WAC Announcement

Grand Canyon University and the Western Athletic Conference announce that GCU will join the WAC for NCAA Division I sports next fall.

The announcement received extensive local and national sports and business media coverage. Here is a sample of the coverage highlights.


Forbes lauds GCU business model

*Arizona Republic*

Nov. 23, 2012


Grand Canyon University launches online degree program in digital film

*TMCnet.com*

*Fox Wilmington*

Nov. 14, 2012

Grand Canyon University announced that its College of Fine Arts and Production has expanded its Bachelor of Arts in Digital Film degree program online with an emphasis in either production or screenwriting: [http://sip-trunking.tmcnet.com/news/2012/11/15/6726310.htm](http://sip-trunking.tmcnet.com/news/2012/11/15/6726310.htm)

GCU's Thundering Heard pep band plays for Fox 10

Fox 10
Nov. 14, 2012
Grand Canyon University's pep band, the Thundering Heard, stops by FOX 10 to show how they pump up the crowd at the basketball games: http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/story/20093166/2012/11/14/gcus-thundering-herd-play

Best Sports/Entertainment Project: Grand Canyon University Arena
Southwest.Construction.com
Nov. 12, 2012
This $40 million arena was designed as the keystone project in the redevelopment of a for-profit campus emerging from bankruptcy. Thanks to the success of this and other campus improvements, Grand Canyon University became the fastest-growing higher educational institution in Arizona: http://southwest.construction.com/southwest_construction_projects/2012/1112-new-arena-helps-revitalize-grand-canyon-university.asp

Grand Canyon University announces completion of transition to LoudCloud Learning Management System for online students
Arizona Republic
Arizona Daily Star
Phoenix Business Journal
Tucson News Now
PublicityInsider.com
Nov. 7, 2012
Grand Canyon University has completed the transition of its online students to LoudCloud Systems' groundbreaking learning management system that uses the latest technologies to address the needs of today's learner:
http://www.mediawebsite.net/PINSIDER/story/?catSetID=7012&catID=292837&nrid=177648521&page=1
http://images.burrellesluce.com/image/23588/23588 NA6163

Grand Canyon University boasts high employment, NCLEX pass rates
Nurse.com
Nov. 5, 2012
At a time when the economy has many new graduates struggling to find work, Grand Canyon University boasts a 90% job placement rate, with 100% of graduates working within six months:
http://news.nurse.com/article/20121105/CA01/111050020

GCU's Team Awesome focuses on grassroots activism
Fox 10
Nov. 5, 2012
A group of students from Grand Canyon University worked hard to mobilize people to get to the polls before Election Day: http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/story/20004682/2012/11/05/gcus-team-awesome-inspire-respect-empower

Thousands turn out for GCU student fair

KTAR
Nov. 2, 2012
Over 3,300 high school and junior college students from around Arizona checked out Grand Canyon University on Friday for the school's 27th annual Health Sciences and Nursing Day: http://ktar.com/22/1586263/Thousands-turn-out-for-GCU-student-fair

Athletics

Soccer: GCU's Robinson named Player of the Year; Draksin earned Coach of the Year

Arizona Republic
Nov. 16, 2012
Grand Canyon University senior forward Saeed Robinson was named the Pacific West Player of the Year, and GCU's Petar Draksin earned Coach of the Year honors Thursday: http://images.burrellesluce.com/image/23588/23588_5108

GCU soccer tops Cal State LA, reaches title game

Arizona Republic / azcentral.com
Nov. 11, 2012
GCU will take on second-ranked and top-seeded Simon Fraser (17-1-1) in the West Region final round later this week: http://www.azcentral.com/sports/colleges/articles/20121111gcu-soccer-tops-cal-state-la-reaches-title-game.html

GCU men's soccer team is still No. 8

Arizona Republic
Nov. 3, 2012
The Grand Canyon University men's soccer team remained No. 8 in the NCAA Division II national rankings and in the Pacific West Conference lead as the race for the conference title comes down to the wire: http://images.burrellesluce.com/image/23588/23588_5067

Arena Ice Skating Shows

Jewel Headlines Family-Themed Skating Show

BroadwayWorld.com
Nov. 11, 2012
Jewel, a four-time Grammy nominated singer-songwriter, will perform live in a family-themed show featuring such skating stars as Olympic gold medalists Ekaterina Gordeeva and Ilia Kulik. The show, which was originally scheduled for Atlantic City on Nov. 3, was moved to GCU due to Hurricane Sandy: [http://tv.broadwayworld.com/article/Jewel-to-Headline-Family-Themed-Skating-Show-20121110](http://tv.broadwayworld.com/article/Jewel-to-Headline-Family-Themed-Skating-Show-20121110)

Ice Skating Shows in the Valley
*Raising Arizona Kids*
Nov. 9, 2012

Jewel’s low-key career is far from being on ice
*Arizona Republic*
Nov. 8, 2012
Singer Jewel, who is touring with a skating show featuring Olympic medalists Nancy Kerrigan and Ekaterina Gordeeva, was supposed to be in Atlantic City last weekend. But Hurricane Sandy forced the production to quickly relocate to Phoenix’s Grand Canyon University: [http://images.burrellesluce.com/image/23588/23588_5058](http://images.burrellesluce.com/image/23588/23588_5058)

Grammy nominee singer-songwriter Jewel headlines Family-themed show with top skaters and their children at Grand Canyon University Arena
*Phoenix Business Journal*
Nov. 5, 2012
Jewel, a four-time Grammy nominated singer-songwriter, will perform live in a family-themed show featuring such skating stars as Olympic gold medalists Ekaterina Gordeeva and Ilia Kulik along with two-time Olympic medalist Nancy Kerrigan and many more at Grand Canyon University Arena on Nov. 11: [http://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/prnewswire/press_releases/Arizona/2012/11/05/AQ06364](http://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/prnewswire/press_releases/Arizona/2012/11/05/AQ06364)

Holiday Moments on Ice at GCU Arena
*Nov. 4, 2012*
East Valley Tribune
Usher in the holiday season with world-famous ice skaters and the No. 1-selling Christmas music group of all time: [http://images.burrellesluce.com/image/23588/23588_5040](http://images.burrellesluce.com/image/23588/23588_5040)