

Dear Friends,

Warm greetings on behalf of President Kent Henning, our faculty, staff, students, and alumni! Here are some highlights from the past year:

New Student Center Opened Last Fall

The 67,500 square foot Student Center sits on the east side of E. 14th Street on the main campus and is connected to the Rasmussen Center on the west side of the street by the 156-foot-long Jensen Bridge, the longest skywalk in Iowa. The building, a combination of new and renovated space, houses student support functions, student services, student engagement and entertainment, performing arts and communication programs, as well as the Student Dining Center, which seats 320, more than doubling the previous dining space. “The Student Center is the culmination of nearly 15 years of growth and marks the completion of Grand View’s Campus Master Plan, developed in 2004,” observed Kent Henning, Grand View’s president.

Global Vision Week & Vocation Week

Global Vision Week is about confronting ideas that challenge our beliefs and views so we develop a deeper understanding of ourselves and the world. Vocation Week challenges our students to think of ways their gifts intersect the world’s needs. Notable speakers during these weeks include: Professor Sheila Ryan, Distinguished Chair in the College of Nursing at the University of Nebraska and Ms. Margaret Catley-Carlson, World Food Prize Laureate. In addition, many workshops, activities, forums, and an engaging online auction were held.

Athletic Highlight

The Grand View wrestling program again made history March 5th in the final session of the 2016 NAIA Wrestling National Championships in Topeka, Kansas. The Vikings won an unprecedented fifth-straight team national title with 210 points. With the win, the Vikings are the first team in NAIA history to win five consecutive national titles. Grand View finished with a total of 10 all-Americans. Head Coach Nick Mitchell was honored at the end of the night as the NAIA National Coach of the Year.

Kelley Johnson – “More Than a Nurse”

Recent Grand View nursing graduate, Kelley Johnson (’15) represented the state of Colorado in the 2015 Miss USA Competition. Her compelling monologue, “More Than a Nurse” earned her second runner-up as well as an appearance on the Ellen and Dr. Oz shows.

New Grand View Provost Announced

Dr. Carl Moses will become Grand View’s next Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective in July. Dr. Moses brings a solid record of teaching and administrative success to the ambitious leadership agenda awaiting the next Provost. Dr. Moses served three years as Provost at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA. Prior to that, he held the positions of Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, College of Arts & Sciences, at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA.

Campus Ministry and Theology Studies at Grand View

Campus ministry continues to grow and serve our students in many ways. Chapel is held every week with different guest speakers often featured. There are multiple Bible study groups, prayer groups, outreach events, and worship offerings. The Hougen Scholarship is available for ELCA students and Grand View is thankful for their hearty involvement. The Rev. Russell Lackey was featured in *The Lutheran* with the article, “Has the Spirit Forgotten How to Call Young People?” The Rev. Dr. Mark Mattes and the Rev. Dr. Ken Jones continue to contribute to a variety of scholarly Lutheran publications.

Grand View continues to appreciate its partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Southeastern Iowa Synod. We value the many Lutherans who hold Grand View close to their hearts as we hold you close to ours.

God’s Peace and Joy,

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