

INTERIOR

Celebrating 40 years of distinctive education in 2003



In addition to awards presentations, the Alumni Association Board of Directors was introduced at the Alumni Celebration, May 9. Board members are, front row from left, Christine Greve, Kristen Wenzel, Roselyn Argyle, Vincente Castellanos, Cheryl Burzynski, and Arthur O'Neal. Back row from left, Dave Lewis, Bob Loftus, John Gustincic, Russ Beaubien, Kurt Ballien, Rob Grose and Tom Schrems.

SVSU Alumni Association recognizes outstanding alums

Six outstanding Saginaw Valley State University graduates were honored during the 2003 Alumni Celebration, Friday, May 9.

Each year, the SVSU Alumni Association presents the Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of distinguished service and accomplishment in any field of human endeavor that enhances the prestige of the University. This year, the association decided to add five new awards to recognize outstanding alumni from each of the University's five colleges. The awards recognize remarkable professional success and the positive reflection made upon the reputation of all graduates of the respective college and the University.

The 2003 SVSU Distinguished Alumnus is State Representative **James Howell**.

The first Outstanding Alumni award recipient in the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences is **Phillip Stable**, an attorney with Braun, Kendrick, Finkbeiner in Saginaw.

William (Bill) J. Mulders Jr. is the first recipient of the Outstanding Alumni award in the College of Business and Management. Mulders is a

partner in the Saginaw accounting firm of Andrews, Hooper & Pavlik.

The Outstanding Alumna in the College of Education is **Bethany Rayl**, a teacher at Bay City Central High School and an adjunct faculty member at SVSU.

The inaugural recipient of the Outstanding Alumni award in the Crystal M. Lange College of Nursing and Health Sciences is an associate professor in the college, **Averetta (Ava) Lewis**.

In the College of Science, Engineering and Technology, **Richard Nash** was given the Outstanding Alumni award. Nash is a chief engineer at Delphi Saginaw Steering Systems.

A 1977 graduate, Howell majored in criminal justice while earning a Bachelor of Arts. Howell represents the 94th Legislative District in the Michigan House of Representatives. He is serving in his third term. He is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and serves on Criminal Justice, Commerce and Government Operations

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committees. He also has served on the Agriculture and Resource Management and the Energy and Technology Committees. In recognition of his exemplary service in the State House, Howell has been honored as legislator of the year by both the Michigan Probate Judges Association and the Police Officers Association of Michigan.

Howell has provided valuable service to SVSU, working with a coalition of area legislators to build statewide legislative support crucial to the growth of the University.

Stahle is an attorney with Braun, Kendrick, Finkbeiner in Saginaw. He joined the firm in 1998, following 17 years with private practices in Detroit and Saginaw, and is a member of the firm's four member executive committee. His practice areas include estate planning, tax, business and real estate.

Stahle earned a Bachelor of Arts in the Honors Program at SVSU in 1978, and was selected as the outstanding political science graduate.

Within a few days of the completion of a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1983, William (Bill) Mulders Jr. successfully passed the CPA exam on his first attempt. He began a successful career in the



Jim Howell



Phillip Stahle



Bill Mulders

Saginaw offices of Ernst & Young before joining Andrews, Hooper & Pavlik when it was founded in 1993. A year later he became a partner in the young firm.

Bethany Rayl is one of the first people in Michigan to achieve National Board



Bethany Rayl

Certification: EYEA Physical Education. Additionally, she has seven American Red Cross Instructor Level Certifications. Rayl

prepared for a successful career as an educator at SVSU where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Physical & Health Education in 1991 and a Master of Arts in Teaching in 1999.

Lewis, associate professor of nursing in the Crystal M. Lange College of Nursing & Health Sciences, has built an impressive record of educational and professional achievements. Her experience includes research, teaching senior-level nursing courses, coordinating clinical experiences, and recruiting prospective nurses to the profession through the Future Nurses Club, which she co-founded.



Ava Lewis

Prior to completing a doctorate specializing in family health and child studies at Michigan State University, Lewis earned three degrees at SVSU. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 1979, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1985, and an Master of Science in Nursing in 1992.

Nash is the chief engineer of steering columns and intermediate shafts at

Delphi Saginaw Steering Systems. He is responsible for approximately 240 technical staff, supporting Delphi global steering column and intermediate shaft development and implementation. Nash earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from SVSU.



Richard Nash

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Professional Profile

- **Reza Akbari**, assistant professor of mathematical sciences, presented a paper titled "Boundary Problem of the Theory of Analytic Functions" at the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America. This year's conference was held at SVSU, May 2 and 3.
- **Scott D. Julian**, associate professor of management and marketing, and **Joseph C. Ofori-Dankwa**, professor of management and marketing, co-authored "The Effect of Accreditation on Business Schools: A Contingency Model," which was selected as the "Best Paper in Management Education" for this year's Academy of Management Program. Julian and Ofori-Dankwa also had two other papers accepted at the conference. The award will be formally presented at the Academy of Management meeting in Seattle on Tuesday, Aug. 5. The Academy of Management is recognized as one of the premier competitive conferences in the management discipline.

Condolences

- The campus community extends condolences to:
- **Jerry Stuart**, director of construction and maintenance operation, on the death of his father-in-law, Raymond Thatcher, who passed away May 6.

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SVSU bestows honorary Doctor of Laws degree to U.S. representative Dave Camp

U.S. representative Dave Camp received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree during Commencement, May 10.

The SVSU Board of Control formally approved a resolution to grant the degree to Camp during its meeting on Friday, May 9. The resolution commended Camp for his outstanding record of public service and his dedicated support of children and adoptive parents.

Camp spoke of the “power of persistence” as he addressed SVSU faculty, staff, more than 500 graduating students, and their friends and families during the Commencement ceremony in O’Neill Arena.

A native of Midland, Camp was re-elected to a seventh term in Congress in 2002. He sits on the House Ways and Means Committee, considered one of the most powerful in the House, with jurisdiction over taxation laws, health care and Social Security.

This year, Camp was appointed to also serve on the new Homeland Security Committee, which is designed to coordinate the efforts between Congress and the federal agencies charged with protecting our nation from terrorist attacks. Camp also was selected as chairman of the committee’s



U.S. representative Dave Camp received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Saginaw Valley State University during Commencement, May 10. (Photo by Tim Inman)

Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security.

As an attorney in private practice before his first election, Camp worked extensively with parents and children in

the foster care system. His experiences in this field gave him the background and insight to introduce landmark adoption legislation in 1996, called the Adoption and Safe Families Act.



Ryder Center was the site for the **Mid-Michigan Regional Business Expo**. Sponsored by the Bay, Midland, and Saginaw chambers of commerce, the annual event draws thousands of visitors to campus. Seminar presenters included David M. Hall, SVSU Executive in Residence, and Jim Van Tiflin, Executive Director of SVSU’s Center for Business and Economic Development. (Photo by Tim Inman)

SVSU cheerleaders, race car to appear in Bavarian Parade

The Frankenmuth Bavarian Festival Parade will include two groups representing SVSU – the Cardinal Cheerleaders, and the Formula SAE Racing Team.

The parade, which begins at 1 p.m., Sunday, June 15, runs through Frankenmuth. More than 100 entries are included in the parade, which starts in front of St. Lorenz Lutheran School and ends at Jefferson and Weiss Streets. The Bavarian Festival grounds are located in Heritage Park.



- For the past three years, SVSU has enjoyed Charter Communications' support of higher education by taking advantage of **cable modem rates** that were \$10 to \$15 per month below the residential rate. The new basic rate, starting July 1, is \$29.95. For more information, see www.svsu.edu/cardlink/employees.cfm?doc_id=72.

- **Central Stores** will be closed for inventory Thursday, June 26 and Friday, June 27. Orders received by Tuesday, June 24 will be delivered and charged to 2002-2003 budgets. Orders received Wednesday, June 25 and beyond will be charged to 2003-04 budgets. Deliveries will resume Monday, June 30.

- The **Request For Paid Time Off form** is now available through Central Stores, order number 62. Cost per pack of 50 forms is \$2.52.

- Springtime weather can be very unpredictable. Now is the time to consider your options when **severe weather** arrives. Please take a few moments to look at the posted signs in the entryway of each facility on campus. They show the recommended area of refuge on the first floor of each building in the event of a tornado warning. Try to remember to stay away from exterior windows, and large open areas with raised roofs such as the O'Neill Arena. One warning siren is located in the north campus area near Pine Grove Apartments while another is located in the south campus area near the Auditorium. Both sirens will be activated automatically if a tornado is sighted in the Saginaw county area. They will emit a continuous, uninterrupted tone. Seek shelter immediately.

- Please beware of the following **telephone scam** that has been reported in the past couple of days. Callers identify themselves as being from the phone company, and ask for your help

conducting a test. They will ask you to dial 90, then hang up. This enables the caller to place long distance, including overseas, calls that will be charged to your phone line. These calls are being made to random business numbers. If you receive a call like this, please hang up without dialing 90.

- The "Friends of SVSU" will host the annual **PAC Party** from 4:30 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 3 at Four Seasons Landscaping, 2760 W. Kochville Road. Brats will be served with cold drinks. Door prizes include two tickets to the Sept. 21 Lions vs. Vikings football game, with overnight lodging at the Westin Metropolitan Airport Hotel. Also among the prizes are a "mini-case" of fine wines, four "top-grade" New York strip steaks, a Lions autographed football, and numerous other prizes. Cost is \$10 per individual, or \$15 per couple. For tickets, or more information, contact Gene Hamilton, vice president for Public Affairs, at ext. 4069.

- The Student Life Office is holding its annual summer **clothing drive**, June 9 through 20. The office will accept donations of new or gently-used clothing to benefit the Saginaw Rescue Mission.

- The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum will host a **book signing reception** from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, June 12, in the museum's reception hall. Fredericks' daughter, Suzanne, will be on hand to sign copies of a recently-published monograph based on the life's work of the late Marshall M. Fredericks entitled Marshall M. Fredericks. For more information, call ext. 7125 or visit www.svsu.edu/mfsm.

- The American Cancer Society **Relay for Life**, a 24-hour, team-based fundraising event, is an empowering and fun way to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Join the SVSU Valley Visionaries team Aug. 16 and 17, beginning at 11 a.m. on Ojibway Island. For information, call ext. 4211 or ext. 7111.

Workshop focuses on cultural diversity in the workforce

SVSU is presenting a two-day workshop on cultural diversity initiatives for faculty and staff as part of the University's ongoing commitment to improving understanding and developing a diverse workforce.

Aya Fubara Eneli, president of the Kaneli International Training Institute, will lead the workshops on "Excellence and Harmony: The Role of Cross-Cultural Dialogues in the Workforce." The sessions will feature role playing, group exercises and other activities. The workshops are June 3 and 4 from 8 a.m. to noon in Curtiss Hall Seminar Room G.

Raised in Nigeria and now living in Danville, Ill., Eneli has dedicated herself to advancing intercultural understanding and personal excellence. She has more than 10 years experience in diversity education and has been a motivational speaker for more than 20 years.

Eneli's visit is sponsored by the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, the Office of Diversity Programs, and Employment and Compensation Services, as well as the King-Chavez-Parks Initiative of the Michigan Department of Career Development.

For further information, call Mamie Thorns at ext. 4068.



Aya Fubara Eneli