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May 2005 graduating class numbers nearly 800

Linda L. Sims, chair of the SVSU Board of Control, delivered the keynote address during Commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 7 in O'Neill Arena.

Sims encouraged the Class of 2005 to take what they have learned at SVSU to make themselves and their communities "something more, something better."

Sims, who was appointed by former Gov. John Engler to SVSU's Board of Control in February 1998, is concluding her second one-year term as chair. She also serves on the SVSU Foundation board of directors and has been a member of the SVSU Annual Fund Committee for 10 years.

Along with her service on the Board, Sims has made an impact on the quality of opportunities available to SVSU students. In 1999, she and her husband, Lawrence Sims, endowed the Sims Awards for Excellence in Public Speaking, which promotes and celebrates the development of competence in communication skills. Students from any discipline can enter the annual public speaking contest to vie for scholarships.



Board of Control chair Linda L. Sims addressed a graduating class that consisted of 632 individuals who marched in the ceremony. In all, 784 students were expected to graduate, including 552 who received bachelor's degrees, 210 who received master's degrees, and 22 who received education specialist degrees.

Photos by
Tim Inman

Sims' professional career spans more than 20 years with Consumers Energy. Recently she was named director of community services for the company's gas and electric divisions.

A graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism, Sims is an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America, and is past president of the local chapter, which she helped found.



As is tradition, President Eric R. Gilbertson congratulated each graduate who crossed the stage.

Join Your
GOOD TIME
Friends of
SVSU

Wednesday, June 15 • 4:30 to 7 p.m.

SVSU Grounds Building, Pierce & Tower Drive

Traditional brats, kielbasa and "healthy" 95% fat-free turkey brats grilled before your eyes by master chef Ernie Paulick.

Chips & salsa, veggies & dip and more!
Cold beer, wine & soft drinks will be served.
A great springtime meal!

Music by Elvis Presley, Elton John, The Beach Boys and others

Contribution of \$10 per ticket

For more information, call Gene Hamilton at ext. 4069.

Enjoy an evening of food, drink and good times with your Friends of SVSU, with the chance to take home some fantastic prizes!

First Prize

Two tickets to the Lions vs. Carolina Panthers game
Sunday, October 16

Overnight lodging Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Four Points by Sheraton
Detroit Metropolitan Airport Hotel
(compliments of the Detroit Lions Organization
and the Saginaw Four Points by Sheraton Hotel)

Second Prize

A "mini-case" of fine wines (compliments of the Cork & Ale Store)

Third Prize

Four "top-grade" New York strip steaks
(compliments of Ted's Meat Market)

Fourth Prize

10 yards of screened topsoil
(compliments of Anthony Gushow & Sons, Inc.)

Numerous other prizes!

Drawings at 5:30 p.m.
(You need not be present to win Prizes 1 through 4)

**Those interested in a new portrait
for the 2005-06 Faculty/Staff
Directory should contact the Office
of University Communications at
ext. 4086 to make an appointment
by June 1.**

**UP CLOSE
AND PERSONAL**

Professional Profile

• **Eric Gardner**, associate professor of English, has reviews of the new edition of Harriet Wilson's *Our Nig* (eds. P. Gabrielle Foreman and Reginald H. Pitts) and of Donna Bailey Nurse's *What's a Black Critic To Do?* in the current issue of the *African American Review* (38.4: 715-718 and 736-737).

• **Danilo Sirias**, associate professor of management and marketing, presented a paper titled "Improving Teamwork Using the Theory of Constraints: A Case Study" at the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the Production and Operations Management Society, April 29 through May 2 in Chicago.

New Cardinals

• **Heather Niederquell**, manager of grant and cash management, and her husband, Mike, welcomed a baby boy, Nathan (9 lbs., 3 oz., 19.5 in.), April 20.

Condolences

- To **David Hall**, executive-in-residence of management and marketing, on the loss of his son, Glen, who died April 13.
- To **Sharon Kwiatkowski**, senior secretary, on the loss of her husband, Victor Kwiatkowski, who passed away April 19.
- To **Joseph Ofori-Dankwa**, professor of management and marketing, on the loss of his mother.

Across Campus

- **Tim Rex**, administrative secretary/box office specialist, was elected to a three-year term as a council member for the Northeast Citizens District Council of Bay City. The Council's purpose is to appropriate funds for improvements within the district. Rex was one of eight newly-elected members from a pool of 23 candidates.
- **J.J. Boehm**, media relations officer, and Dave Slaggert have been honored for their broadcasts of SVSU football games. The pair won the "live sports" category in the annual Michigan Associated Press competition for their call of the Cardinals victory over Grand Valley State. The entry was submitted by WSGW radio, which carries SVSU football games, and judged by broadcasters in Georgia. Boehm accepted the award at the Michigan A.P.'s annual banquet in Southfield April 9. It is the third time Boehm and Slaggert have won the competition, having also taken top honors in 2001 and 2003.

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Noon on the Friday before the publication date.
Please send items by e-mail to: tmi@svsu.edu.**

Twelve SVSU students selected for leadership program

Twelve outstanding students have been selected to participate in the Roberts Fellows program for the 2005-06 academic year. They will add a concentrated focus on leadership to their studies, culminating in a trip to Asia in May 2006.

The Roberts Fellows program is among 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 that is designed to further 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 3.40 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.

The 2005-06 class of Roberts Fellows are Tara L. Barancik, Kami E. Gibbs, Ali N. Goodhall, Geron D. Johnson, Mark F. Kraemer, Christine M. Macey, Yuka Nakauchi, Regina A Nerio, Tori J. Oxley, Andrew T. Suszek, Carly Toyzan, and Janelle A. Wozniak.

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.

Drew Hinderer, professor of philosophy, serves as the group's faculty advisor.

The program is named in honor of Donna Roberts of Midland, who 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 retired from The Dow Chemical Company, where she was Secretary and Assistant General Counsel. She is an honorary director of the SVSU Foundation Board.

Scholarships go to 15 SVSU business students

Fifteen students have been awarded competitive scholarships through the College of Business and Management. The scholarships are in effect for the 2005-06 academic year.

- **John Neeb** and **Megan Romzek** have been awarded the Andrews, Hooper & Pavlik Accounting Scholarship. The scholarship is given to accounting majors who have completed at least 62 credits and are enrolled full time with a minimum grade point average of 3.50. Each will receive \$935.

- **April Bond** received the Shelley Berger Endowed Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship is given to an accounting major who has completed at least 62 credits with a minimum grade point average of 3.00 and resides in Bay, Midland or Saginaw County.

- **Matthew Davey** and **Rodney Francis** have been awarded the Case Family Law & Finance Scholarship. The scholarship is given to finance or legal studies majors with a minimum grade point average of 3.00. Each will receive \$625.

- **Tammie Weidner** received the John Clinkenbeard Accounting Scholarship. The \$655 scholarship is given to an accounting major with a minimum grade point average of 3.00 who has completed at least 62 credits and is enrolled full time.

- **Holli Izzo** was awarded both the James Harvey Memorial Scholarship and the Jean Davis Warrick Endowed Scholarship for Women. The \$100 Harvey scholarship is awarded to one full- or part-time student in any academic degree program in the College of Business and Management with a minimum grade point average of 3.25. The \$500 Warrick scholarship is given to a full- or part-time female student with a minimum grade point average of 3.25 who is enrolled in an academic degree program in the College of Business or Management.

- **Nicole Brown**, **Soon Jung Park**, **Stacy Pawlowski** and **Jeffrey Schulz** have been awarded the Don C. Law Memorial Scholarship. To be eligible, students must be enrolled full or part time in an academic degree program in the College of Business and Management and have a minimum grade point average of 3.00. Each will receive \$715.

- **Valerie Dansby** and **Justin Aeder** have been awarded the Saginaw Bay Underwriters Employees Endowed Business Scholarship in Honor of Kurt Ewend. The scholarship is given to full-time students in an academic degree program in the College of Business and Management who have completed at least 62 credits and have a minimum grade point average of 2.75. Each will receive \$750.

- **Lance Moquin** has been awarded the Henry E. Schwartz Memorial Business Scholarship. The \$825 scholarship is given to a full- or part-time student in an academic degree program in the College of Business and Management, and is based on financial need.

- **Chris Schmandt** has been awarded the Yeo & Yeo Accounting Scholarship. The \$1000 scholarship is given to an accounting major with senior standing and a minimum grade point average of 3.25 chosen by the Department of Accounting.

National Residence Hall Honorary recognizes student service offices during "STAR" Week

The Olivia A. Lake Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary recently recognized 10 student service offices during their second annual "STAR" Week (Services That Affect Residents.)

"We feel that it is important to recognize the offices on campus that directly impact and assist SVSU residents," said Megan Peterson, NRHH president and Oxford senior.

The Offices of Health Services, Disability Services and the Student Counseling Center, Student Life, Campus Dining, University Housing and Residential Life, Campus Facilities, Academic Advising, University Police, the Writing Center, and the Math

Resource Center were provided a special gift and a certificate of appreciation.

"NRHH started this endeavor last year and it was a great success; it is something the group wanted to continue," said Greg Behe, associate director of residential life and NRHH advisor.

NRHH, an affiliate of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls, represents the top one percent of student leaders residing in the residence halls and promotes recognition and student leadership within its local chapters. NRHH will be inducting eight new members in April.



CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Saturday, June 11

The SVSU football team is hosting its annual Muddy Waters Tee-off golf outing at Swan Valley Golf Club. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 2 p.m. To sign up, call ext. 7332.

June 13 through 17

Summer Theatre Institute (grades 9 through 12). Cost (includes lunch and t-shirt): \$200 (first child), \$190 (second child), \$180 (3 or more children), \$175 (SVSU employees). Registration and medical release forms are available at www.svsu.edu/theatre. For more information, call Kelly Helmreich at ext. 7473, or Ric Roberts at ext. 4912.

June 20 through 24

Fine Arts Day Camp (grades 3 through 8). Cost (includes lunch, snack and t-shirt): \$200 (first child), \$190 (second child), \$180 (3 or more children), \$175 (SVSU employees). Registration and medical release forms are available at www.svsu.edu/theatre. For more information, call Kelly Helmreich at ext. 7473, or Ric Roberts at ext. 4912.

For more details on events taking place at Saginaw Valley State University, visit www.svsu.edu/newsevents

SVSU Board confers degrees to nearly 800 graduates

The SVSU Board of Control passed a resolution to grant undergraduate and graduate degrees during its May 6 regular session.

In other action, the Board:

- Elected officers for 2005-06: Jerome L. Yantz, chair; David R. Gamez, vice chair; K.P. Karunakaran, M.D., secretary; and D. Brian Law, treasurer. Their one-year terms are effective July 1, 2005.

- Approved the addition of grades 6-8 at Detroit Community High School, an SVSU charter school.

- Passed a resolution thanking President Armen Hrachian

and other elected Student Association representatives for their service during the 2004-05 academic year.

- Passed a resolution congratulating incoming President Emily Hammerbacher and other newly-elected representatives of SVSU's Student Association who will serve during the 2005-06 academic year.

- Approved a 2005-06 schedule for regular formal sessions and committee meetings.

This is an unofficial report of Board activities. Official minutes are on file in Zahn Library and on-line at www.svsu.edu/library/archives/#board.

Prints from Indiana on display at University Art Gallery

An exhibition of 40 prints selected from two print suites by the INprint Group, an association of fine art printmakers from central Indiana, will be shown in the University Art Gallery. "Indiana/Injoy: Selections from the INprint Group" will be on display Monday, May 9 through Thursday, June 30.

The exhibition features original, hand-pulled prints, including intaglio, monoprint, monotype, relief prints, screen prints, collographs, and lithography, as well as some non-traditional printmaking methods.

INprint was founded by instructors, students, and associated printmakers from the Indianapolis Art Center. Its purpose is to share, create, educate, and promote the media of printmaking in its many forms. Since 1997, INprint has had an annual print exchange and produced works based on an annual theme. The members then exchange the works and create

a traveling exhibition for each completed suite.

The "INdiana" suite was created in 2000 in affiliation with the Indiana Historical Society. The theme was chosen to allow each artist to express his or her personal visual interpretation of any person, place, thing, or event related to the state of Indiana past or present. The images speak of personal history, culture, memories, appreciation, beauty, icons, resources, and life in Indiana.

The "INjoy" theme was selected in 2001 to represent each artist's personal interpretation of whatever brings joy, happiness, bliss or pleasure in life. The joy could be felt or expressed at any level—spiritual, emotional, or physical, and could be expressed through representational imagery or pure colors. The images reflect childhood memories, family, children, gardens, landscapes, food, music, spiritual growth, and personal journeys.

The University Art Gallery is located in the Arbury Fine Arts Center. Spring semester hours are noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday. Additional hours are available by

appointment. Admission is free of charge.

For further information, contact Dave Littell at ext. 4159.

Students present at Alpha Chi national convention

Seven SVSU students along with their faculty sponsor attended the 2005 national convention of Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society in St. Louis, April 7 through 9.

Five students presented papers. These included Deborah Kraklow, senior from Reese, whose paper, "Exploring Student Perceptions of the Academic Writing Process," received the Johnny and Frances Williams Prize in Education. (This included a \$200 monetary award.)

Melissa Stacer, a senior from Deckerville presented a paper titled, "Jezebel and Mammy: Stereotypes of African American Women in Film."

Mark Ciaciuch, senior from Bay City, presented his paper, "The Journey to Atonement," while Ellen Rodman, senior from Saginaw presented her research in a paper titled, "Perceptions of Satisfaction and Emergency Preparedness in American Red Cross Training Courses."

Additionally, Kayleen Schumacher, a junior from Munger, presented a paper titled, "Multiple Perspectives: Diminishing the Absolute."

Stacer was first runner-up in the Region V graduate fellowship competition, while Schumacher was first runner-up in the Region V undergraduate scholarship competition. Also in attendance were students Lottie Landers of Marion, Rob Beyerlein of Rose City, and faculty sponsor Gretchen Mooningham, professor of mathematical sciences.