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SVSU announces inaugural class of student honorees for Student Research and Creativity Institute

Eight proposals by 11 SVSU students have been awarded nearly \$35,000 through the Student Research and Creativity Institute. The University had committed \$50,000 in funding to support student projects during the 2005-06 academic year.

The Institute recognizes and rewards outstanding

student innovation. Any SVSU student may submit a proposal to receive financial support for his/her research or other creative endeavors.

Each student project is eligible to receive up to \$10,000. All student submissions must be sponsored by an SVSU faculty or staff member, as students are

encouraged to collaborate with SVSU faculty and staff.

The following students were selected to receive funding:

Eric Connon, a history major, was awarded \$2,200 for archival research of the Napoleonic-era British Royal Navy.

Music education majors **Shana A. Hiser** and **Dale**

Huggard were awarded \$1,683 and \$1,620, respectively, to finance their travel to New York City to perform with the 2006 National Wind Ensemble May 25-30 at Carnegie Hall.

Brian D. Luptowski, an electrical engineering major, **Debbie Sippert**, a nursing major, and **Adam Tennant**, an electrical engineering major, were awarded \$5,332 to develop a prototype wheelchair pressure sensor.

Khai Nguyen, a mathematics and physics major, was awarded \$1,860 to support his research of eccentric digraphs.

Paolo Pedini, a fine arts major, was awarded \$10,000 to finance the creation of four large community murals in Saginaw.

Jennifer Watson, a biology major, was awarded \$9,923 to study the genetics of freshwater mussels in the Great Lakes.

Chemistry majors **Staci Wegener** and **Ann Woys** were awarded \$2,150 to support their research of cerium compounds used in catalytic converters.



Research projects by 11 students received funding support from the Student Research and Creativity Institute. Selected for 2005-06 were, standing from left, Adam Tennant, Paolo Pedini, Shana Hiser, Khai Nguyen, Eric Connon, Brian Luptowski; and seated from left, Staci Wegener, Ann Woys, Dale Huggard and Jennifer Watson. Not shown is Debbie Sippert. (Photo by Tim Inman)

Professional Profile

- **Barron Hirsch**, professor of art, has been re-elected to the Board of Managers of the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art. The Board assists in developing education and exhibition programs at the Midland Center for the Arts.
- **Anne Tapp**, associate professor of education, was flown to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston for a sneak peek at Stardust spacecraft's cargo of comet and interstellar particles from its seven-year, 3 billion-mile journey through the solar system. She was one of 10 educators chosen in 1997 to be Stardust Fellows. As a member of the Stardust team composed of investigators, scientists and engineers, she experienced the building of the spacecraft at Lockheed Martin in 1997, the launch of the spacecraft in 1999 and other key mission events. The particles will be sent to select investigators worldwide. Scientists believe these precious samples may unlock the mysteries of comets and the origins of the solar system.

New Cardinals

- **Ken Jolly**, assistant professor of history, and his wife Kelli had a baby girl, Paloma Rose Jolly (6 lbs., 3oz., 18-1/4 in.), Nov. 23.
- **Julie Marsh**, event coordinator, and her husband Ken had a baby girl, Madison Rae Marsh (5 lbs., 12 oz., 17-1/2 in.), Jan. 2.
- **Mark White**, network administrator, and his wife Jill had a baby boy, Noah Robert White (8 lbs., 10 oz., 18-1/2 in.), Jan. 20.

Branding, graphic standards, templates and more available on new Web site

The Office of University Communications announces the launch of a new Web site that offers helpful communications and marketing tools and tips. The site is located at www.svsu.edu/ucomm, and includes:

- **"Branding" information** that could help in developing talking points for speeches, correspondence and Powerpoint presentations.
- **Graphic Standards** that recommend the use of the University logo, colors and fonts.
- **Templates**, tools and guidelines that can be used to create high-quality print materials (e.g., flyers and simple brochures) that are consistent with the University's identity.
- **Digital photographs** that reflect the "brand" and can be included in various publications, Web sites and presentations.

University Communications is available to answer questions, or make a presentation about the Web site at department/staff meetings. For more information, contact Tim Inman at ext. 4086 or tmi@svsu.edu.

Condolences

The campus community extends condolences to:

- **Matt Giddings**, AIS programmer/analyst, on the loss of his father, Charles E. Giddings, who passed away Jan. 19.

Transitions

Please note the following changes in your *Faculty/Staff Directory*:

NEW STAFF

- **Janet Ader** – Nurse Practitioner
- **Kyle Barber** – Police Officer
- **Noah Botimer** – Open Source Support Specialist
- **Andrew Chant** – AIS Programmer/Analyst
- **Eric Green** – Instructor of Communication
- **Willie Houston** – Custodial Specialist
- **Jonathan Hughes** – Network Services, Customer Support Specialist
- **Beth Johns** – Electronic Resources and Reference Librarian
- **James Johnson** – Director, Center for Politics and Public Service
- **Robert Long** – Associate Online Learning Coordinator
- **Trent Milligan** – Student Technology Skills Specialist
- **Averill Packard** – Reference Librarian
- **Monica Reyes** – Director, Office of Continuing Education
- **Kristen Willert** – Event Specialist
- **Susan Wood** – Mentoring and Induction Coordinator

PROMOTED/TRANSFERRED/TITLE CHANGE

- **J.J. Boehm** – Director of Media Relations
- **Terry Bouza** – Custodian
- **Barb Cohen** – Coordinator, Language Lab and Media Center
- **Thomas Grobaski** – Custodial/Maintenance II/Grounds
- **Amanda Gribowskas** – Senior Microcomputer Analyst
- **Maria Lynch** – Senior Accounting Clerk
- **Andrea Ondish** – Interim Director, Marshall Fredrick Sculpture Museum

LEFT/LEAVING

- **Jeannine Belton, Jon Cisky, Trudy Day, Sandra Doud, Laura Kinner, Charlene Rathburn**

RETIRED

- **Sarah Braddock, Randall Hock**

Alumni Family & Friends Fun Day will take place Saturday, Feb. 18, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Ryder Center O'Neill Arena. Complimentary food and refreshments will be served in the alumni hospitality area, and free kids basketball clinics for all ages will be offered. Girls' clinics begin at 11 a.m., followed by a clinic for boys at noon. Free youth t-shirts will be given out. RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 14, by calling ext. 7462 or email pacliffo@svsu.edu.

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Submission Deadline:

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

Briefly Speaking

- The new formal title for the Performing Arts Theatre is *The Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts*.
- The grand prize to be given away at this year's All-University Awards Banquet is two round-trip airfares to Savannah, Ga., with a two-night stay at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa (compliments of Grande Voyages Travel and the Four Points Hotel). The banquet will take place Friday, April 21.
- Training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) is available for SVSU faculty and staff. AEDs are available in the fitness center (directly opposite the check-in desk) and in Curtiss Hall (across from the box office). According to the American Heart Association, more than 950,000 adult Americans die each year from cardiovascular disease, making it the number one cause of death in the United States. Those who wish to have training conducted in their area should contact Craig T. Maxwell by email at maxwell@svsu.edu, or at ext. 4251.
- Classroom telephones can be used to summon police, the fire department, or emergency medical help. In an emergency, a caller should press 9-911 from a classroom phone. For non-emergency services, contact University Police by pressing 4141. Instructional Technology Services may be contacted at ext. 7475.
- The SVSU Chinese Student Association, the Tri-City Chinese Association, and the Chinese Culture Ongoing Group will jointly present a program to celebrate the Chinese Lantern Festival at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. The program will last for about 75 minutes.
- SVSU's Michigan Delta Chapter of Alpha Chi, the National College Honor Scholarship Society, inducted 57 new members Sunday, Jan. 29. To qualify for membership in Alpha Chi, a student must be a junior or senior, have a grade point average of 3.50 or above, rank in the top 10 percent of their class by program and be nominated by a full-time faculty member. The Michigan Delta chapter of Alpha Chi was established in 1986. It is one of approximately 300 chapters in the United States and Puerto Rico.
- The Office of University Communications earned four awards in the 21st Annual Admissions Advertising Awards sponsored by Admissions Marketing Report, a national organization and competition that recognizes marketing and advertising efforts by universities and secondary schools. SVSU competed among universities that enroll between 5,000 and 9,999 students. The winning designs and publications included a new Cardinal logo, which received a gold award; and "This is SVSU," an external publication produced annually, received a bronze award. Merit awards went to the 2004 SVSU Foundation Annual Report, which was produced and distributed in 2005; and to SVSU's total 2005 advertising campaign, which included outdoor and print advertisements and a television commercial. The Admissions Advertising Awards is the leading educational awards competition in the country. The 2005 competition included more than 2,000 entries from over 1,000 schools from all 50 states and several foreign countries.

SVSU hosts Africa Symposium

SVSU's 2006 Africa Symposium will continue with Michael Bratton, a professor in the political science department and African Studies Center at Michigan State University, who will present "Elections, Democracy and Public Opinion in Africa" Tuesday, March 21 at 10 a.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

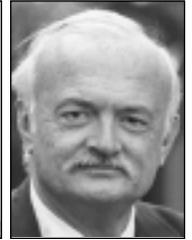
Robert Farris Thompson, professor of art at Yale University, will present "Tango: The Art History of Love," Monday, March 27 at 2:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

Bratton is the founder and director of Afrobarometer, an independent survey research project that measures the social, political and economic atmosphere in 18 African countries. His scholarly interests include comparative politics, policy studies and public opinion. An author, Bratton's two latest books are *Public Opinion, Democracy, and Market Reform in Africa* and *Democratic Experiments in Africa: Regime Transitions in Comparative Perspective*.

Thompson organized several major exhibitions while



Michael Bratton



Robert Farris Thompson

serving as visiting curator at UCLA's Museum of Ethnic Arts and at the National Gallery of Art, including "The Four Moments of the Sun" and "The Face of the Gods: Shrines and Altars of the Black Atlantic World" at the National Gallery of Art. He has served on the joint committee on African Studies of the Social Science Research Council and American Council of Learned Societies and as chairman on the Humanities Committee of the African Studies Association.

The symposium is sponsored by the SVSU Office of Academic Affairs. Admission is free of charge, but seating is limited. For more information, contact Nameeta Mathur, assistant professor of history, at ext. 2606 or email nmathur@svsu.edu.

SVSU introduces minor in entrepreneurship

SVSU has established an academic minor in entrepreneurship. The program will focus on teaching students the key elements needed to start a successful business.

"The best way to respond to this region's economic challenges is to grow businesses locally," said Marwan Wafa, dean of the College of Business & Management. "If we are to create new jobs, we need to produce entrepreneurs, not just white collar workers."

Students will receive instruction in how to identify market opportunities, develop business plans, and find solutions to business projects from "the real world," according to Wafa. The program is open to business and non-business majors.

"We want to open the door to all students, regardless of discipline," Wafa said.

The College of Business & Management has begun offering entrepreneurship courses. For more information, call ext. 4064.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In honor of Black History Month, SVSU is sponsoring several events throughout the month to help celebrate and remember the contributions of black Americans.



The tribute of honoring black Americans during the month of February dates back to 1926 when Harvard scholar **Carter G. Woodson**, the son of former slaves, began dedicating his life to ensuring that black history was accurately recognized.

- Rosa Alicia Clemente, a black Puerto Rican grassroots organizer, hip-hop activist, journalist and entrepreneur continues the celebration of Black History Month with her presentation “It’s Bigger than Hip Hop: Political Activism and the Hip Hop Generation” Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. in the Alan Ott Auditorium of the Regional Education Center.
- On Thursday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Multipurpose Room, an open mic Black History Poetry Slam featuring “The Future” continues Black History Month events. Cash prizes are \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$30 for third place. This event is also sponsored by the Expressions Poetry Club.
- A leading scholar of African-American studies will examine the place of black Americans in the United States during a lecture. Sundiata Keita Cha-Jua, associate professor of history and director of the Afro-American Studies and Research Program at the University of Illinois, will present “We Have a Right to the Land: African-American Reparations and the Quest for Democracy” Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Founders Hall. Cha-Jua is the 2006 visiting scholar for SVSU’s Barstow Excellence in Teaching in Humanities Series. In addition to the lecture, he will also lead a continuing education workshop designed to promote and enhance diversity in the classroom. “Sankofa: Racial Formation and Transformation, Toward a Theory of African-American History,” will be held Friday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Curtiss Hall, seminar room D. The lecture and workshop are free of charge and open to the public. Those interested in attending the workshop are asked to contact Kenneth Jolly, SVSU assistant professor of history, at ext. 2083 or kjolly@svsu.edu, as seating is limited. Participants attending the workshop may receive continuing education credit from SVSU as well as certificates of participation and resources related to the workshop’s focus.
- Black History Month will also include a “Soul Food Festival” featuring guest chef Betty Williams, owner of Magic Kitchen, a Saginaw restaurant, Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RFoC. Admission to this event is \$6.50; SVSU students may use their meal plans.
- “Celebrating 100 Years of Service” is a black Greek forum, which takes place on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge. The purpose of the forum is to learn more about the history and existence of black fraternities and sororities. Representatives from Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta, Omega Psi Phi, Sigma Gamma Rho and Iota Phi Theta will be present at the forum.
- On Monday, Feb. 20, from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Curtis Hall seminar rooms D and E, a Black History Month celebration luncheon will take place featuring Calvin Mackie, associate professor of mechanical engineering at Tulane University. Mackie is also an author, inventor and motivational speaker. Tickets are not required; however, seating for the luncheon is limited. For more information and to RSVP, please call the SVSU Office of Diversity Programs at ext. 4068.
- The “Black Business Showcase,” featuring Joseph Ofori-Dankwa, SVSU professor of management and marketing, is an event that allows the SVSU community and public to meet with local business owners and learn about the success of running a self-owned business. It will be held Thursday, Feb. 23 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Student Center Multipurpose Room.
- “Gospel Extravaganza” featuring Mistress of Ceremony LaCreta Clark, SVSU assistant professor of educational leadership, concludes Black History Month events Saturday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. This event is also sponsored by Valley Voices Choir.

Admission to all Black History Month events is free of charge unless otherwise noted.

All of the events are open to the SVSU community and the public.