

# GVSU Retiree Newsletter

*Laker for a Lifetime*

## Welcome New Retirees

We are delighted to welcome our newest retirees into this special group of esteemed colleagues. This group includes Dean Paul Plotkowski and Andy Beachnau, whose dedication and contributions have left a lasting impact on our institution.



[Paul Plotkowski](#), the founding dean of the Padnos College of Engineering and Computing, retired this May.



[Andy Beachnau](#), 'Mayor of Grand Valley,' retired at the end of June following 42-years at GVSU.

## Campus News

### K-12 Connect Rebrand

K-12 Connect, a GVSU tutoring program first developed in response to COVID, becomes a freestanding nonprofit and rebrands as [EQPD](#).



## Approved Tuition and Housing Rates

Grand Valley's Board of Trustees recently approved [tuition and room and board rates](#) for the upcoming school year, determined to provide cost-certainty for all students and families.



## Commencement Stories From our Newest Alumni

Hear from [five newly graduated Lakers](#) on how Grand Valley shaped their lives and future.



## Welcome to GVSU's Newest Deans



[Marouane Kessentini](#) has been announced as the new dean of the growing College of Computing, furthering GVSU's Blue Dot initiative.



[Tim Born](#) was named interim dean of the Padnos College of Engineering, 11 years after joining the college.



[Linda Lewandowski](#) has been announced as the new dean of the Kirkhof College of Nursing, returning to her Michigan roots.

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## Upcoming Events

## Annual Board of Trustees Meeting

This years [Board of Trustees meeting](#) will take place Friday, July 12. All are welcome to join.



## Faculty and Staff Fall Kickoff

Save the date for the annual [Fall Kickoff](#), August 20, to hear the University Address and enjoy a Laker picnic in downtown Grand Rapids. All current faculty, staff and retirees are welcome.



## Grand Valley Homecoming

Save the date for Homecoming: Saturday, November 2. GVSU Football will play Wayne State, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Join hundreds of faculty, staff, alumni and students to celebrate being a Laker and cheer on GV Football! Check out all the day-of events on the [Homecoming webpage](#).



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## Feedback Survey

In the May newsletter, a survey was sent out seeking your feedback on your experience as a retiree and what improvements and communication you would like to see. **We want to thank you for sharing your experiences and suggestion with us via the survey.** HR will be reviewing this feedback and using it over the next year to help improve the retiree experience.

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## Retiree Resources

### Your Point of Contact

All GVSU faculty and staff members are assigned to an HR Business Partner to be their one-stop-shop for all employment needs, and that includes you! Jaime Guzior is your assigned point of contact for any questions or inquiries you have regarding retirement, benefits, or the university. In addition to retirees, Jaime supports [several academic and non-academic areas](#) throughout the university.



Contact Jaime: [GVRetiree@gvsu.edu](mailto:GVRetiree@gvsu.edu).

## Connect with Fellow Retirees

Have you signed up for the [GVSU Retiree Directory](#) yet? Stay connected with fellow retirees and the broader Grand Valley community by registering for the directory using your most up-to-date contact information.

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