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## Note from Kristin Kuczera

A new year always seems to bring change. I wanted to let you all know that as of January 3, I will no longer be working at GVSU. I have been accepted into my practicum for my master's program and it is more of a time commitment than I had originally anticipated. I will miss working at GVSU but more importantly, I will miss all of you that have made my time here so enjoyable. I enjoyed getting to know COTs from all over campus through "In The Spotlight" and other submissions we asked for in the COTA newsletter. Your participation makes the newsletter fantastic! In the words of my sister, I won't say goodbye, but rather "see you in the future!"

## New Years Resolutions

**Victoria Stubbs (Hospitality & Tourism Management):** My resolution for 2014 is to join the Grand Rapids Running Club and stick to their training program, so I can complete the Gazelle Girl Half Marathon in April, and the 5/3 Riverbank Run 25K in May!

**Coreen Bedford (PEW Campus Security):** I haven't set a new year's resolution in a long long time. I never followed thru. I would make some big commitment and by late February Pffft...gone. Only lasting impression would be the guilt of not being successful. I could usually bury the guilt with a cold beer and ¾ of a pizza along with a healthy side of next year attitude. I was recently discussing my weight with my brother who suffers from the same malady. Good food beats out reason which then contributes to a santa shaped body. The belly full of jiggely right out front and center. We both like walking and recently committed to the 5/3 Riverbank Run. Yup. The 25k. Walking at least 14 minute miles so we finish before the sidewalks roll up. I can do this. He can do this. My 2014 New Years resolution will be to keep the commitment I made while stuffed full of turkey and mashed potatoes and a 2nd helping of pumpkin pie ;) Cheers to you! Cheers to my brother Bob! Cheers to me because by golly in 2014 I am going to follow through!



# Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Week Events

## Monday, January 20

- 10:00-11:30 a.m.: Concurrent Social Justice Activities (see list at right for descriptions) Kirkhof Center and Mary Idema Pew Library
  - 11:30 a.m.-12:45 pm: Lunch with performance by the Fisk Jubilee Singers, Fisk University Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room
  - 1:00 p.m.: Silent March (assemble at Zumberge Hall)
  - 1:30 p.m.: Keynote Presentation by Chuck D  
Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room
  - 2:00-3:30 p.m.: Concurrent Social Justice Activities (see list at right for descriptions)  
Kirkhof Center and Mary Idema Pew Library
- 9:30-11:30a & 2:00-4:00pm: Upcycling: “Crafting for Our Community” participants will engage in upcycling crafts: turning pillowcases into dresses and shorts going to all over the world (needy countries), weaving plastic bags into sleeping mats (go to Africa). Making lanyards for cancer patients at the local hospitals. Knitting and crocheting hats for cancer patients, and through the Ronald MacDonald House in Grand Rapids. Making hats for newborns in the local hospitals. If anyone knits or crochets, please take along your needles and hooks. Yarn is furnished for the projects. Designing notes to put in the pockets of the dresses being sent to foreign countries. These items will also be donated to local shelters in the area. KC 2263, 2266.

## Wednesday, January 22

- 5:00 p.m.: Keynote Presentation by Jeff Johnson, author and political commentator, MSNBC; with performance by the Voices of GVSU  
Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room
- Note: This program will be webcast to Loosemore Auditorium, see [www.gvsu.edu/mlk](http://www.gvsu.edu/mlk) for details.

## Thursday, January 23

- 4:00 p.m.: Panel Discussion: The Continuing Trial of Trayvon Martin: Profiling and Privilege Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room

# January 20-25

## “Shake the World: Now is the Time”

### Saturday, January 25

9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Day of Service, coordinated by Community Service Learning Center. Volunteers will meet at the DeVos Center then travel to sites. \*RSVP required.

### Concurrent Social Justice Activities

- Poverty Simulation: The Poverty Simulation experience is designed to help participants begin to understand what it might be like to live as a typical low-income family trying to survive from week to week. \*RSVP required. Kirkhof Center, room 2204 (Poverty Simulation times are 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 2:00-4:00 p.m.)
- Marathon Readings: Campus community members will read from King’s speeches and books. Mary Idema Pew Library, Multipurpose room
- Upcycling: “Crafting for Our Community” participants will engage in upcycling crafts: turning pillowcases into dresses, weaving plastic bags into sleeping mats. These items will be donated to local shelters or organizations. \*RSVP required. Kirkhof Center, rooms 2263, 2266
- Straight Talk: Panel discussion (afternoon session only). Kirkhof Center, room 2270
- Film Series: Documentaries and films showcasing King’s work will be screened. Kirkhof Center, room 1104

Visit [www.gvsu.edu/mlk](http://www.gvsu.edu/mlk) for more information or to RSVP\*



## CHRISTMAS REWIND

The ladies at the Records office know how to have fun. Does your office do similar events throughout the year? Want to share your events in the newsletter? Send them to Erica at [bakერი@gvsu.edu](mailto:bakერი@gvsu.edu).

Decorate your hat contest in the Records office.



Sharon Hall, Pam Bacon, Cheryl Bronner, Amanda Sterling, & Becky Bakale





## Records office Cookie Exchange party.



Anna Platt & Becky Bakale



## DID YOU KNOW?

### COT Scholarship Opportunities

Do you have a child/grandchild attending Grand Valley fall 2014? If so, they may be eligible for the COT Scholarship.

Here are the Scholarship Rules –

The applicant must be a child or grandchild of an employee in the COT employee group

This COT employee may either be currently working and has completed a minimum of 3 continuous years by the application deadline (March 1st), or a COT employee who has retired from GVSU and is currently receiving GVSU retirement benefits.

Applicant must be admitted full-time student

Application must be completed for renewal. May be renewed for a max of 8 semesters.

Award amounts vary.

If they meet the criteria, have them apply! - <http://www.gvsu.edu/financialaid/>



## APSS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

### Promote Yourself through Professional Development

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	OPEN SEATS
January 16, 2014	2:00pm - 4:00pm	107C University Club	FULL
January 21, 2014	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Grand River Room	18



### Supporting Part-time Faculty at GVSU

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
1/28/2014	2:30-4:30	324/330 KEN
1/29/2014	10:00-12:00	2270 KC



**SEND ME YOUR VALENTINE'S DAY  
TRADITIONS OR STORIES. I AM  
LOOKING FOR FUN NIGHT OUT  
STORIES, GREAT PLACES TO GO,  
OR GREAT DINNER RECIPES. YOU  
CAN SUBMIT YOUR VALENTINE'S  
DAY INFO TO ERICA BY JANUARY  
27.**

## DATES

### Birthdays

1 -Judy DeBoer  
1-Mary Hamel  
2-Robin Burris  
4-Hollie Rago  
11-Joyce Sullivan  
16-Barb Hackley  
18-Rebecca Bakale  
20-Vicki Wenger  
22-Sheryl Nelson  
27-Keesha Hardiman

### GVSU Anniversary

2-Danny Abbott  
5-Craig Hammerlind  
12-Erica Baker-Bringedahl  
13-Diana DeRyke  
13-Diane Breeman  
18-Sandra Briggs  
26-Tracy McLenithan  
Cheryl Fischer  
Robin Burris  
Heidi Mull  
Marilyn Vander Wilp  
Mary Hamel  
Mary Ann Holcomb  
Tina Lee  
Rebecca Bakale  
Michelle Holstege

### Wedding Anniversary

10-Barb Hackley  
Diana DeRyke

Thinking of You  
Cards: Do you know  
someone who is off  
work because of  
surgery, illness, or  
accident? Please let  
Deb Bako know. She  
will send a card from  
our Association.

