

## **Mark A. Murray**

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Mark A. Murray became president of Grand Valley State University in 2001, following a two-decade career in state government and education. He is the third president in the history of Grand Valley, which was founded in 1960. The university operates campuses in Allendale, Grand Rapids, and Holland and continuing education centers in Muskegon and Traverse City.

During his years in state government, Murray held a variety of posts. he was state treasurer, state budget director, director of the department of management and budget, and acting director of the Family Independence Agency. As special policy advisor to the governor, Mr. Murray was responsible for a variety of initiatives aimed at K–12 public school reform. He directed the state’s Merit Scholarship Award program. He served as a member of the Board of Education for the City of Detroit, the state’s largest public school district. Murray also served as vice president for finance and administration at Michigan State University.

Murray holds a bachelor’s degree in economics and a master’s degree in labor and industrial relations, both from Michigan State University.