

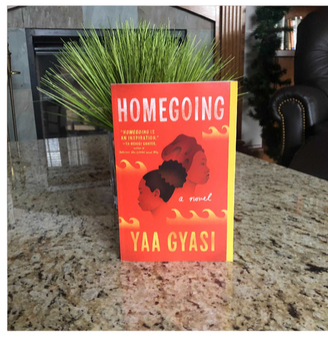
GVSU Alumni E-News

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Susan Proctor '98 & '20 has been named Director of Alumni Relations. She most recently worked in the GVSU Career Center and has extensive experience in higher education and strong relationships in the alumni, business, and nonprofit communities.

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The GVSU women's soccer team won the Division II national championship on December 11th in Colorado. The Lakers claimed their seventh championship, the most by any school in Division II history.

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**VICE PRESIDENT
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Jennifer Hall-Jones has been appointed Grand Valley's first Vice President for Student Affairs. Hall-Jones was chosen from a national pool of applications because of her deep experience and proven focus on students' well-being

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Grand Valley graduates are helping shape the future of transportation as they work with companies developing electric vehicles and self-driving platforms.

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Grand Valley mourns the December 30 death of Glenn A. Niemeyer, the university’s first provost. Niemeyer was an original faculty member, having joined GVSU upon its opening in 1963. He rose through the ranks as history professor, department chair, dean of arts and sciences, then vice president for Academic and Student Affairs and provost.

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