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**SPECIAL
FEATURE**

*Grand Valley University
Foundation at 50*

***IMAGINING
WHAT'S NEXT***
*for Grand Valley
State University*

GVUF AT 50

RECOGNIZING 50 YEARS OF
OUTSTANDING LEADERS

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This 2014-2015 academic year kicks-off the 50th anniversary for the Grand Valley University Foundation. After five decades of tremendous success, it's easy to imagine that the best is yet to come. The university extends our sincerest thank you to the men and women who have led the foundation, worked tirelessly on committees and shared their wisdom, hard work and wealth to bring about Grand Valley's success. We look forward to the next 50!

For a complete history of the GVU Foundation
please visit: www.gvuf.org

GVUF HIGHLIGHTS

1965

With a \$20 first gift from one of its officers, the officially chartered GVU Foundation begins to raise private funds for the university.



1976

The foundation holds its first annual Enrichment Dinner to honor supporters and raise money for the university endowment.



1978

Russel Kirkhof provides the first individual \$1 million gift to the university. His donation helps to start the university endowment.



The foundation accepts one of its earliest gifts, the D.J. Angus, the first vessel operated by GVSU for the purpose of studying freshwater resources.

1979

Lubbers Stadium, one of many capital projects that benefited from the community's support, is opened.



1969

The Friends of the Arts supported the foundation by securing a collection of prints by Alexander Calder, some of which were sold to support the endowment and some remain in the university's art collection.



1981

The foundation starts the Grand Design campaign, which helped raise \$6.1 million to initiate a campus in downtown Grand Rapids. By 1988, the campaign raised \$9 million from 4,100 donors.



1996

The Grand Design 2000 campaign starts to raise \$15 million for new buildings for the downtown campus.



1988

Grand Valley opens its first downtown building, the L.V. Eberhard Center. It also includes the Meijer Public Broadcast Center which houses WGVSU.



1998

Ground is broken for the Richard M. DeVos Center and the Fred M. Keller Engineering Laboratories, both on the Grand Rapids campus.



The Meijer Holland Campus is dedicated.



1990

Ground is broken for the Cook-Dewitt Center.



The foundation reaches its goal of \$5.1 million for the Water Resources Institute to study fresh water resources, which was later named the Robert B. Annis Water Resources Institute.



1991

The iconic Cook Carillon tower is dedicated.



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1999

Grand Valley offers 107 privately funded scholarships for students. Today the foundation has helped create more than 350 private scholarships meeting the needs of thousands of students.



The Lake Michigan Center in Muskegon opens.

2003

The Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences opens with a ribbon cutting ceremony.



2000

The Fred M. Keller Engineering Laboratories opens, marking the first expansion of the downtown facilities for engineering students.



The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies is established with a generous gift from Ralph Hauenstein.



The Richard M. DeVos Center opens.



2001

The Building for Life campaign starts, a \$21 million campaign to support a health sciences center on the Medical Mile in Grand Rapids.



2005

The foundation initiates a campaign to build a \$5 million endowment for the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership.



2007

The John C. Kennedy Hall of Engineering opens to further expand the university's engineering facilities in downtown Grand Rapids.



2011

The Shaping our Future campaign exceeds its goal, raising \$96.4 million from 17,000 donors and ground is broken for the L. William Seidman Center.



The Shaping our Future campaign begins with an initial goal of raising \$50 million. This campaign included funding for the Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons, the L. William Seidman Center, academic programs, centers and scholarships.



2012

The campaign for the field station at the Robert B. Annis Water Resources Institute begins an ambitious one-year campaign. The field station will ultimately expand the institute's research capacity.



2009

The foundation helps raise funds for WGVSU's conversion from analog to digital technology.



2013

The Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons, the L. William Seidman Center, and the Robert B. Annis Field Station open in the same year.



2010

University leaders break ground for the Mary Idema Pew Library, made possible by the foundation's Shaping our Future campaign.



2014

The Grand Valley University Foundation endowment reaches a record \$100 million. Just think where we'll be in another 50 years...



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Richard M. (Dick) Gillett

Dick Gillett was the first Grand Valley University Foundation president when the foundation was chartered in 1965. Dick was one of the university's founders, a great strategist, and a dedicated community leader who helped the foundation build relationships throughout the region.



Paul A. Johnson

Paul Johnson became president of the foundation in 1981. Paul's personal commitment to the foundation was evident in his success in reorganizing the organization and taking it to the next level. During his tenure a number of foundation traditions including Horizons and the Foundation Annual Report were created.



Richard M. (Rich) DeVos

Rich DeVos followed Paul Johnson as the new Grand Valley University Foundation president in 1991 and continues to serve as the foundation's General Chairman. In his 21 years of foundation leadership, Rich has demonstrated an extraordinary vision and the ability to bring large-scale projects to fruition. His ability to think beyond the common place, has brought a high measure of success to the foundation.

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PAST PRESIDENTS

Richard M. Gillett
1964-1970
Keith R. Baker
1970-1974
John S. Edison
1974-1978
Nancy (Mulnix) Tweddale '95
1979-1980
Peter J. Reed
1980-1981
Paul A. Johnson
1981-1991
Robert L. Hooker
1996-1998
Richard M. DeVos
1991-1996, 1998-2003
General Chair
2003-present

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1960s

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Vice President 1964-1970
Philip W. Buchen
Richard M. Gillett
President 1964-1970

1970s

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1974-1976
President 1970-1974
Philip W. Buchen
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John S. Edison
President 1974-1978

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Chair 1974-1980
President 1979-1980
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1980s

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