Recap of the Tributes and Awards Dinner

Last Friday, May 3, over 200 faculty and their guests gathered in the Prince Conference Center to celebrate faculty excellence at Calvin College. The Presidential Award for Exemplary Teaching was awarded to Deanna van Dijk, professor of geography. Read more about Deanna and the other faculty award winners here. Colleagues who attended the dinner thoroughly enjoyed her insightful acceptance speech and learned something about her discipline as well. When you have the opportunity, ask Deanna about her three models of exemplary teaching; the soil-creep model is particularly fascinating.

Following the presentation of faculty awards, Craig Lubben, chair of the Board of Trustees, thanked three retiring trustees for their service on the Board: Mary Bonnema, Michael Den Bleyker, and Marsha Vandersaas.

The evening concluded with tributes to the nine faculty who are retiring at the close of this academic year: Christiana de Groot, Lee Hardy, Johanna Kuyvenhoven, Edward Miller Jr, Ned Nielsen, Marcie Pyper, Ralph Stearley, Susan Verwys, and Wayne Wentzheimer. During their combined 217 years at Calvin, they have taught over 16,000 individual students in more than 220 unique courses. A video tribute to these colleagues is available here.

Coming Up on Campus (Check the campus calendar for a full list of events)

Monday, May 13
• Final exams: 9:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.
• Chemistry demonstrations. 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Gezon Auditorium

Tuesday, May 14
• Final exams: 9:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.
• Chemistry demonstrations. 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Gezon Auditorium
• Faculty Senate meeting. 4:30 p.m., Hoogenboom 280

Wednesday, May 15
• Final exams: 9:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.
• Chemistry demonstrations. 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Gezon Auditorium

Thursday, May 16
• Final exams: 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
• Chemistry demonstrations. 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Gezon Auditorium
• Senior Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts Reception. 5:00–10:00 p.m., Center Art Gallery
• Business senior salute. 6:00 p.m., Seminary Student Center
• SPAUD recognition ceremony. 6:00 p.m., Covenant Fine Arts Center Recital Hall
• Social Work commissioning ceremony. 6:30 p.m., Spoelhof Center Gezon Lobby
• Nursing commissioning ceremony. 7:00 p.m., Covenant Fine Arts Center Auditorium
• Masters in Accounting hooding ceremony. 8:00 p.m., Covenant Fine Arts Center Recital Hall
Friday, May 17
- Chemistry demonstrations. 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Gezon Auditorium
- Commencement worship service. 4:00 p.m., Chapel
- Commencement cookout. 5:15–6:45 p.m., Commons lawn
- Honors Convocation. 7:00 p.m., Covenant Fine Arts Center Auditorium
- Education Program commissioning. 8:00 p.m., Chapel

Saturday, May 18
- Seminary commencement. 11:00 a.m., CFAC auditorium
- College commencement. 2:00 p.m., Van Noord Arena (video overflow in CFAC). **Faculty are asked to report by 1:30 for lineup (TNT)**
- Commencement reception. 3:30 p.m., Commons Lawn

Thursday, May 23
- Final semester grades due. 4:30 p.m.