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FINDING YOUR CALLING



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**Should Grand View “change with the times”** and adapt as quickly as possible to what students today indicate they want? Or, are there certain values and truths that Grand View should hold onto and impart to current and future generations of students?

Is education a private good or a public good? In other words, do the benefits of an education accrue mostly to the student in the form of higher earnings, or does society as a whole rely on and benefit from an educated citizenry?

Do we exist to make our students wealthy by giving them skills that will gain

them a higher paying job? Or, do we exist to equip and empower our students to change the world?

These may seem like silly or rhetorical dilemmas. The answer to each seems to lie somewhere in the middle, but we live in a culture that tends to debate most issues from extreme viewpoints. For the past decade or so, and certainly since the recent recession, public policy dialog, funding, and media coverage regarding higher education have been largely about jobs...getting people the skills they need to get employed. Meanwhile, institutions that provide a broader baccalaureate education – and the liberal arts in particular – are being labeled as unaffordable and less valuable to the economy

Within the past year, the federal Department of Education has proposed a single, four-factor ranking of every institution of higher education which would be tied to an institution's ability to participate in federal financial aid programs. One of the factors to be used would be the average salary of graduates from each institution, calculated 18 months after graduation. There would be no recognition of an institution's region, student demographic, or the distribution of its graduates across various professions.

In listening sessions around the country, the higher education community, employers and citizens in general have railed against this particular measure, objecting to the notion that the value of an education can be reduced to an average salary level calculated at a single point in time, to say nothing of the problems with data collection and interpretation. Yet advocates continue to pursue the implementation of such a ranking system. (Now go back and re-read the questions I posed at the beginning of this article.)

As I grapple with this tendency to value education only as a means to a higher paying job, I cannot help but think about our older alumni fondly singing the lyrics of “Happiness Never Depends on Success”:

*Live not in dreams that are selfish and vain,  
Look not with envious thoughts on your brothers.  
Pure is our happiness, rich is our gain  
When we rejoice in the welfare of others.*

Those lyrics communicate a value and a concept that is fundamental not just to our Danish heritage but to Lutheran higher education in general. Another word to describe it is “vocation,” as defined and understood in Lutheran teaching. As

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Grand View encourages students to discover talents to benefit others.

Lutherans, we know we are called into this world to serve others. In our homes, communities, workplaces, and churches, we are called by God to set aside our own self-interest and understand how our gifts (talents, abilities, passions, etc.) can be put in action to serve others. Our Lutheran understanding of vocation informs us that there is a larger purpose to our work, our roles, our positions within our organizations and communities. And that sense of purpose empowers us to act – to act in ways that benefit others.

So...should Grand View just get with the times, go with the flow, and forsake our historic values and roots? Are we a "dinosaur" that needs to be replaced by a style or mode of education that seems more relevant to the desires of students or the specific needs of employers? True, we need to prepare students for their careers; and we do. But if those of us who believe in the importance of our long-held values do not hold them up, defend them, and preserve them for future generations, then shame on us.

I am intensely proud of what the Grand View community has done to infuse "vocation" into so much of what we do. I am proud of our faculty for embedding vocation in our new core curriculum. I was thrilled to see our campus community

come together during our first annual *Transforming Lives: Celebrate Vocation Week*. I am reassured to see faculty, staff, and students alike embrace the concept of vocation, both as an institutional value and as a personal ideal. And I am pleased to share those and other stories in the feature article of this magazine.

Bottom line: Grand View transforms the lives of our students so that they can transform the world through the lives that they live.

My final request is this...if you believe what we're doing is important and if you agree that we should be preserving and imparting this important concept of vocation, the next time you hear or read a media account that reduces higher education simply to job skills that lead to a higher income, or the next time you hear a public official denigrating the worth of a college education, please speak up. Please do not let those extreme perspectives shape higher education policy in such a way that Grand View – and so many other institutions like us – are not valued and preserved.

  
**KENT HENNING**  
**PRESIDENT**



The Hjemed (a Danish word meaning Homeward, pronounced Hyem'-ath) sculpture, which was installed next to the Student Center as part of Grand View's centennial celebration, was moved prior to construction on the Student Center. The sculpture now permanently resides along Grand Central Walkway, across from the Krumm Business Center. The centennial sculpture was designed by artist/designer Mark LaMair '81. PHOTO: KELLY (DeVRIES '00) DANIEL



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# STUDENT CENTER GROUNDBREAKING

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Grand View broke ground on the expansion and renovation project for the GV Student Center April 25. The GV Board of Trustees, many alumni, faculty, staff, donors, and friends of the university were in attendance. Work on the project began immediately after commencement ceremonies and is slated for completion by the time fall 2015 classes begin.

Thanks to generous support from donors to Transformations: A Campaign For Grand View University, more than \$12.4 million of the \$20 million overall campaign goal has been raised, including \$7.5 million for the Student Center. Much of the building project will be funded by private gifts to the university, which include \$2.5 million from the Rasmussen family who are honoring retired Grand View faculty member, The Reverend Thorvald Hansen and his wife, Johanne, a retired Grand View staff member, as well as Irvin and Elizabeth Ibsen, with their gift. A \$1 million Legacy Grant from Prairie Meadows and an

anonymous gift of \$1 million dollars have also been given as lead gifts.

Major corporate support from the Des Moines community includes gifts from The Principal Financial Group, Du Pont-Pioneer, UnityPoint Health, and Bankers Trust/John Ruan Foundation Trust.

The Bookstore and Viking Theatre remain open during construction, with accessibility through the east entrance. **GV**



# GV RECEIVES TWO GRANTS

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Grand View was recently awarded two new grants, the College Success Grant by the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation and another by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC).

The College Success Grant for 2014-2015 was established to improve the retention and persistence rates of students from traditionally underserved backgrounds. It is intended to provide resources which allow GV to identify all at-risk freshmen who exhibit warning signs early in the semester and connect

them with services to help them complete the credits they attempt during their first year of college, as well as earn the grades necessary to position themselves for a successful college career. Specifically, GV will use the grant money to improve the functioning of the "Early Alert" process and intervention with first-year students identified through this process.

Over the course of the next three years (2014–2016), faculty and administrators from 20 CIC colleges and universities will explore the use of massive

open online courses (MOOCs) and other online teaching methods as possible alternatives to traditional upper-level undergraduate courses in the humanities. The goals of the project are: to explore how online humanities instruction can improve student learning outcomes; to determine whether smaller, independent liberal arts institutions can make more effective use of their instructional resources and reduce costs through online humanities instruction; and to provide an opportunity for CIC institutions to



Kurt Rasmussen '88



Suzette Jensen '66

build their capacity for online humanities instruction and share their successes with other liberal arts colleges.

GV's participants in the CIC grant are Dr. Kevin Gannon, professor of history and director for the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Rachel Schwaller, assistant professor of art, and Dr. Patricia Williams, Dean of the graduate and adult programs. Gannon and Schwaller will develop two upper-level online humanities courses: Gannon will develop the Civil War and

Reconstruction course as an online offering, and Schwaller will move the Twentieth Century Art History course to a blended modality and then to online. Williams is the administrator for the GV grant. The grant covers funding for the faculty members to develop the courses, revise them, and to participate in national as well as regional workshops. **Gv**

Board of Trustee members, donors, faculty and staff helped break ground on the Student Center expansion project April 25. Top right: Construction is underway on the Student Center project. PHOTOS: LACIE SIBLEY '07



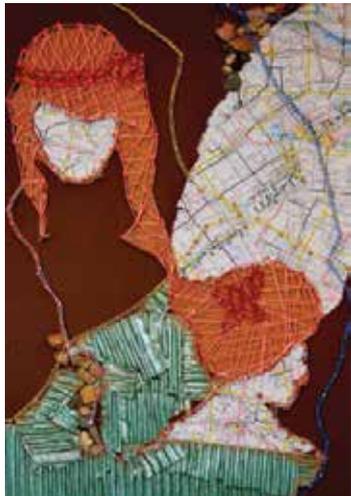
Student Center groundbreaking

## CAMPUS UPDATES

### HIGH SCHOOL ART COMPETITION "BEST OF SHOW" AWARDED

Kelli Meyer, of Strawberry Point, Iowa, was awarded Best of Show in GV's high school art competition for 2013-14. As the competition winner, she receives a \$5,000 annually renewable scholarship to major in Art & Design at Grand View.

In its third year, the art competition draws monthly entries from all over the U.S. Each month one winner and two honorable mentions are chosen; the monthly winners compete for Best of Show. This year the monthly winners, in addition to Meyer, were from Oak Park, Calif., San Ramon, Calif., Columbia, Mo., and St. Paul, Minn.



Kelli Meyer's Best of Show artwork.

As she prepares to enter Grand View this fall, Meyer was asked her reaction to winning the competition. "Amazed, overjoyed, ecstatic, thankful. These are just a few of the emotions I felt when I received the call awarding me best of show. I am beyond grateful. Before receiving this scholarship, I was unsure whether it was a good idea to seek an art major. Winning this competition has given me the confidence to continue pursuing a degree in graphic design or studio arts. Thanks to this opportunity, I can now afford the amazing education I know Grand View will provide.

Not only will this scholarship help me further my education, but it will also benefit every other aspect of my future. I would like to thank Grand View and the art department for this outstanding opportunity."

### INTERNATIONAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Grand View is looking to expand international study. During the summer, Mark Daly, director of international studies, travelled to Denmark and Germany to pursue exchange agreements with three institutions.

In addition to looking for ideal matches, Daly looked for partner institutions that could support some of GV's larger majors. The International Business Academy in Kolding, Denmark, would create opportunities for GV business and art and design students. The University of Lübeck, in Lübeck, Germany, is particularly interested in exchanges with our science and computer science students, whereas Leuphana University in Lüneburg, Germany, would provide opportunities for students from any major to take American college style courses taught in English. The programs would not require proficiency in Danish or German, but students would take some language courses while on site, as well

## STUDENT SUCCESS

**JORDAN RENZELMAN '15** was named a finalist in Photographer's Forum magazine's 34th Annual College Photography Contest. His photo will be published in the Photographer's Forum hardcover book, Best of Photography, 2014 – the college and high school photography yearbook. This is the fourth

year in a row a GV student has been named a finalist.

**KIM SMITH '14** presented her evidence-based practice poster on alarm fatigue to the Mercy Medical Center Evidenced-Based Practice Forum, the Nurse Practice Council and the Critical Care Section Council.

**EVAN HAY '15** and **BETHANY WILCOX '15** were nominated to compete in the Irene Ryan Scholarship Competition due to their performances in The Language Archive. They will showcase their acting skills and compete to win scholarships in the Region V Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in January 2015. 



PHOTO: JORDAN RENZELMAN '15

as learn more about Northern European culture during the exchange.

## PUERTO RICAN COUNSELORS VISIT

GV hosted admissions counselors from two community colleges and 16 high school counselors from Puerto Rico in May. These counselors are very influential when helping to find the perfect fit for their students' college experiences. This traveling tour around the Midwest also made stops at two other Iowa institutions, as well as two in Indiana and one in Chicago. **GV**

Puerto Rican high school counselors visited Grand View during a Midwest tour.



## ALICE HUMPHREY VISITS CAMPUS



GV philanthropist Alice Humphrey '47 visited campus Friday, July 11. Her college-age granddaughter, Katie, who attends Penn State University, accompanied her.

Grand View faculty and staff greeted Alice and Katie at a reception to share their appreciation for her gifts that enabled Grand View to remodel Old Main in the late '90s and then rename the building in honor of Alice and her late husband, Bruce '47. Over the past 15 years, Alice has made additional gifts that have helped maintain the building and surrounding grounds in a first-class manner. During her visit, she toured the building and the rest of campus.

Alice is the classic American success story having grown up in a one-bedroom Connecticut apartment with her Danish immigrant mother and brother. In 1945, at the age of 18, she boarded a train filled with GIs returning from the war to arrive at Grand View, a place she had never visited. She lived on third floor – what is now the Advancement wing – in a room that has been preserved as it was 60 years ago. It was at Grand View that Alice met Bruce and they went on to build a successful chemical business together. Bruce died in 1988. The Humphrey's only child, Katie's father, passed away 18 years ago. Alice now lives in a retirement community in a Philadelphia suburb.



From top: Alice Humphrey '47 was welcomed back to campus July 11. She stands in front of the Humphrey Center, which is named in honor of Alice and her late husband, Bruce '47. Alice and granddaughter, Katie, look through a yearbook in the room in which Alice lived during her time at Grand View.

PHOTOS: TODD BAILEY '92 AND LACIE SIBLEY '07



Hear from Alice and Katie Humphrey about the importance of their visit.

## JULEFEST 2014

Grand View Choir and Band

Saturday, December 6, 7:30 p.m.

St. Mark Lutheran Church  
1015 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines

Sunday, December 7, 4:00 p.m.

Luther Memorial Church  
1201 Grandview Avenue, Des Moines

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

Admission free with ticket.

## FIRST GV STUDY TOUR TO CUBA

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

For the first time in Grand View international study history, 24 students, faculty and GV guests visited Cuba for a ten-day educational tour in May.

Since the 1950s, after the Cuban revolution and due to the U.S. embargo against Cuba, the U.S. allows only educational-based tours into Cuba. In order for the GV group to go, they had to obtain a license with a valid reason for visiting; they received a People to People license. Assistant Professor of Spanish, Sarah Miller Boelts, worked with Global Exchange, a human rights organization, which partnered with the Cuban Institute of Friendship, to plan the tour. Coralie Turner, assistant professor of modern language, and Amy Schumann, lecturer of Spanish, were instructor participants who assisted Miller Boelts. As a Grand View study tour, the trip focused on educational activities, speakers, and visits.

The group stayed in Havana for five days, spent two days in Sancti Spiritus, took a day trip to Trinidad – a place some call the most beautiful city in Cuba – spent a day in Santa Clara and then returned to Havana. The climate was very hot and humid, but the land ranged from mountains to farmland to beaches. While many of the buildings were dilapidated, the scenery was beautiful.

Spanish is the main language, but many Cubans know English and were eager to practice with the American tourists. Contrary to belief, the country is very safe. Crime is low, there are no drug or gun issues, and penalties for breaking laws are quite harsh. Miller Boelts said that while they needed to be smart when they went out, she had no worries about being in the country.

The Cuban natives were welcoming and hospitable and were very curious about the American visitors. They would ask about American food, country music,

snow and even the hit TV series *The Big Bang Theory* – that is one show they get on the island.

Cubans also expressed that they wished for better relations with the U.S. and had no ill will toward Americans.

During the tour, the group did many people-to-people visits; one with a Cuban architect who discussed the history of Cuban architecture; one with a doctor from an HIV/aids clinic; and another with an economist. They also visited a music school where the children performed and a healthcare clinic where they toured the non-air conditioned building and spoke with healthcare personnel.

All healthcare and education services in Cuba are free. The government takes great pride in providing that to its residents, and the Cuban people are very proud of it. The majority of the population has completed school and many have gone on to college. If they decide to pursue medical or dental school, the government pays for the education. After they complete their studies, many graduates are sent to other countries in need of medical help and often it becomes a trade between the countries – Cuba sends doctors and the other country might send oil or another resource.

One of the highlights for most of the travelers was a block party. Once they arrived and descended from the bus, they were greeted by Cuban residents lining the streets, standing on rooftops and balconies, clapping, snapping photos, and cheering for them. The group's guide explained that they were like American celebrities. The Cubans sang the national anthem, and children danced and recited



Top: GV group in Las Terrazas, a mountain community outside of Havana.

Bottom: Mikayla Rockford visits with Cuban medical students.

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SARAH MILLER BOELTS  
AND CORALIE TURNER

poetry. They even prepared a feast of various fruits. The GV group brought gifts and donations that included soaps, lotions, hygiene items, shirts, coloring books, and even Grand View apparel.

Their time in Cuba was quick, and many wished for a couple more days because there is much to see and learn. Many felt this was one of the best trips they had ever been on, and Miller Boelts was quite happy with the representation as U.S. ambassadors that her group provided and the lasting impressions they left. Even their guide commented on how well organized, polite, and respectable this group of GV travelers was.

Information on educational international May term tours is available on our website at [www.grandview.edu](http://www.grandview.edu). 

# PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT

Grand View University is seeking comments from the public about the university in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The university will host a visit January 26 – 28, 2015, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Grand View University has been accredited by the Commission

since 1959. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the university: Public Comment on

Grand View University  
The Higher Learning Commission  
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500  
Chicago, IA 60604-1411

The public may also submit comments on the Commission website at [www.ncahlc.org](http://www.ncahlc.org).

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing. All comments must be received by Friday, December 26. 

## FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**DR. PAUL BROOKE**, professor of English, will have a book published by Brambleby Books LTD of London, England, titled, *Sirens and Seriemas: Photographs and Poems of the Amazon and Pantanal*.

**DR. KEVIN GANNON**, professor of history, took the director position of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at GV. He also presented a paper, *Thou Shall Not Follow a Multitude to do Evil: Radical Abolitionism, the Come-Outer Movement, and the Theology of Secession*, at the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic in Philadelphia in July.

**DR. KEVIN GANNON**, professor of history, **RACHEL SCHWALLER**, assistant professor of art and design, and **DR. PATTY WILLIAMS**, dean of graduate and adult programs, were awarded grants to participate in the Consortium for Online Humanities Instruction, a two and a half year project. (See article on page two for details.)

**DR. AMY GETTY**, professor of English, and **DAN CHIBNALL**, user services and instruction design librarian, co-authored an article, *Skillful Scaffolding: Using Information Literacy Techniques to Enhance Literature Studies*, which was published in the fall 2013 issue of *Currents in Teaching and Learning*. The article explores the embedded librarian model and GV's efforts to use scaffolding teaching techniques in two literature

classes to help students strengthen their information literacy and literary skills.

**REV. DR. MARK MATTES**, professor of theology and philosophy, had a chapter published in *The Oxford Handbook of Martin Luther's Theology* (Oxford University Press, 2014), as well as an additional article, *Luther's Use of Philosophy*, published in the 2013 *Lutherjahrbuch* in Germany. He also had a chapter, *A Contemporary View of Faith and Reason*, published in the book *Propter Christum: Christ at the Center*.

**SHANNON MICHELSEN**, enrollment counselor for the College for Professional and Adult Learning, is serving as the benefit co-chair for the C.A.N (Child Abuse and Neglect) Prevention Council.

**MICHAEL NORRIS**, director of graduate studies, earned his Ph.D. in education (Educational Leadership) from Iowa State University in May.

**DR. MATTHEW PLOWMAN**, associate professor of history, presented a paper, *Enemies at the Golden Gate: The Pacific Theatre of Anglo-German Intelligence inside Indo-Irish Nationalism during World War I*, at the International Conference, *Perspectives on the Great War*. This is his final conference paper on his research topic before assembling a book.

**MARCIA ROTH**, assistant professor of nursing, and **DEB CASON**, assistant professor of nursing, were awarded the Volunteer Partner of the Year Award

from Goodwill Industries of Central Iowa. They have been taking students to the Day Services of Goodwill as part of the Community Health Clinical Experience. Students perform physical assessments and present health education to clients.

**MICHAEL SHUPP**, director of the Bookstore and Campus Services, completed the recertification requirements for the Certified Collegiate Retailer (CCR) designation from the National Association of College Stores (NACS). Since 2004 when the CCR designation was launched, only 120 individuals have earned certification among more than 4,100 college stores and associate members in the NACS association.

**DR. CHAD TIMM**, associate professor of education, authored the Instructor Resource Manual for *A People and a Nation: A History of the United States*, published by Cengage Learning. The manual contains a set of learning objectives, a comprehensive chapter outline, ideas for classroom activities, suggested paper topics, and a lecture supplement for each chapter.

**JACQUIE WELTY**, advisor for the College for Professional and Adult Learning, was appointed to secretary for the IowaAN – Iowa's chapter of National Academic Advising Association (NACADA).

**STEVE WINZENBURG**, professor of communication, conducted a talk show study, which was released and picked up by the Hollywood Reporter. 

# FINDING YO

## who you are and

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

PHOTOS KELSEY MAGGARD '14, LACIE SIBLEY '07, DOUG WELLS

What is the worth of a college degree? Why seek out higher education in the first place? Could the answers be to gain skills? To get a job? To make money? But what about taking a deeper look at ourselves, discovering what really makes us tick and come alive, what gifts and talents are individual to each of us that could be put to use for the greater good...

Society today places a high value on having a degree – any degree – in order to get a job. And not just any job, but a good job, one that pays well and has a great 401K. Parents typically want their children to have better lives than they did. More often than not, that means going to college and getting a degree in business or nursing or pursuing a law degree so that their children will be set for life. This also sometimes means foregoing true passions in the pursuit of what society deems a happy life.

At Grand View, while we strive to prepare students with the skill sets they will need for their careers, we also encourage students to find themselves while they are here, to explore the many avenues open to them and discover their place in the world, their vocation. This is not a new program or recent student project; rather this concept of vocation is deeply rooted in Grand View's history and can be linked back to our very early days and the foundation on which Grand View was established.

### WHAT IS VOCATION?

Most people would probably say vocation is one's profession, a job. However, vocation is actually much more. The Lutheran concept of vocation is a calling from God to put to use the unique gifts and talents God has given each of us. Martin Luther believed that God is active and continuously working through all of us, in all aspects of our lives – all our vocations – as parents, as employees, as friends and in our religious affiliations. In simplified terms, vocation is anything we do to serve our neighbors and community.

### KENDRA BELZ '14

**"I think we all have a responsibility to society to do something. We all have something that we can offer to others, and it's my opinion that we should find that something and act on it. If we have a resource, and find someone else has need of that, we should help. Always sitting idly by and doing nothing should not be an option. A healthy society is one in which each person or group brings their own gift or talent that can be of service.... All of our unique callings and vocations serve a purpose. We are all here together on Earth and have to learn to live together in mutual benefit. I believe that is why we were put here together."**



# YOUR CALLING

## what you have to give

Our mission states: Grand View engages, equips, and empowers students to fulfill their individual potential and serve society. We commit to the development of the whole person – mind, body and spirit – and to preparing students for successful careers and responsible citizenship both in their communities and in a diverse and changing world. Our founders believed education was essential as a foundation for life, work, and service to others. And because of our Lutheran heritage, we strive to help our students discover their vocations and then prepare them to serve in their careers and communities.

Students come here seeking knowledge and skills for a career. Our intent for them when they leave here is to have discovered their true selves and be able to share that through service to others, in addition to gaining career skills. Our goal is to educate the whole person.



### **ERIC THOMPSON '14, Olympic wrestling training**

"I grew up in Shell Rock, Iowa – a town of about 1,200 people. I was the number one heavyweight in the country and went to Iowa State right away, but as time went on I realized the big classes weren't for me. I came to Grand View because I knew Coach Mitchell and Coach Reedy from when they were coaches at Wartburg. It was during my time at GV that I discovered what I wanted to do with my life and that was to continue training and give myself a chance to make the U.S. world team. I also found a passion for coaching throughout my experiences at GV and having coaches that helped shape my life. I met many inspiring people, especially through my involvement with student leadership. I feel I truly am a people-person and have the ability to connect with others."

### **VOCATION TODAY AT GRAND VIEW**

Vocation is embedded in Grand View's general education core and across the entire curriculum. Recently the core was recreated after much discussion with employers and faculty; it now focuses on five core outcomes, one being vocation. Through the focus on vocation, finding a true calling, students become more aware of themselves and what they possess in terms of talent and skill that can benefit others.

The first of three core seminars asks the question, "Who am I?" This course encourages students to explore their relationship to the world and their service to others. The second seminar asks the question: "Who am I in relationship to the world?" Students are confronted with difference, bias, and perspective through an immersion project within the local community. And the third one asks: "How will I serve others?" It is within

this seminar that students focus most on vocation. Students are given some tough questions to ponder: Why this career path? How does it express who I am? How am I serving others? With the guidance of their professors, students explore the multi-faceted ways they are called to lead a life of ethical service to others.

Faculty have been pleased to discover that many of their students have already put thought into this aspect of their lives, whether intentionally or not. Reflection helps students realize they have contemplated what they want to do with their lives, and most have an ingrained need to feel they are doing something worthwhile, something that makes a difference for others. However, everyone has this revelation in their own way, an aha moment when they realize a calling and connect with their own sense of purpose and meaning.

#### **DR. KATHRYN DUFFY, professor of music, 19 years**

**“My vocation is to help students expand their horizons of who they are as students, musicians, and professionals-in-training, and what their responsibilities and contributions to others are. During the time I work with students, I see phenomenal transformations. Generally students view music as something they enjoy, but they haven’t considered the role they play as musicians. Their initial view of music is often inward, benefitting them, but over time they see music as outward, benefitting others, and that they have the joy and responsibility of conveying the gift. I love seeing my students come to life! When I was a student, my professors challenged me and saw more in me than I saw in myself. I’ve been trying to live up to their expectations ever since and to help my students discover who they can be in that same way.”**



Perhaps Steve Snyder, professor of humanities, described the journey through the core best: “I can equip you with professional skills to go out and do a job, but you’re only on that job for eight to nine hours out of the day...you’re a human being 24/7. So it’s important that when we educate we think about the whole person. Maybe in the larger society today we think about education as transactional: ‘I will come and do these courses and get these grades and get this diploma and then will turn around and complete this transaction by getting this job.’ And yet when you talk to juniors and seniors and ask them what will help them with their career or what they mark as significant, almost all that language of transaction drops away and what they start talking about is transformation. If education can serve the whole person, that is a much better value.”

The Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVue) is a national network of colleges and universities designed to encourage the exploration of vocation among college students. This program was developed by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) with support from the Lilly Endowment Inc. and membership dues.

NetVue strives to strengthen the understanding of the intellectual and theological areas of vocational exploration. It is a place for institutions to share knowledge and best practices they have encountered on their

**“I knew I wanted to work with people based on the experiences I had at Grand View.”**

**– Megan Reynolds '14**

campuses. Member institutions have access to a myriad of resources, programs and services all designed to facilitate vocational exploration.

Program development grants are also available to existing campus programs that encourage the study and development of vocation. Grand View recently received a two-year development grant, which we will use to learn and explore additional teaching methods to effectively guide students in their investigation of vocation. There are plans to create additional assessment methods of student learning and understanding of vocation, as well as enhancements to the vocations week celebration that will be an annual signature event.

### TRANSFORMING LIVES: CELEBRATE VOCATION

The week of March 24-30 marked the first Celebrating Vocations Week at Grand View. The message for the week was "It's about YOU, your giftedness, your calling, your passion, your desire to give back."

During the week, several events took place, including the Business Colloquium, the unveiling of two student publications – Bifrost and Muninn – the first faculty/staff scholarship celebration, and Honors Convocation in a new format. In addition to these events, eight speakers were welcomed to campus and spoke to a variety of classes and clubs about their personal journeys of discovery. Tuesday Chapel celebrated vocation as a calling. Two lunch-and-learns were well attended, one focusing on the 2015 mission trip to Ghana and the other discussing minimum wage and its effect on people striving to live out their vocations. Alumni were invited to a "Pizza with the Pro" luncheon hosted by health promotion students where they interacted with professionals in the field to learn about vocation opportunities in the



HONORS CONVOCATION



### PHIL WEBER, painter, 7 years

"Each year my student crew has gotten better and I want them to know that GV appreciates what they do. I've taken them for pizza and brought them donuts, little things that let them know what they're doing matters. It's a lesson in life: if you work hard, you are going to get somewhere. I hope to show them what the real world is like because others have done the same for me. I would do anything to help these kids move along in life because I want them to do the same for someone else. That's the way life works. If I can change something a little bit in these kids' lives, then I've done what I am supposed to do. Other than my biological family, these are my kids also – I love these kids...I love this place! When you love to come to a job every day, then you know you have found the job for you. I was a union commercial painter for 17 years when GV offered me this position; I took it and I haven't looked back. It was a blessing from the Lord that I was brought here. I'm not sure what bonds us to this school but there is something here that makes this feel like a family. I never want to leave and as long as I can pick up a brush I will be here."

area. And throughout the week, the campus community was invited to participate in the Gifted Vikings online auction. Campus members were asked to donate their individual talents to the auction. Thirty-nine participants donated 55 items and raised \$1,860 by the end of the week, which will go towards funding the 2015 student trip to Ghana.

### **JULIE BANTZ, controller, Business Office, 13 years**

**"It has always been important to me to work for an organization that makes a difference. As a result, I have spent my entire professional career providing accounting services in the non-profit sector. Before Grand View, I worked at a children's residential facility and after watching children placed outside the home for treatment for seven years, there was something refreshing about working at a college where adults of all ages voluntarily choose to pursue their education. The positive energy I felt at Grand View during my initial interview made it apparent that this was something I wanted to be a part of. Simply put, Grand View is a great place to be. I have the opportunity to enjoy what I do every day and I get to do what I love with an exceptional group of people in a fun environment. If I could retire tomorrow I wouldn't – even if I won the lottery. There's really nothing I'd rather be doing and no place I'd rather be. I have been blessed to be good at something that I love doing and that's not easy to discover."**



### **WHAT THE RESEARCH SHOWS**

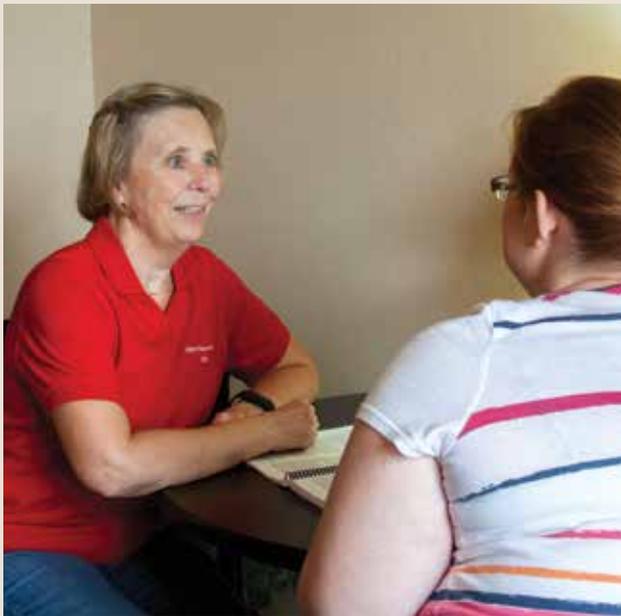
According to a 2014 Gallup studies report, having a good job is one of the most important factors in life because it occupies a large amount of time and self-identity. Additional research revealed that only 30% of Americans are engaged in their jobs, meaning the workforce is missing much of the benefit that comes from employees who are more engaged. This evidence backs up what Grand View strives to do with our students – help them discover who they really are, what really makes them come alive in terms of their life purpose and future career. By helping students figure out this very important life aspect, once students become graduates and enter the world, most have goals that are ultimately more fulfilling than just the concern of income alone.

Higher well-being and workplace engagement is also positively correlated with experiences during the college years. College experiences, such as extracurricular involvement, internships and large projects, have been identified as contributing to graduates feeling more prepared for life after college, as has their alma mater's passion about the long-term success of its students. Grand View requires internships for all students so they are able to put their classroom skills and talents to use in the real world and actually get a taste of the profession they think they want to pursue. Internships typically put students directly into the jobs they have an interest in, allowing students to determine if a particular career choice is a good match, if it satisfies what they want to accomplish with their lives and the need to serve others.

Additional Gallup findings reveal that employed graduates who had professors who cared about them as people, made them excited about learning, and encouraged them to pursue their dreams were twice as likely to be engaged at work as those who didn't have that kind of connection. Odds of workplace engagement increased nearly three times when employed graduates felt their college prepared them well for life outside of college.

“After 19 years, teaching is my passion and my vocation – I am lucky to have found that balance. Each day I drive to work I am truly excited to inspire students and to do the best work I can.”

– Dr. Paul Brooke  
English professor, 19 years



**CATHY BRENT, director of student success, Academic Success, 37 years**

“I initially came to GV after discovering that I enjoyed teaching and truly believed in baccalaureate education for nursing. Within the various roles that I have had at GV, I have been able to engage, equip and empower students by maximizing their strengths, helping them realize their potential, and complete their degree successfully. I’ve been asked if it was hard to give up nursing, but I believe that I am still providing care to students. It is not as related to their physical needs, but it certainly is holistic in nature and as important to their wellbeing. I love to learn and innovate, and I feel supported and appreciate the sense of community that exists here. As I approach retirement, I look forward to it with both excitement and trepidation. GV has become such a part of my life and who I am, my identity, that it is going to very difficult reshape who I am.”

Having employees who are engaged in their careers not only creates higher production for their companies, but higher morale for the entire workplace. It lowers turnover and encourages thinking outside the box in order to further the business. Employees who feel connected to their careers develop a deeper appreciation for their employers and are proud to be part of the company. This goes back to the transformation process. When students enter college some know what they want to do while others are undecided. With Grand View’s help, students start to take a deeper look at themselves and find that what they truly want in life is to make a difference.

Education should change you as a person, make you feel different. Education should be transformational – and that is exactly what Grand View is doing and has always done. **GV**



Watch videos online in which Grand View students talk about finding their calling.



## PLUMMER NAMED NACDA NAIA UNDER ARMOUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) has announced its winners of the Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year Award (ADOY), and GV Athletic Director Troy Plummer is a recipient of the 2014 ADOY Award.

The award spans seven divisions (NCAA FBS, FCS; Division I-AAA, II, III, NAIA/Other Four-Year Institutions and Junior College/Community Colleges). Plummer received the award during the James J. Corbett Awards Luncheon June 11 at NACDA's 49th Annual Convention at the World Center Marriott Resort in Orlando, Fla.

Plummer was appointed athletic director in 2007, and since that time GV athletics has grown from 275 athletes in 16 sports to 689 athletes in 24 sports. The Vikings have won the Midwest Collegiate Conference Commissioner's



Troy Plummer

Cup the past four years; an honor for overall athletic excellence. Since taking over as athletic director, Plummer has been voted MCC Athletic Director of the Year four times.

Shortly after Plummer was named athletic director, GV began competing in football

and wrestling. In just six short years, these two programs have won a combined four national championships – wrestling in 2012, 2013, and 2014, and football in 2013. Many other GV programs have garnered national attention. The men's soccer team was ranked No. 1 in the nation and the men's golf, women's volleyball, men's volleyball, and women's bowling teams have all been ranked in the top-10 nationally in 2013-14. In addition, women's basketball, women's golf, women's soccer,

softball, and baseball teams consistently appear in the national rankings and make national tournament appearances.

In 2013-14, GV successfully hosted the NAIA Championship Opening Round for women's volleyball, men's soccer, and football, as well as the football championship second round and semifinal games.

With Plummer at the helm, the athletic department has added 21 full-time employees, and every athletic program has benefited from more than five million dollars in facility upgrades. Plummer contributes to GV and NAIA athletics on a national level. He is a member of the National Alumni Council and serves on the Championships Committee, the NAIA Task Force for Emerging Sports, and is the assistant commissioner for NAIA men's volleyball. **GV**



Troy Plummer discusses his AD of the year award.

## GRAND VIEW CHOSEN AS HOST SITE FOR HIGH-PROFILE FUNDRAISER

Grand View was chosen as one of four host sites across the nation for a high-profile event featuring one of the most decorated players in women's soccer history, Abby Wambach. Wambach will headline the fundraiser organized by the Iowa Soccer Association Sunday, November 9, in the Charles S. Johnson Wellness Center, which will benefit Courage League Sports. Courage League Sports is a recreational adaptive sports facility in Urbandale specifically designed for children not able to go "full speed" due to disability, illness, or emotional challenges. Wambach, all-time international leading goal scorer, is a five-time winner of the U.S. Soccer Athlete of the Year award, the 2012 FIFA Women's Player of the Year, and a two-time Olympic gold medalist. **GV**

## WOMEN'S SOCCER PROGRAM HOSTS SIXTH ANNUAL JDRF CHARITY GAME

On April 1, the Grand View women's soccer team hosted the Sixth Annual Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Charity Soccer Game at the Charles S. Johnson Wellness Center. The game pitted a team of Grand View faculty and staff against the Viking women's soccer team. The contest was a kick-off event for the annual JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes that was May 10. **GV**

# GRAND VIEW JOINS HEART OF AMERICA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE IN 2015-16

Grand View is excited to announce it will compete in the Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) beginning in 2015-16.

The HAAC currently consists of the following institutions:

- Avila University (Kansas City, Mo.)
- Baker University (Baldwin City, Kan.)
- Benedictine College (Atchison, Kan.)
- Central Methodist University (Fayette, Mo.)
- Culver-Stockton College (Canton, Mo.)
- Evangel University (Springfield, Mo.)
- Graceland University (Lamoni, Iowa)
- MidAmerica Nazarene University (Olathe, Kan.)
- Missouri Valley College (Marshall, Mo.)
- Peru State College (Peru, Neb.)

William Penn University was also accepted into the HAAC, expanding the HAAC from its current membership of ten institutions to 12 and marking the greatest number of schools to be part of the conference during its 43-year history.

"I was instructed over the last four to five years to expand the conference

and its geographic footprint," HAAC commissioner Larry Lady said. "The addition of Grand View and William Penn are a great geographic addition and are both excellent institutions to join the HAAC, which we believe is one of the finest conferences in the NAIA.

Grand View will compete in conference play in the following sports: men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer, volleyball, football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's indoor track and field, baseball, softball, men's and women's outdoor track and field, and men's and women's golf. In joining the HAAC, Grand View

basketball teams will change from competing at the NAIA Div II level to NAIA Div I.

"Grand View University is extremely excited about the opportunity to join the Heart of America Athletic Conference," GV Athletic Director Troy Plummer said. "As Grand View athletics has grown over the years and added sports,

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*— Troy Plummer, athletic director*

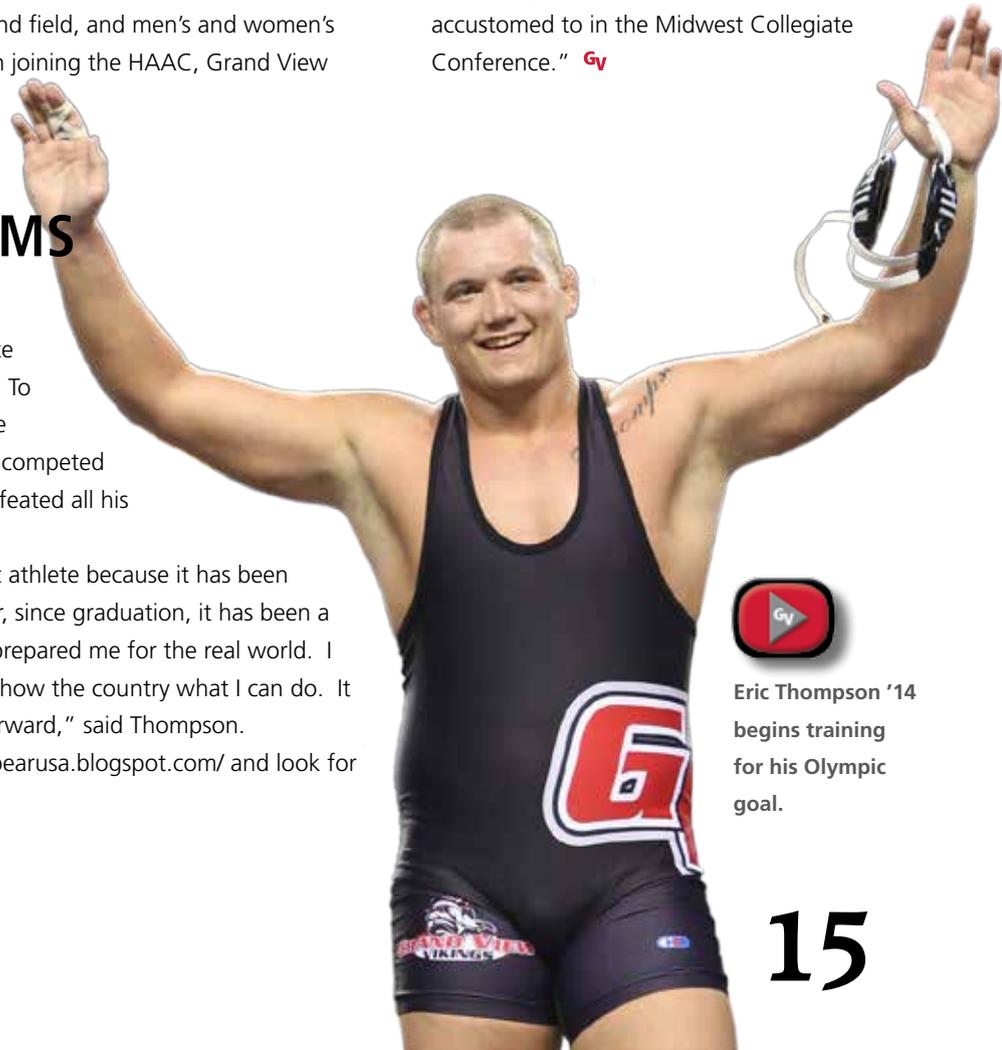
we felt it was necessary to look for a conference where all our sports would have the opportunity to operate under the same umbrella. We feel the Heart of America Athletic Conference will allow us to enjoy the same quality competition and collegiality we have become accustomed to in the Midwest Collegiate Conference." **GV**

## CHASING OLYMPIC DREAMS

Three-time NAIA National Wrestling Champion Eric Thompson '14 is chasing his dreams...dreams to compete for a spot on the United States Olympic Wrestling team. To further his training, Thompson accepted a position at the Nittany Lion Wrestling Club in Pennsylvania. In June, he competed in the 2014 World Team Trials in Madison, Wisc., and defeated all his opponents.

"I decided to move forward and train as an Olympic athlete because it has been an aspiration for me since I was eight years old. Thus far, since graduation, it has been a great experience. The education I received at GV really prepared me for the real world. I was excited to compete at the world team trials and to show the country what I can do. It was a great experience and a measuring stick moving forward," said Thompson.

Follow Thompson's journey on his blog, <http://goldbearusa.blogspot.com/> and look for updates in future issues of GV Magazine. **GV**



Eric Thompson '14 begins training for his Olympic goal.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Baseball

- Jeff Heath, Blake Marchant, Zac Smith, Kevin Soine, and Pat Winnike MCC Honorable Mention All-Conference.
- Evan DeCovich MCC Gold Glove Team.
- Hans Losada (twice), Brandon Potts, Zach Little, and Marchant MCC Players of the Week.



### Bowling: Women

- Third place at nationals.
- Brittany Smith NAIA National Rookie of Year and First Team All-American.
- Gary Gioffredi NAIA National Coach of Year.

### Golf: Men

- Fifth place at nationals.
- Jay Monahan national runner-up.
- Won fifth straight MCC title.
- Ben Wollam MCC Player of Year.
- Monahan MCC Newcomer of Year.
- Chris Winkel MCC Coach of Year; GCAA NAIA North Region Coach of Year.
- Tyler Christians, Monahan, Wollam MCC First Team All-Conference.



### Golf: Women's

- Runner-up at MCC Championships.
- Angela Chemas, Nicole McDonald, Kenzie Rottinghaus MCC First Team All-Conference.
- Chemas MCC Newcomer of Year.

### Softball

- Runner-up in MCC regular season and MCC Tournament.
- Jessica Grochala, Haleigh Munson, Jordan Sandquist, Cari Smith, Abbey Wilmes MCC First Team; Devin Brown, Justina Glick MCC Honorable Mention Team.
- Grochala (twice), Munson (twice), and Wilmes MCC Players of the Week.
- Wilmes NAIA National Player of the Week.
- Grochala and Wilmes named to NFCA All-Region First Team.
- Wilmes (Second Team) and Grochala (Honorable Mention) NAIA All-Americans.

### Track & Field: Men

- Won fourth straight MCC title.
- Lance Maxwell MCC Field Athlete of Year.
- Jerry Monner MCC Coach of Year.
- Michael Allner, Alex Alvarez, Kevin Brown, Chase Carlson, Jordan Cheatem, Andrew Clements, Hunter Donovan, Seth Harjes, Tanner LaBore,

Maxwell, Marc Osborn, Tyler Patten, Kenny Simmons, JR Snyder, Jacob Stacy, Zach Vos, Keonte White MCC All-Conference.

- Maxwell (discus, hammer), White (100m dash), Simmons (triple jump) and Alvarez, Porter, Harjes, Vos (4x400m relay) qualified for nationals.
- Maxwell eighth in hammer; All-American at nationals.

### Track & Field: Women

- Runner-up at MCC Championships.
- Val Veiock MCC Field Athlete of Year.
- Dede Ayers, Kelsey Carbajo, Macy Carbajo, Kelley Carden, Ragan Duax, Colleen Frank, Ashley Girard, Amber Jones, Jena Krebs, Jasmine Nielsen, Natalie Potts, Hannah Sobaski, Hannah Stouffer, Veiock, Taylor Wells MCC All-Conference.
- Frank (hammer), Krebs (hammer), Veiock (hammer, discus, shot put), Carbajo (steeplechase), Wells (discus), Carden (high jump) qualified for nationals.
- Veiock sixth in shot put, Frank fifth in hammer, Carden eighth in high jump to earn All-American honors at nationals.
- Veiock (four times), Stouffer MCC Athletes of the Week.



## Volleyball: Men

- Third place finish at nationals.
- Pedro Cardoso NAIA National Player of Year.
- Donan Cruz NAIA National Coach of Year.
- Nikola Vukicevic named to All-Tournament Team at nationals.
- Kyle Hanagami NAIA Sportsman of the Year. **GV**

Above from left: Abbey Wilmes was named NAIA National Player of the Week and NAIA All-American in addition to several MCC awards; Men's Outdoor Track & Field won the MCC Championship; Men's Volleyball placed third at nationals; Lance Maxwell and Val Veiock were named MCC Field Athletes of the Year.

PHOTOS: DOUG WELLS, SETH ROBERSON

## 31 VIKING ATHLETES EARN NAIA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced its 2014 Winter and Spring Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Student-athletes are nominated by their institution's head coach and must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved a junior academic status in order to qualify for the honor.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** Tayler Bontrager

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** Shelbie Beatty, Haleigh Biancalana, Samantha Norris, Erin Uhlmeier, Ashley Zobel

**BASEBALL:** Jordan Ross, Nick Salentine

**MEN'S GOLF:** Tyler Christians, Tyler Ludwig, Tyler Smith

**WOMEN'S GOLF:** Korbyn Granado-Bolton, Nicole McDonald, Kenzie Rottinghaus

**SOFTBALL:** Shelbie Beatty, Savannah Bice, Justina Glick, Jordan Sandquist, Jessica Stichel

**MEN'S TENNIS:** Luke Norris

**WOMEN'S TENNIS:** Lauren Lightner, Angela Nims

**MEN'S TRACK & FIELD:** Tyler Patten, Zach Vos, Keonte White

**WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD:** Kelsey Carbajo, Ragan Duax, Sam Haunsperger, Val Veiock

**WRESTLING:** Dallas Houchins, Chad Lowman **GV**

## MCC HONORS 124 STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR ACADEMICS

The Midwest Collegiate Conference announced academic all-conference honors for the 2013-2014 year. A total of 769 student-athletes from the league's seven institutions were honored on MCC all-academic teams in 15 sports, including a number of student-athletes receiving academic honors in multiple sports.

Grand View had 124 student-athletes in 15 sports receive recognition. Thirty-one varsity student-athletes have 4.0 grade point averages; seven of those are from Grand View. The honorees must have completed at least two consecutive terms at their current institution, have at least a 3.2 cumulative GPA, and play in at least one varsity competition.

A complete list of 2013-14 MCC Academic All-Conference Teams: <http://www.midwestcollegiateconference.com/article/1729.php> **GV**



Class of 2014 graduates talk about their transformations.

## THE HEALING POWER OF EDUCATION

We are all brought to certain points of change in our lives through circumstance or opportunity or sometimes completely by chance. For one recent graduate, a major life change and search for recovery led her to Grand View after surviving a car accident that left her unable to function in the job she had performed routinely for years.



For Kathryn Thayer, April 26 marked the end of one journey and the beginning of another as she stood on the commencement stage in her cap and gown, honor chords draped around her neck, and addressed the entire graduating class. Thayer is Grand View's first commencement student speaker of the College for Professional and Adult Learning. As an adult learner, she faced many challenges that traditional students don't even consider. She also confronted her fears surrounding her cognitive ability to learn after the accident left her with persistent post-concussive syndrome – a rare condition that results in concussion-like symptoms weeks, months, or even years after the initial concussion.

Four years ago, in April 2010, Thayer, a mother, a wife, a grandmother, and fully-employed paralegal in Warren County, was in a string of vehicles that was rear-ended by a fully loaded semi-tractor trailer...

"I remember the release of a long sigh. I was fully conscious but felt disconnected from what was going on around me," Thayer recalls. "I declined medical care when first responders arrived; I felt that I needed to get to my own doctor and to stay close to the baby strapped in the car seat behind me."

When Thayer returned to work, she quickly realized she was unable to do the functions of her job that she had routinely performed for years. She couldn't recall Iowa Codes that had been well-memorized or type efficiently. Her left eye refused to focus properly and her speech was greatly affected. Her employer hired a temp as Thayer attempted to re-learn her job.

Thayer's team of care professionals grew as she was referred to numerous specialists and surgeons. She went to more than 450 appointments – two-thirds of them were for treatment and physical therapy to control her pain and try to recover the range of motion in her neck.

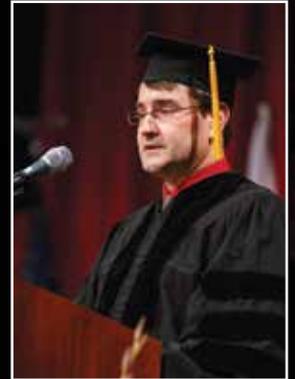
"None of that mattered," Thayer said. "My mind is what concerned me the most. My neurologist felt that when I had less pain and more rest that my ability to remember would return. Eighteen months later he diagnosed me with persistent post-concussive syndrome. And a year after that, that same doctor told me my cognitive ability to remember was as good as it was going to get. I never thought I would hear those words."

It was that night Thayer spoke to God, telling Him that this was not okay.

As part of her recovery plan, Thayer returned to college with the sole purpose of jump-starting her mind. She believed that with the help of her cognitive therapist, her class assignments could be an extension of her therapy. Grand View, with its paralegal bachelor's degree, was the natural choice since Thayer already had her AA degree in paralegal studies.

# Commencement 2014

Dr. Brad A. Buck, director of the Iowa Department of Education, gave the commencement address and was conferred an honorary degree April 26 during the Commencement ceremony at Hy-Vee Hall. PHOTOS: DAN VANDER BEEK '90



"I remember my first class...Constitutional Law. I stared at the syllabus...eight legal briefs on U.S. Supreme Court cases were due throughout the course. I felt my advisor was wrong and should have enrolled me in a less strenuous class. But I soon discovered the class forced my mind to cooperate, and at the end of the term, I clicked into my grades and stared at an A."

Prior to the accident, Thayer filled her time and home with friends and family. After the accident, she could no longer tolerate light, noise or movement. She was filled with regret that she could no longer keep up with the activities of family and friends. During her studies, Thayer was confronted with a tough question: what did she feel was so good about being a triple-tasking social director? That question forced her to reconsider her path and the worth of the life she was trying so hard to get back to. And eventually, somewhere between an internship at a South African

orphanage and working in a homeless shelter assisting with art therapy, her academic major changed, as did her heart.

"Four years ago on that rainy, April afternoon, I set out on a thirty-minute trip. I could never have imagined where it would lead me. The life lessons learned have been many, but these things I know... Change is certain. There will be intentional and sometimes inevitable redirection throughout our life journeys. This redirection, as harsh as it may seem, moves us to where we need to be and who we need to become. Change is often the lens that allows us to catch sight of our higher purpose and change illuminates relationships. True friends step up and hold on to us tightly in those strong winds of change, and will not let us fall. I now know that it is not in busyness that we should live, it is in meaningfulness." 



Kathryn Thayer's entire commencement speech is available to view online.

## NATIONAL ALUMNI COUNCIL

Little did I know of the impact GV would have on my life when I first set foot on campus fifty years ago.

The 1964 class was the first class of baby boomers to enter college. Classes were full and many were held in Grand View Lutheran Church and Luther Memorial Church. We even had classes on Saturday mornings. It was here that I met my late husband, Ed Jensen '66, while participating in a play. I was in the cast, he was on the crew, and our first date was the cast party.

Much has changed since my time here. GV has gone from a two-year college to offering four-year undergraduate degrees and master's programs. Athletic offerings now include 24 sports for men and women. There are now 40 majors to choose from and the residence life area is bursting, not to forget the new academic buildings as well.

The student center we knew, Valhalla, disappeared many years ago and a memorial garden now occupies that space. The current Student Center is under construction and set for completion by fall 2015.

With all this change, GV students are creating new memories, and one can only wonder what they will look back and remember 50 years from now.

Plan a visit to your old stomping grounds – there are many opportunities such as art exhibits, theatre and music performances, as well as alumni events.

Go Vikings!

Suzette (Stephens '66) Jensen  
GV Alumni Council President

### 1954

**ETHEL (KJAER '54) BARKER** published a book called, For the Love of Pete, an Orphan Train Story.

### 1963

**DR. JERRY GATES '63** stepped down as Chair of Family Medicine, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California after seven years. He is the only non-physician in the country to chair a clinic medicine department. He will continue to be the Principal Investigator of the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center – a federally funded center he has directed since 1988.

### 1985

**SUSAN FLACK '85** was named the Iowa Association of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation (IACPA) 2014 Distinguished Member of the Year.

**DAVE LEVY '85** builds bicycles at Ti Cycles Fabrication in Portland, Ore., and is involved with the Oregon Manifest for the third time. In 2011, he mentored a student team from the University of Oregon that won the student competition.

### 1988

**BETTY PETERSON '88** is retiring from the Baxter Community School District after 26 years.

### 1989

**JAMES BEARDEN '89** is an American sculptor, based in Des Moines, Iowa, who works with metals in creating figures. For several years he was an art director before striking out on his own as an artist. A new movie, Man of Metals, was released featuring the artistic life of Bearden.

### 1995

**ERIC HANSON '95** resides in Atlantic, Iowa, in his newly purchased home.

### 2000

**BROOKS REYNOLDS '00**, one of the founders of the Blue Ribbon Bacon Festival, added another event to his famous bacon-filled fest – the first Bacon Ride: The Ride for the Cured took place in June. More than 3,000 cyclists participated, riding 71 miles of the Raccoon River Valley Loop Trail, enjoying several stops with bacon-themed treats.

### 2001

**MIKE ROATE '01** is an elementary and middle school teacher in Clarinda, Iowa. He recently exhibited and drew caricatures at ArtFest Midwest in Des Moines.

### 2003

**LORIE (MARKER '03) CANNON** graduated May 4 with her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, with a focus on family practice nurse practitioner.

### 2006

**ALAIN QUIJANO '06**, former baseball coach, is a left-handed pitcher for the York Revolution in the Atlantic League after three seasons in the American Association. Quijano is 39-43 with a 4.47 ERA over the course of his seven-year pro career.

**KATHRYN (JENSEN '06) TANNER** and her husband, Michael, reside in Apple Valley, Minn.



**KATIE OSTREM '06** married Casey Royer May 3 at Luther Memorial Church. She is director of alumni relations at Grand View.

### 2008

**PAT HOBERG '08** attended umpire school in Florida and umpired his first major



## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

### Self Guided Picto-Tour

**All Day, Begin in Humphrey Center Historic Hall or Library**  
How well do you know GV's iconic spaces? Use photo clues as a guide across campus. Historic information will be posted at each destination.

### Einstein's Brothers Bagels and Coffee Shop

**8 a.m. – 2 p.m., Library**  
Stop by to visit a new addition to campus and enjoy a cup of coffee.

### Registration and Continental Breakfast

**8:30 a.m., Humphrey Center Historic Hall**

### Alumni College: Cuba Then and Now

**9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Humphrey Center, Rodholm Room**  
Presented by Assistant Professor of Modern Language Coralie Turner and Lecturer of Spanish Amy Schumann.

### Alumni Orientation & Campus Tour

**10:30 a.m. – Noon, Beginning at the Humphrey Center**  
Tour the GV campus (on foot or by golf cart), including an inside look at the renovations and addition to the Student Center.

### Lunch with President Henning

**Noon – 1:00 p.m., Knudsen Dining Hall**

### GV Archive Open House

**Noon – 4:00 p.m., Library Archives**  
Visit years gone by through photos, yearbooks and memorabilia.

### Viking 5K & Kid Trot Registration/Package Pick-up

**1:00 – 4:30 p.m., Humphrey Center, 3 ½ Floor**

### Classes without Quizzes: Be a college student again

**1:00 – 1:50 p.m.**  
Sit in on one of these GV classes:  
Interactive Design with Cynthia Wiley, assistant professor of art & design  
Interpretation of Language with Dr. Amy Getty, professor of English  
Logos: American Dream with Dr. Chad Timm, associate professor of education

### Grand View Reunion

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Humphrey Center, Rodholm Room**  
Featuring the class of 1964 – 50 years! The reunion party is not restricted to class members – feel free to join!

### Song Fest with GV Choir

**3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Luther Memorial Church**  
Sing favorite hymns with the Grand View choir.

### President's Club Dinner

**5:30 p.m., Prairie Meadows**  
Recognition of Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, alumni award winners and the Class of 1964. President's Club members complimentary; others may purchase tickets for \$60.

### Women's Volleyball vs. Graceland

**7:00 p.m., Johnson Wellness Center, Fieldhouse**

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

### Viking 5K & Kid Trot Registration/Check-in

**7:30 – 8:30 a.m., Krumm Business Center, Atrium**

### Aebleskiver Experience

**8:30 – 10:00 a.m., Grand Central Plaza**  
Enjoy traditional Danish pancakes!

### Viking 5K Race Begins

**9:00 a.m., Grand Central Plaza**  
Register online at [www.grandview.edu](http://www.grandview.edu) > Alumni.

### Women's Volleyball Alumni Game

**10:00 a.m., Johnson Wellness Center, Fieldhouse**  
Women's volleyball alumni meet up for some friendly competition.

### Baseball Alumni Game

**10:00 a.m., Luhrs Athletic Complex**  
Baseball alumni join Coach Lou Yacinich for some friendly competition.

### Kid Trot

**10:00 a.m., Grand Central Plaza**  
Children ages nine and under are invited to race for free. All participants receive award ribbons and a race t-shirt (if the child was pre-registered.)

### Student Center Renovations and Addition Tour

**11 – 11:30 a.m., Tour leaves from Grand Central Plaza (in front of Library)**  
Significant renovations are underway for the Student Center, with completion scheduled for summer 2015. Stop by for a tour of the building during the construction process.

### Tailgate Lunch and Leisure Garden

**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Outside Williams Stadium**  
Featuring a family-friendly atmosphere, complimentary lunch and lots of fun!

### Alumni Game Lunch

**11:00 a.m., Johnson Wellness Center, Lobby**  
Complimentary lunch for alumni game participants following your game. Pick up your complimentary ticket to the GV football game.

### Student Leader Alumni Reunion

**11:00 a.m., Outside of Williams Stadium**  
Whether you were a member of View Crew, Viking Council, Team GV or any other leadership team, be sure to stop by to reconnect with other alumni student leaders.

### Grand View Football vs. St Xavier

**1:00 p.m., Williams Stadium**  
Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, Alumni Award winners, 50-year Reunion, Student leader alumni and football alumni will be recognized at half-time. Purchase tickets at the gate.

### Men's and Women's Tennis vs. Bethany Lutheran

**1:00 p.m., Waveland Courts**

### Football Reunion

**4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Outside Williams Stadium**  
Viking football alumni are invited to reunite and meet up with coaches and current players following the game.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

### Worship Service: Featuring GV Choir & Instrumental Duo

**10:00 a.m., Luther Memorial Church**

### Complimentary Brunch

**11:00 a.m., Grand Central Plaza**  
(in case of inclement weather, Luther Memorial Church)

### Softball Alumni Game

**Noon, Luhrs Athletic Complex**  
Softball alumni meet up for some friendly competition.

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*Hotel accommodation information is online at [www.grandview.edu](http://www.grandview.edu) > Alumni.*

*Be sure to stop by the **GV Bookstore** where alumni receive a **20% discount**, excluding textbooks.*

***Golf carts will be available** on campus throughout the weekend to assist alumni.*

league game opening day in Phoenix, Ariz., in March, for the Diamondbacks versus the Giants.

## 2009

**ROBIN HANSELL '09** published her first children's book, *Mason and Monkey's Big Adventure*, which is available online at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Archway Publishing bookstore.

## 2011

**NICOLE (WELLS '11) AND MICHAEL BENNION '11**, reside in Taylorsville, Utah.

**KATIE TREANOR '11** is a third grade Karen Acres Elementary teacher who received the A Day Made Better award from OfficeMax. Through the annual program, OfficeMax surprises 1,000 teachers nationally with \$1,000 in school supplies. Of the teachers selected for 2013, Treanor was one of seven selected from Iowa.

## 2013

**WES DAWSON '13 AND NOEL MEDINA '13** are the CEO and VP of the mobile

Grand View was well represented at the Market to Market Relay 2014 – a race from Jefferson to Des Moines. The GV Alum Road Racers won the academic division and was comprised of Ryan Antolik '13, Austin Ward '13, Allison McFayden '13, Justin Meyers '13, Brittany Riley '10, Grant Liebe '13 and Taylor Swartz '12.



## WANTED: Send us your photos!

Send in photos of **YOU WITH FELLOW ALUMNI**. We'd love to publish them in an upcoming issue of the magazine!

Do you have a photo of **YOUR LITTLE VIKING** in GV Gear/Swag? Send it in and be entered for a prize drawing!

game Cover Red Spot, an app currently available in the App Store. The game is on track to be the biggest mobile gaming platform in the world. They have ten sponsors including Best Buy, Ford, Ford and Garland, and Boost Mobile.

**ANNA JOHNSTONE '13** was offered a position in the Nurse Transition Program, working in the medicine unit at the South Texas VA. Of the more than 200 applicants in San Antonio, only three were selected for the program.

## Future Vikings



**KYRNA (BATES '03) ERDMAN** and husband Tomas, a daughter, Reese Morraire, born March 11, 8 lbs 9 oz, 21.5 inches long.



**JESSICA (VON AHSEN '04) AND GEORGE BIRTHISEL '03**, a son, Olin Ellis, born April 8, 11 lbs 4 oz, 21 inches long. He joins big brothers: Keegan, 9; Johann, 5; and Tully, 2.

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The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, receives a Grand View University sweatshirt at the 2014 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly in May.

# 2014 ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

The Grand View Alumni Relations Office is happy to announce the 2014 Alumni Award recipients. Each year, nominations are accepted for these awards, which are presented during Homecoming festivities.

## Distinguished Alumni Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award will be awarded to Marla De Jong '88. De Jong earned her BSN from Grand View and is currently on active duty with the United States Air Force as a Colonel and serves as the Dean of the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM). This award is presented to an alumnus who has performed in an outstanding manner in their profession and civic activities, and who is recognized by their peers as a leader. In addition, De Jong exhibits the qualities of character and spirit that fulfill the mission of Grand View – service to others and their community.



Marla De Jong '88

De Jong said she joined the Air Force because, "It demands excellence and professionalism; promotes education, certification, and leadership; and encourages diverse opportunities that foster professional development." De Jong said she wanted a nursing career – not a nursing job. She has taught, led and mentored as a medical-surgical and intensive care unit clinical nurse, clinical nurse specialist, and nurse scientist. De Jong also deployed to Iraq for ten months where she served as the Program Manager for the Joint Theater Trauma System. As the Dean at USAFSAM she helps train 4,500 students per year by establishing training policies, administering courses, executing faculty development and evaluation programs, overseeing institutional accreditation, managing the budget; she also directs the Franzello Aeromedical Library.

De Jong chose Grand View for the BSN program and its reputation for excellence. She credits her professors who were instrumental in her education and subsequent success. In response to receiving this award, De Jong said, "As I consider the esteemed and internationally renowned GV alumni, I am especially humbled and honored to receive this award. I do not underestimate the impact that GV has had on my career and life."

## Young Alumni Award

Pat Hoberg, a 2008 health promotion and sports management alumnus from Urbandale, has been on the fast track to achieving his dream of becoming a Major League Baseball (MLB) umpire.



Pat Hoberg '08

He is this year's Young Alumni Award recipient. Hoberg played four years of basketball for the Vikings before attending umpire school at the Jim Evans Academy of Professional Umpiring. He was officially hired into professional baseball in May 2009. About five years later, Hoberg worked his first MLB game on May 31, 2014, and is currently an MLB call-up umpire. Hoberg said his favorite part of his career is, "Achieving something that I have sacrificed so much for, oh, and having an MLB stadium as your workplace." He also added, "I am very honored to be acknowledged for something I've dedicated my life to. I chose GV because of its size and location and couldn't have been happier. I try to represent GV the best way possible."

## Danish Heritage Preservation Award

The Danish Heritage Preservation Award goes to Ethel (Kjaer '54) Barker who followed in her father's footsteps at Grand View and with a respect and love for Danish culture and lifelong learning. Her father was a Denmark native and she decided to attend Grand View after Axel Kildegaard gave a convincing speech at a convention.



Ethel (Kjaer '54) Barker

Barker received her Associate in Arts Degree from GV where she met and married her husband, the late Ronald Hansen '53. The couple had two daughters, Alice and Susan. Ronald passed away 1958, a few weeks before completing his seminary studies. Barker later married Ed Barker in June 1960 and together they had two boys, David and James.

Fulfilling the Danish roots of lifelong learning, Barker received her BA and MA degrees in English from the University of Iowa. At various times in her life, she was a stay-at-home mom, a Title 1 reading teacher and an apartment manager. Currently, she spends much of her time writing and published her first novel, *For the Love of Pete, an Orphan Train Story*, in November 2012. She is writing another historical novel about farm life in Iowa during World War II.

Barker praises GV for her educational foundation, which inspired her lifelong educational endeavors. "This award is a big surprise and an honor. I feel that I do not deserve it, but I accept it in honor of my dad, who does. He has been my inspiration all through life."

The 2014 Alumni Award recipients will be recognized for their accomplishments during the President's Club dinner, Friday, October 3, as well as at half time of the Vikings football game vs. St. Xavier at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 4. **GV**

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The family lives in Massachusetts where Jessica is an assistant professor of communication studies at Bridgewater State University and George is a homeschooling stay-at-home dad.



**TANNA (SLINGS '08)** and Drew Weyers, a daughter, Kemper Cristen, born April 14.

**JULIA EMLEY '11**, a daughter, Brooklyn, born April 28, 7 lbs 11.8 oz and 19 inches long. Julia is a family consumer sciences teacher at Lincoln High School.



**SPENCER '12 AND CARRIE SPONHEIM**, GV director of annual giving, a daughter, Leah Jean, born March 27, 7 lbs 9 oz, 19 inches long.



**TED BRENTON '13**, a son, Zane, born April 28. Brenton was promoted to RN II at the University of California. He credits his mentor Cathy Homard for her guidance.

## In Memoriam

**EDNA (JENSEN '43) SWIHART** passed away April 25.

**REV. MARVIN NYGAARD '45** passed away.

**ELSIE (MOLBY '48) NORMAN** passed away March 17. She is survived by her husband, **George Norman '48**.

**ESTHER (JOHANSEN '47) PAULSEN** passed away May 29. She is preceded in death by her husband, **Howard Paulsen '48**. Alumni relatives include: Esther's brother **Arild Johansen '49**, sister **Edith (Johansen '43) Brakken**, and sister **Milda (Johansen '52) Ruud**.

**ALMA (GRUMSTRUP '51) JOHNSON** passed away May 25. She is survived by her husband, **Raymond Johnson '51**, and their children, Susan and Paul. She is preceded in death by her sister-in-law **Selma (Henriksen '39) Grumstrup**. Her cousin is **Karma Nilsen '51**, married to **Robert Nilsen '50**.

**RONALD L. MCCARTY '51** passed away March 18.

**DONALD STIELOW '51** passed away.

**SHIRLEY (LARSEN '55) BURKETT** passed away May 30.

**JOHN SCHOU '56** passed away December 28. He was a past GV board member.

**FLOYD "Q.C." TAYLOR '63** passed away June 2. He was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000 and played basketball for GV 1961-1963. He was one of the nation's leading scorers for the 1962-1963 season.

**NILE ILS '66** passed away June 20.

**DOMINIC LEONE '68** passed away March 3.

**ROBERT S. SHAW '69** passed away March 26.

**MARK SULLIVAN '70** passed away.

**LOIS A. (WILLIS '70) VINCENT** passed away April 30.

**JANIS K. (PARSONS '71) NELSON** passed away October 7, 2013.

**STEPHANIE (WESTPFAHL '91) SEILER** passed away May 5.

**KIMBERLEY L. TINDRELL '03** passed away October 2.

**JENELLE M. (ROMINE '10) REELITZ** passed away April 29.

Former student **DONALD MARSHALL** passed away March 17. 

### WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

Something new in your life? We'd like to share your news in the GV Magazine Alumni News. Send your information to GV Magazine, Lacie Sibley, 1200 Grandview Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50316 or email [lsibley@grandview.edu](mailto:lsibley@grandview.edu).

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**Please put a check by the news you want to share.**  New job  Promotion  Retirement  Achievement  Marriage  Birth/Adoption  Death

**Photos are welcome and will be used on a space-available basis.**

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# DES MOINES DIFFERENCE MAKERS

Grand View University

Grand View continues to grow and thrive in our community; more than 8,000 alumni live in and around the area. They are increasingly creating and leading significant institutions and initiatives in the region. Grand View success stories saturate the Des Moines area in the private and public arenas, lifting up the standard of living, increasing cultural opportunities and awareness for residents and the many visitors to the capitol city. The goal of the Des Moines Difference Makers is to call attention to alumni who are taking what they learned as students and what they have absorbed in the real world to make a difference in Des Moines.

## TOM TRIPLETT '88, VICE PRESIDENT, INTERIORS DIVISION, TRIPLETT COMPANIES



Tom has led his business for 40 years, and is one of the largest suppliers of office solutions in this market. Triplett Companies is consistently voted best place to buy office furniture and best place to buy office supplies by the Des Moines Business Record Top 10 Office Furniture USA Dealer, Haworth Preferred Dealer. Tom supports and is involved with several

area organizations, including: Variety the Children's Charity and Children and Families of Iowa, Iowa Interior Design Examination Board (state appointment), Workplace Alliance Board (industry), Office Furniture USA Dealer Advisory Council (industry), Groupe LaCasse (industry), and Vistage International. His company was also recognized as the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year; Tom was named a 40 Under 40 Leader by the Business Record.

### How did your experiences at Grand View help you to see the importance of service to society?

Being a Des Moines native and a Grand View graduate, I have

always seen the importance Grand View played in the community and how the university used itself to set the example for serving our community.

### How is Grand View most important to the Des Moines community?

Grand View is in tune with the business needs of today and tailors the education they provide to those needs. Students build skill sets based on the needs of our community businesses. Grand View taught me to take a different approach in understanding the many perspectives it takes to be successful, and community involvement is one of them. I have volunteered with several events and groups based on the value of what you put into something it will be returned to you several times over.

### How did Grand View help you discern your purpose in life?

Grand View gave me the tools I needed to run a profitable business, including attention to detail and working with different personalities. I learned how to do what is needed to get the job done with integrity. At Triplett Companies, we are committed to always doing the right thing. We believe that lifelong, trusting relationships are built on being fair, honest and respectful.

## JASON HENDERSON '93, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCIAL ADVISOR, MORGAN STANLEY



Jason provides investment services to more than 500 families, most with ties to Central Iowa. He is on the Board of Directors for Walnut Creek Little League, and is past president for the organization. His wife, Carrie, is a 1993 Grand View graduate and together they have two children, Zoe who is 17, and Fischer who is 14.

### How have the values you learned as a member of the Grand View community continued to be important to your personal and public roles in society?

The lasting lesson I have of GV is that many of the instructors I encountered came from "real world" backgrounds and tried to impress upon students the practical applications of what we were learning. It instilled in me the idea that it's important to try to help young people understand that there is more to an education than just what you find in books – that it's important to look at

the significance of how knowledge in seemingly unrelated areas can help you make better decisions in all aspects of life.

### How did your experiences at Grand View help you to see the importance of service to society?

It was obvious that many of the professors were active in the community in many ways, and that teaching was, for many of them, a way to give back. I recall several professors who were successful in outside business ventures before they taught at GV, which gave them a credible viewpoint in my eyes.

### In what ways have you become involved in your community because of your experiences at Grand View?

Following the example of my instructors in the business department at GV, I briefly taught adult education classes in West Des Moines that focused on financial education and literacy. I also try to stay active in supporting local causes and events with the belief that part of what makes Des Moines a great place to live is the fact that people get involved in things they care about, and they do it for the greater good.

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## Danish Gymnasts Performance

Sunday, October 12 • 5:30 p.m.  
Johnson Wellness Center, Sisam Arena



**9:00 A.M.**

Viking Kid Trot 10:00 a.m.

Register online at [www.grandview.edu](http://www.grandview.edu) > Alumni

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