

Grand Valley State University seeks a visionary, collaborative leader to serve as the Dean of its College of Education. This is an exceptional opportunity for someone with the entrepreneurial skills and imagination to build on the college's current strengths and expand its engagement with important educational reform movements, in Michigan and on a national level. The new Dean will position the College for significant involvement and influence in the evolution of policy and practice for teacher preparation in K-12 education locally, regionally and nationally.

Founded in 1960 as a liberal arts college, today Grand Valley State University offers high quality undergraduate and graduate programs and state-of-the-art facilities which attract more than 25,000 students from across the country and around the world. Grand Valley is the comprehensive university for Michigan's second largest metropolitan area and has campuses in Allendale, Grand Rapids and Holland, as well as centers in Muskegon, Traverse City and Detroit (all in Michigan). The university's liberal education commitment fosters critical thinking, creative problem solving and inter-cultural understanding to complement all academic degree programs (86 undergraduate and 34 graduate programs). For further information about Grand Valley, visit [www.gvsu.edu](http://www.gvsu.edu).

The College of Education is committed to preparing professionals who provide excellent instruction, research, service and leadership to a diverse and global community and who are instilled with a sense of advocacy for their profession and their students. Its mission is to develop quality educators to teach, lead and serve underscoring Grand Valley's commitment to educate students to be increasingly responsible citizens in their home neighborhoods and in the world.

The ideal candidate will be an innovative, collegial and persuasive energetic leader who is able to work successfully with state and national leaders in education practice, policy and research. He/she will be proactive in building relationships with legislators, policy makers, school district superintendents, community partners and other key constituencies to leverage faculty expertise and serving as a compelling spokesperson for the college in shaping the local and national conversation on education. Grand Valley is a key player in the educational landscape of Michigan and the Dean is a crucial advocate for quality educational programs and policies. The Dean will provide strategic leadership to advance excellence in all of the college's programs and work collaboratively with others across the university to create partnerships and promote interdisciplinary education programs.

The successful candidate will have a distinguished record of teaching, scholarship and service and have held increasingly responsible and successful leadership roles in academe. Possessing a doctoral degree together with experience commensurate with an appointment to the faculty at the rank of full professor, the Dean will be a person with a strong reputation as a leader in the field of education and demonstrate enthusiasm for bringing that expertise to all constituencies of the University. Knowledge of current educational issues in Michigan including charter schools will be beneficial.

Inquiries, nominations and applications are invited. A complete leadership profile can be found at: [www.wittkiewer.com](http://www.wittkiewer.com). Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. For full consideration, applicant materials are to be received by March 1, 2016. Candidates should provide a *curriculum vitae* or resume, a letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and requirements described in the Leadership Profile and the names and contact information of five references. These materials should be sent via e-mail to the Search Committee's consultants Oliver B. Tomlin, III and Jennifer G. Bauer at [GVSUDEAN@wittkiewer.com](mailto:GVSUDEAN@wittkiewer.com). The consultants can be reached by phone at (301)654-5070.

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