10.

**NORBERT P. SMITH '69** passed away.

**SHERRI (LUETT '75) TIMM** passed away September 20.

**SANDRA (SHERWOOD '86) SHELDON** passed away November 21.

**ZACHARY EASTER '15** passed away December 19. **GV**

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Thursday, March 31, 6 p.m. • \$8/ticket

Join GV students and alumni for a fun night of Iowa Energy basketball. Come early for a GV group picture on the court, and then enjoy food and drink specials prior to tip-off at 7:00 p.m. The Grand View Choir will sing the national anthem.

### SISTER ACT AT THE DES MOINES PLAYHOUSE

Thursday, April 21, 6:30 p.m. • Discounted tickets available

Bring your sister or a friend and join us for a night of laughter at The Des Moines Playhouse. Come early for cocktails and appetizers at 6:30 p.m. before the curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m. Ticket includes one drink and free appetizers.



### FIRETRUCKER BREWERY BIKE RIDE & PIZZA

Thursday, June 2, 5:30 p.m. • \$10/ticket

Enjoy a bike ride on the High Trestle Trail in Ankeny before looping back for pizza and beer at Firetrucker Brewery. Tickets include pizza and one drink.



### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT ON THE LAWN – ZOOTOPIA

Friday, June 17, 7:30 p.m. • FREE

Join alumni, family and friends for a fun evening watching a family-friendly movie on the campus lawn by the Rasmussen Center. Movie and popcorn are FREE, and a tropical-sno truck will be available for treats.



### GRAND VIEW AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR!

Thursday, August 11 – Sunday, August 21

Visit the GV booth in the Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fair! Come say hello and register to win GV gear.

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## NEW ALUMNI-STUDENT MENTOR PROGRAM

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Every year students are encouraged to participate in community service and service learning opportunities. Grand View provides many ways for students to get involved in numerous activities to benefit the greater community. As a participant in the Iowa College AmeriCorps Program (ICAP), Grand View had ten students selected to be members for the 2015-16 school year.

According to the ICAP website, the organization was created to increase levels of volunteerism among college students in Iowa as part of their academic experience, while engaging them in their local campus community. Members help meet the greatest needs in their local campus community by volunteering 300 or 450 hours of service during an academic year.

Laine Mendenhall-Buck '92,

director of alumni relations, and Heidi (Wagner '97) Pries, director of student involvement and new student programs, worked together to create an ICAP mentoring program for ICAP students and alumni ICAP members. ICAP alumni were paired with ICAP students to create yet another way to connect and network. The mentor and mentee pairs must meet twice during the school year and the mentor must contact the mentee at least once a month. The mentors are also available to their mentees for questions and will give feedback on what they learned during their time in the program.

A reception is planned this spring for the mentor and mentee pairs to celebrate a year of service and a new connection created between alumni and students. **GV**

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# MAKING IT TO THE MAJOR LEAGUE

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

What began as a fun college job that paid well evolved into an experience of a lifetime. Pat Hoberg '08 experienced what many in his field rarely get the chance to do...he umpired a major league game, the San Francisco Giants vs the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"My first major league game is something I'll never forget," Hoberg said. "My family flew to Phoenix to be a part of it. The atmosphere was awesome. It was opening day and a sold out crowd, and I wasn't as nervous as I thought I'd be, but there were definitely butterflies."

Hoberg came to Grand View to play basketball for Coach Denis Schaefer. He attended an open practice and felt Grand View was the place for him. During his summers, Hoberg umpired



Pat Hoberg '08, left, during an MLB game.

and went into the academy with realistic goals, one being to work at least one major league game.

The academy was difficult and the schedule strenuous – six days a week, 12 hours a day. Hoberg spent half the

move on to the Evaluation Course, and Hoberg was one of them. There were 54 students in his course, 28 coming from another school. Each day the class would work a real baseball game under the supervision of minor league baseball supervisors. This was a new experience for Hoberg because during umpire school they only worked simulations; these were real-life games and the very first time Hoberg put his new professional skills to use. Each umpire worked seven to eight games and at the end of the two-week course they were given a ranking, 1-54; Hoberg ranked 11.

Hoberg was hired by Minor League Baseball and then started to work his way up to the major leagues. He made the call-up list for the past two years by major league baseball supervisors watching him work AAA and Major League Baseball spring training games.

In 2014, he umpired his first major league game in Phoenix, the San Francisco Giants vs the Arizona Diamondbacks; he worked third base and the Diamondbacks won. Hoberg was the 2014 GV Young Alumni Achievement Award winner. **GV**

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high school and college games, and not only did he enjoy it, he discovered he had a talent in it.

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At the end of his sophomore year, he decided to attend umpire school and after graduating in December 2008, he enrolled at Jim Evans Academy of Professional Umpiring. The goal for anyone attending umpire school is to make it to the major leagues fulltime. Only approximately one percent of students actually achieve that goal. Hoberg was well aware of that statistic

day in the classroom and the other half on the field. He learned every aspect of umpiring and then put that knowledge to use in simulations on the field.

"They [instructors] would put us through all kinds of scenarios," Hoberg explained, "to see how we would react. The most challenging part was working these simulations in front of my peers and instructors. It was nerve-wracking; they critiqued every step and breath I made, but over time I realized that is what day-to-day umpiring is like, which I didn't realize at the time."

Toward the end of his instruction, 24 out of 110 students were selected to

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