

Awards Received Fiscal Year 2007-2008

College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences

- ❖ **Barbara Cohen**, Coordinator of Language Lab and Media Center, received a Fulbright - Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program grant. This grant has made it possible for Zakariya Al-Sheibani, an Arabic language teacher, to join our faculty for one year.
- ❖ **Brian Thomas**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, received \$12,115 from the Ruth Mott Foundation for Enhancing the Local Food System of Flint/Genesee County.
- ❖ **Eric Gardner**, Professor of English, received \$37,500 from the Ruth & Ted Braun Fellowship for his project, "Unexpected Places: Relocating Nineteenth-Century African American Literature".
- ❖ **Francis Dane**, Finkbeiner Endowed Chair in Ethics, received \$1,000 from Kenyon International Emergency Services on behalf of student **Stephen Richey** for his Graduate Student Research Project.
- ❖ **Helen Raica-Koltz**, Lecturer of English, received \$3,500 from Michigan Campus Compact for "Write It, Draw It, Do It": A Writing/Art Workshop. This workshop will not only benefit future teachers by preparing them to work with underrepresented students, but gives high school students an opportunity for creative expression in a college setting.
- ❖ **Holly Child**, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, received \$15,340 from Mentoring Solutions to provide evaluation services for the Mentor Solutions/Winning Futures Program.
- ❖ **Kay Harley**, Professor of English, **Lynne Graft**, Instructor of English, **Ruth Sawyers**, Instructor of English, received \$11,930 to support an open house for "A Community Celebration of Roethke's Centennial".
- ❖ **Marilyn Wheaton**, Director Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum, received \$5,000 from Citizens Bank Wealth Management, N.A., for the 2008 Regional Biennial Juried Sculpture Exhibition.
- ❖ **Sara Beth Keough**, Assistant Professor of Geography, received \$7,000 from the International Council for Canadian Studies: Canadian Embassy for the Faculty Enrichment Grant. This grant will support some expenses of the summer study aboard course: "The Geography of North America". In addition, **Dr. Keough** received \$1,000 from the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States for her grant Considering Canadian Music. This grant will support Dr. Robin Elliot's visit to our campus which will provide insight for our students on the relationship between the United States and Canada as musical nations.
- ❖ **Jules Gehrke**, assistant professor of History, received \$3,000 from the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation to support his research: "The Impact of Henry George's Philosophy in Britain."

College of Business and Management

- ❖ **Gary Clark**, Professor of Marketing and Management, received a total of \$6,688 from 4 local area businesses for marketing services provided by his students.

College of Education

- ❖ **Gretchen Owocki**, Professor of Teacher Education, received \$37,500 from the Ruth & Ted Braun Fellowship Program to develop a Toolkit for Reading Assessment and Instruction.
- ❖ **James Leming**, Carl A. Gerstacker Chair in Education, received \$24,600 from the National Council on Economic Education to implement an Economic/Financial Literacy Education Program as part of the 2007 Excellence in Economic Education Program. In addition, **Dr. Leming** received \$4,930 from the National Council on Economic Education to support the Saginaw Valley Area "Making a Job" Teacher Workshops. These workshops will provide area teachers with the necessary skills to teach middle school students how to start a business.
- ❖ **Joshua Ode**, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology, received \$100 from the Michigan Society for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (MSCVPR) to assist students with travel expenses to attend the MSCVPR Conference at Treetops Resort.
- ❖ **Poonam Kumar**, Professor of Educational Technology and Development, received \$581,585 from the U.S. Department of Education for the SVSU Special Education Preservice Reform and Induction program. This program integrates evidence-based instruction into our teacher education program.
- ❖ **Rodney Williams**, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education, received \$200,415 from the Michigan Department of Education: Title II, Part A(3) for Preparing Teachers for the Michigan Merit Social Studies Curriculum program. This program was designed to improve the quality of social studies teachers.
- ❖ **Tamara Barrientos**, Mathematics Educator, received \$212,706 from the Michigan Department of Education: Title II, Part A(3) for the Middle School Mathematics Partnership for Algebra program. This award will help develop and implement a program to improve the quality of middle school algebra teachers.
- ❖ **Walter Rathkamp**, Executive Director of the Center of Science and Mathematics Education, received \$3,866,808 for the Michigan Department of Education 2007-2008 Title II, Part (B)1 Mathematics and Science Partnership, and \$76,878 from the Michigan Department of Education: Mathematics and Science Centers Program. The grants support the Center's mission of providing resources to school districts to enhance math and science, teaching, and learning.

College of Science, Engineering and Technology

- ❖ **Bing Yang**, Associate Professor of Biology, received \$10,000 from the Michigan Molecular Institute for the evaluation of PDGF release from polymers to study PDGF growth factor efficacy on bone cell growth.
- ❖ **Charles Pelzer**, Professor of Biology, and **Sally Shepardson**, Instructor of Biology, received \$10,000 from the United Negro College Fund/Merck Undergraduate Science Research Scholarship and Internship Program to purchase new equipment for the Biology Department. The equipment purchased will be used in the classroom and for faculty/student research.
- ❖ **Garry Johns**, Professor of Mathematics, received \$5,000 from the Michigan Space Grant Consortium to support his and Dr. Vautaw's research in Modeling Secure Communications Networks.
- ❖ **Morteza Marzjarani**, Professor of Computer Science & Information Systems, received \$2,500 from the Michigan Space Grant Consortium -Undergraduate and Graduate Fellowship Program on behalf of student **Heather Pegg** for her research in the Probability Function for Detecting Cracks in Aircraft.
- ❖ **Robert Tuttle**, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering, received grants of \$30,585 and \$27,046 from the American Foundry Society for research pertaining to the Ultrasonic Testing Gage R&R Study and the Effect of Cooling Rate on Ductile Iron Properties.

Crystal M. Lange College of Nursing and Health Sciences

- ❖ **Janalou Blecke**, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, received \$331,692 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the proposed Nursing and Health Science Center at SVSU. **Dr. Blecke** also received \$239,645 from the Northwest Health Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for the Foundations Underwriting Nursing's Development program. This program partners SVSU with local foundations in addressing the nursing shortage through the development of nursing practice-scholars. In addition, she received \$29,000 from the Frank N. Andersen Foundation in continued support for the Partnership for Education and Practice (PEP) Project. **Dr. Blecke** also received \$107,640 from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for the Michigan Teaming Tactically Educating Nurses (MITTEN) Project. This project will increase the number of qualified nursing faculty and nurses who receive baccalaureate degrees in our region.
- ❖ **Margaret Flatt**, Professor of Nursing, received \$32,190 from the department of Health and Human Services: Health Resources and Services Administration for Graduate Nursing Program Traineeships to prepare registered Professional nurses for advanced nursing practice. **Dr. Flatt** also received \$124,920 from the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth to increase the availability of nurses in the workforce through the project Partnering Around Capacity Enrichment (PACE).

Staff

Center for Business and Economic Development

- ❖ **Dulcey Simpkins**, Director of Entrepreneurship and Commercialization, received \$5,000 from Prima Civitas Foundation to present 12M: Inventions to Market Day at SVSU.
- ❖ **Jo Brownlie**, Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, received a one million dollar endowment as well as a \$50,000 grant in continued support from the Bernard Osher Foundation to be used to support and enhance the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.
- ❖ **Monica Reyes**, Director of Continuing Education and Professional Development, received \$23,125 from Thumb Area MI Works for the Step-Up Workshop 2008.
- ❖ **Robert Schooks**, Director of the Center for Manufacturing Improvement Center for Business & Economic Development, received from \$10,000 Michigan Works, Northeast Michigan Consortium to support three training programs: Lean Office Simulations, Six Sigma Green Belt, and Six Sigma Black Belt. In addition, Mr. Schooks received \$158,750 in continued support from Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center to operate the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center-Northeast Office at SVSU.

Diversity Programs

- ❖ **Mamie Thorns**, Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Programs, received \$11,147 and \$35,535 from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth for the King-Chavez-Parks (KCP) Visiting Professors Program and the KCP Future Faculty Fellowship Program for 2007-2008. **Dr. Thorns** also received \$6,000 from the Brighter Futures Grant: Saginaw County Youth Leadership Institute. This program addresses the needs of disadvantaged youth and positively reinforces the merits of higher education among current college students and disadvantaged youth.

Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum

- ❖ **Andrea Ondish**, Curator of Education, received \$2,000 from the Saginaw Community Foundation for the Mural Outreach Program, and \$4,950 from the Bay Area Community Foundation for the Marshall M. Frederick's Sculpture Museum Transportation Subsidy Program-YAC. These awards will help provide area elementary students with an educational experience in the visual arts.

Minority Student Services

- ❖ **John Flores**, Assistant Director of Minority Student Services, received \$44,641 from the U.S. Department of Education and Michigan Department of Education: Department of Labor & Economic Growth to implement a pre-college program in Saginaw middle schools. This program will raise the number of low-income students matriculating and succeeding in college.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

- ❖ **Robert Lemuel**, Director Scholarships and Financial Aid, received \$8,000 from the Michigan Campus Bases Programs - Department of Treasury for graduating nursing scholarships.

University Writing Program

- ❖ **Diane Boehm**, Director of the University Writing Program, received \$43,000 in continued support from the National Writing Project to be used to fund the Saginaw Bay Writing Project.

Zahnow Library

Tammy Waugh, Coordinator of Student Technology Center, received \$1,000 from the Saginaw Community Foundation for the Community Youth Technology Connection program. This program helps students to increase their digital literacy and creativity skills.

Linda Farynk, Director of Melvin J. Zahnow Library, received \$500 from the Michigan Center for the Book to support the Theodore Roethke Centennial Celebration. This event will promote an awareness and appreciation of Michigan's rich literary heritage by highlighting Roethke's substantial contributions to 20th century American poetry.

Ms. Farynk also received \$500 from the Michigan Humanities Council for Celebrating the Great Michigan Read with James Plath, Author of Remembering Ernest Hemingway.