



Dear Friends,

Warm greetings on behalf of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni! Here are some highlights of recent additions or enhancements to the campus:

Grand View Receives \$1.5 Million Gift

Grand View has received \$1.5 million to create The James E. Rasmussen and Duane M. Skow Chair in Pastoral Excellence at Grand View University. Thanks to a generous gift from Kurt and Lynette Rasmussen and Sandra Rasmussen (Grand View alums), the endowment aims to preserve and strengthen Grand View's commitment to providing excellent pastoral leadership for current and future generations of students and to become a model or a "center of excellence" for the larger Lutheran Church. The Reverend Russell Lackey, Grand View's campus pastor, will serve as the first holder of the Rasmussen-Skow Chair.

\$210,000 Grant Supports Launch of Emergency Grant Program

Grand View University has received a \$210,000 Dash Emergency Grant from Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation & Affiliates to operate and maintain a student emergency aid program. Emergency grants have been integrated into the college's overall student success strategy with the goal of improving retention and completion rates.

Grand View Choir to Tour & Perform Home Concert

The Grand View University Choir traveled a ten-day 2018 Spring Tour through Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New York. Grand View Choir tours extensively throughout the United States as well as regularly in Europe. Wherever they sing, they have been praised for their excellence in musicality, blend, programming, and attention to detail.

Grand View Biochemistry Program Receives National Accreditation

The Chemistry Department at Grand View University is excited to announce that the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) has formally granted the Biochemistry program a full seven-year accreditation. This is the first and only program in the state of Iowa to be accredited. The program was recognized for its support for diversity and internship, as well as research opportunities. Students graduating from the program can now have their degree certified (by taking a national exam), making them competitive with other graduates from across the nation.

Athletic Highlight

The Grand View wrestling program won an unprecedented seventh-straight team national title. With the win, the Vikings are the first team in NAIA history to win seven consecutive national titles. Grand View finished with a total of 10 all-Americans.

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Last year Grand View received a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment to launch a Youth Theology Institute for the purpose of cultivating youth who will be theological leaders of the church. The Institute immerses high school students in Christian community, learning under Grand View's theology faculty, being exposed to the vocation of ministry, and putting into practice their calling. More information is available at: www.thenexusinstitute.org.

eSports

Grand View has added eSports, an online sport, consisting of organized video game competitions. Specifically, Grand View students compete in League of Legends, one of the largest and most popular eSport games. eSports competitions have seen a large surge in popularity in recent years. Grand View University recognizes the value and legitimacy of eSports and is excited to have added to its already rich athletic program.

Campus Ministry at Grand View

Campus ministry continues to grow and serve our students in many ways. Chapel is held once a week with different guest speakers often featured and there are multiple Bible study groups, prayer groups, and evening worship offerings. The Viking House on campus is open during the day for students to hang out, eat, study, or relax.

God's Peace and Joy,
Kent Henning, President

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