SVSU names 12 student scholars as Roberts Fellows

Twelve outstanding students at Saginaw Valley State University have been selected to participate in the Roberts Fellows program for the 2003-04 academic year. They will add a concentrated focus on leadership to their studies, culminating in a trip to Asia in May 2004.

The Roberts Fellows program is regarded as one of the most prestigious undergraduate programs at SVSU. The fellowships support a select group of students who have demonstrated both scholarship and leadership potential. These students will be supported through a two semester program of both academic course work and extracurricular activities which is designed to develop their potential as future political, economic and civic leaders.

To qualify, students must have completed between 48 and 100 credit hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.4 and pass a rigorous selection process. Students are chosen based upon their academic accomplishment, a record of university and community service, and other evidence of leadership potential.

Students selected to be Roberts Fellows will be required to complete a three-credit “Leadership Seminar” in the Fall and Winter semesters within one or more academic departments. During the year, the Fellows will also meet for informal seminars and discussions with various political, business and civic leaders from throughout the Saginaw Valley.

The SVSU Foundation Board has approved the students for the fellowship.

The program is named in honor of Donna Roberts of Midland, who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to SVSU through her personal generosity and prior service on the Board of Control and the Board of Fellows. A respected attorney, business leader and philanthropist, Roberts recently retired from the Dow Chemical Company, where she was Secretary and Assistant General Counsel. She continues to serve on the SVSU Foundation Board of Directors.
SVSU Foundation awards 2003 Resource Grants

In April 2003, the SVSU Foundation Board of Directors awarded a total of $20,000 for six grants to faculty and staff who applied for funding of projects to benefit SVSU students. Nineteen grant requests were submitted requesting a total of nearly $70,000. The selection decisions were difficult this grant cycle because only $20,000 was available to be awarded.

The SVSU Foundation grants are awarded from monies earned by an endowment established for this purpose. The Evaluation Committee includes seven community members from the SVSU Foundation Board. The following grants were selected for funding:

- **Program to Discourage Tobacco Use** - $630; Gloria Hansen, Director, Health Services; For the purchase of supplies and materials to provide a comprehensive campaign to decrease the use of tobacco on campus.

- **Speakers for Health/Athletic Issues** - $1,670; Angela Brames, Compliance & Academic Services Director, Athletics; To bring speaker to campus to address issues relevant to peak performance and healthy living for students.

- **Health Materials for International Students** - $1,700; Gloria Hansen, Director, Health Services; For the purchase of translated medical materials to facilitate healthcare for International students.

- **Visit to the MIT Artificial Intelligence Laboratory** - $3,000; Morteza Marzjarani, Professor of Computer Science; To assist in funding a trip to the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a group of ten SVSU students.

- **SAE Formula Car Project** - $5,000; Brooks Byam, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering; To provide 1.76 percent of the total project budget for the Formula Car designed and built by students.

- **After Hours at the Valley** - $8,000; Merry Jo Brandimore, Assistant Vice President & Director, Residential Life; To support alcohol-free social activities for students.

**Suzanne Fredericks,** daughter of the late sculptor Marshall M. Fredericks, signs copies of a book based on her father’s life’s work during a reception in the museum Thursday, June 12. The 268-page coffee table book contains more than 456 photographs and color plate illustrations. “The book is the first comprehensive monograph of the life and work of Marshall Fredericks that demonstrates the breadth and innovation of his creativity with the figurative monumental sculpture tradition,” said Fredericks. “It is one of only a handful of monographs of this particular genre available in American art today.” Copies of the book can be purchased in the museum. (Photo by Tim Inman)

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**Condolences**

The campus community extends condolences to:

- **George Puia,** Dow Chemical Company Centennial Chair in Global Business, on the death of his father, who passed away June 11.

- **Sue Schmidt,** faculty secretary, College of Education, on the death of her mother, Ruth Russell, who passed away June 3.

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**Up Close and Personal**

**Professional Profile**

- **Francis Dane,** Finkbeiner Endowed Chair in Ethics, co-authored “Medical Students’ Attitudes in a PBL Curriculum: Trust, Altruism, and Cynicism,” which was published in Academic Medicine (April 2003, vol. 78, no. 4).


- **Barron Hirsch,** professor of art, was appointed judge of the 37th Annual Midland Art Fair, held June 7 and 8.

- **Matthew Zivich,** professor of art, submitted two drawings that have been accepted for the 2003 Regional Drawing Exhibition. Zivich drew “The Death of Wolfgang,” a pen, ink and wallpaper work on tinted paper, in 2003. He created “A Prairie Home Companion,” a wallpaper collage, in 2002. The drawings will be displayed through July 25 at the Elaine L. Jacob Gallery at Wayne State University.

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**Spring/Summer 2003 Interior Schedule**

July 8 • July 29 • August 19 • September 9
Support building for “Cardinal Square” concept

A group of community leaders recently gathered at SVSU to discuss “Cardinal Square,” considered to be a new concept in local development that will improve the quality of life in one of the fastest-growing areas of the Saginaw Valley.

“Cardinal Square is a collaborative effort of the university, Kochville Township and Saginaw Township to create an identity around the Bay and Tittabawassee corridor,” said Kochville Township supervisor Ken Bayne. “It’s an effort to create a positive image in a part of Saginaw County that is a big draw for many people.”

“The vision is that Cardinal Square will be SVSU’s college town,” said Eugene Hamilton, vice president for public affairs. “We see our faculty and staff, our students, and visitors to our campus enjoying the new and improved services.”

Cardinal Square seeks to capitalize on community assets for the benefit of residents, business owners, employees, students, visitors and staff of SVSU. Creating parks and green space, and developing a more pedestrian-friendly environment, are among the project’s goals. The Kochville and Saginaw Township planning commissions and leaders from the university have been working on the project for over a year.

Project leaders say trendy shops, restaurants and entertainment venues could play a significant role in retaining the Saginaw Valley’s young adults. “Cardinal Square is going to provide more diversified housing, more employment opportunities and more services for our students,” added Hamilton. “We see our students and our student groups becoming more involved in the community.”

The project heeds the public’s cries for increased cooperation in this time of reduced resources. Project leaders say Cardinal Square can be a cornerstone of the future. Through partnerships already established and those being explored, they expect it to take shape in the coming years.

“It’s been a very positive experience, and I’m very happy with the way the relationships have evolved,” said Bayne. “The university is great to work with. SVSU has outstanding individuals with such keen foresight and vision of what the future is going to look like.”

Two SVSU students win science award

Two SVSU students have been selected to receive the fourth annual S.K. Yun Science Award. Geron D. Johnson and Leonard M. (Lenny) Dantinne were chosen by department chairpersons in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology. The students will each receive a $500 cash award.

Johnson is a sophomore pre-medicine major from Saginaw. Dantinne is a freshman pre-elementary education major from Wallace, Mich.

The award is named after Dr. S.K. Yun, who served as professor and chairman of physics at SVSU from 1969 until his untimely death in 1994. He was particularly well-known for his research in theoretical high energy physics and his teaching of a range of courses, including a natural science course for non-science majors called “Beauty in Order.”

Nominations sought for KCP Future Faculty Fellows

The King/Chavez/Parks Future Faculty Fellowship Program offers funding to qualified African American, Hispanic, and Native American students who plan to attend graduate school to pursue a career as a college or university professor. Interested candidates should consider making application as they near graduation in their senior year. The SVSU KCP FFF Committee only considers applicants who plan to attend one of the master’s-level programs at SVSU. For additional information, or to make application, contact Clifford Dorne, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, and Chair of the SVSU KCP FFF Committee, at ext. 7072.
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• Carol Maciejewski

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