**Corvette 427, Camaro ZL1 Pace Detroit Grand Prix** 

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## Alicia Boler-Davis Named GM's Global Quality V-P

DETROIT – Alicia Boler-Davis gree in Chemical Engineering has become GM vice president, from Northwestern University Global Quality and U.S. Customer Experience, effective June 1.

She assumes responsibility for GM's global quality activities from Terry Woychowski, who has elected to retire from GM after a 32-year career.

Boler-Davis will report to Senior Vice President of Global Product Development Mary Barra for the Quality responsibilities and to GM North America President Mark Reuss for the Customer Experience responsibilities.

"Vehicle quality is the cornerstone of the overall customer experience," said Barra.

"Alicia's diverse experiences give her tremendous perspective on the customers' view of what quality means to them, and how to enhance the quality of our cars and trucks throughout the vehicle development process.'

Before being named U.S. vice president, Customer Experience in February, Boler-Davis had been plant manager of the Orion Assembly and Pontiac Stamping plants in Michigan.

Boler-Davis began her career with GM in 1994 and has served in various engineering and manufacturing leadership positions, including vehicle line director/vehicle chief engineer, small car; plant manager for Lansing's Consolidated Operations and Arlington Assembly. She earned a bachelor's de-





and a master's degree in Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Woychowski has been vice president for Global Quality and Vehicle Launches since 2011, after serving as vice president of Global Vehicle Program Management since 2009 and chief engineer for GM's line of full-size pickups and sport-utility vehicles from 1997 to 2009.

"Terry has been instrumental in fostering a quality culture at GM," Barra said.

company has launched a host of successful vehicles, including

past weekend, when the Ca-

maro ZL1 paced the Chevrolet

Grand-Am 200 at Belle Isle on

Saturday, and the Corvette

427 Convertible paced the

Chevrolet Indy Grand Prix at

Belle Isle on Sunday. Both are essentially unchanged pro-

"With Corvette and Ca-

maro, Chevrolet has two of

the most popular, and most

iconic, performance cars in

the industry," said Chris Per-

ry, vice president, Chevrolet

race, he added, "It will be

very exciting to see them

leading the field as racing re-

become synonymous with

performance - and help at-

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Alicia Boler-Davis

"Under his leadership, the the Chevrolet Cruze and Sonic has helped us sharpen our foand Buick Verano," said Barra. cus on the details that matter "His passion for excellence most to our customers."

of

Corvette and Camaro account

for 60 percent of those miles.

ue to set the sales pace in

their segments, say GM offi-

In 2011, enthusiasts made

Chevrolet the most popular

sports-car brand in the United

States, with Camaro and

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of motorsports to Detroit this lator, totaling more than 107



Terry Woychowski

### ing ceremony at the assembly plant. GM plans to start making Chevrolet Colorado midsize

dustry.

pickup trucks in Wentzville, creating 1,260 new jobs. The automaker already builds Chevrolet Express and GMC Savana

#### **At Assembly Plants in Missouri** WENTZVILLE, Mo. (AP) full-size vans in Wentzville. Construction is beginning on The expansion was ana \$380 million expansion of nounced in November. GM is the General Motors plant near St. Louis, a move that Missouri's governor said last

**GM and Ford Will Add New Jobs** 

week was indicative of the re-

birth of the nation's auto in-

GM officials joined Gov. Jay

Nixon and other officials in

Wentzville for a groundbreak-

eligible for state incentives for up to a decade, the amount depending on reaching certain levels of investment and employment. "Today's groundbreaking of

GM's major new expansion is the latest step in the rebirth of the auto manufacturing industry in America, and Missouri continues to lead the way,' Nixon said.

The Wentzville plant currently has about 1,400 employees, with the average autoworker earning \$28 per hour.

The upgrade in Wentzville is one of two auto plant expansions under way in Missouri. Last fall, Ford announced it was adding 1,600 jobs to build transit vans at its Claycomo plant in Kansas City.

In Wentzville, GM plans to add 500,000 square feet of space.

The announcement represents a big turnaround for GM in Wentzville. Just two years ago, the company was fighting through bankruptcy and shut down a second shift at the plant.

Missouri once ranked just behind Michigan in the number of autoworkers and plants. Just a decade ago, the St. Louis area was home to four - the GM plant in Wentzville, a Ford plant in Hazelwood that made the Explorer sport utility vehicle, and two Chrysler plants in Fenton that made minivans and pickup trucks.

But Ford closed the Hazelwood plant in 2006 and Daimler Chrysler shut down its Fenton plants in 2008 and 2009, leaving thousands of autoworkers without jobs, along with thousands of employees of supplier businesses.

GM has said the next generation Colorado should appeal to U.S. buyers because of its design, capabilities and fuel efficiency.

### **GM to Expand South Korean Global Design**

BUSAN, Korea – General Motors has announced that it will expand its global design center in Incheon, Korea, doubling the size of the facility to include new modeling studios, display spaces and areas for creative work.

By 2013, the enhanced design center will provide a state-of-the-art work environment for more than 200 employees responsible for a range of GM global vehicle programs.

### have raced more than 38 million miles in Corvettes, with the 2009 Corvette C6 ZR1 being the most popular choice; and they have raced more than 25 million miles in Camaros, with the 2012 Camaro SS being the most popular. Their popularity is also evident in showrooms, as Corvette and Camaro contin-

A 2013 Chevrolet Corvette 427 convertible served as pace car for the Chevrolet Indy Grand Prix racing June 1-3 on Belle Isle.

ance features include six-pis- engine, it gives the 427 Conton Brembo brakes and coolers for the rear differential, brakes and transmission.

As a result, the ZL1 is also the most-capable Camaro ever, accelerating from 0 to 60 mph in 3.9 seconds, reaching a top speed of 184 mph, and

Its heart is the 427-cubic-

The 427 Convertible makes to 3,355 pounds. Combined



officials said.



engine ever installed in a production Corvette convertible. extensive use of lightweight carbon-fiber that brings the 427 Convertible's curb weight

vertible a power-to-weight ratio of 6.64 – or one horsepower for every 6.64 pounds of vehicle mass – which is better than the Audi RS 5.2 RSI Spyder (7.58), the Aston Martin DBS Volante Convertible (7.82), and the Ferrari California Convertible (8.31), say GM officials. They claim that the combi-

nation of low mass and high output will make the 427 Convertible one of the fastest convertibles in the world, delivering estimated 0-60 performance of 3.8 seconds, quarter-mile performance of 11.8 seconds, lateral acceleration of 1.04 g and a top speed

of more than 190 mph. The Chevrolet brand returned in force to the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, this following a four-year absence of the race from the IndyCar circuit. Roger Penske gets major

credit for helping bring the race back to Belle Isle, Chevy

vertible that paced the Indy The 2012 Camaro ZL1 Grand Prix race is the fastest Coupe that will pace the and most-capable convertible in Corvette's history. Grand Am race is the most-

lapping the famed Nurburgring in just 7:41.27. The Camaro ZL1 starts at \$54,995, insales are 39 percent higher cluding destination. The 2013 Corvette 427 Conthan its nearest competitor,

That trend continues for 2012, as total sales for Camaro lead its nearest competitor, the Ford Mustang, by 13 percent through April. For

the same period, Corvette

powerful Camaro ever produced, with a supercharged,

inch (7.0L) LS7 engine from 6.2L, LSA V8 delivering 580 the Corvette Z06. Rated at 505 horsepower and 556 poundhorsepower and 470 lb.-ft. of

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It will support the organization's exterior and interior vehicle styling, digital design and studio engineering.

The expanded design center will maintain its focus on visualization technologies and advanced design, which resulted in the Chevrolet Miray concept vehicle introduced last year and showcased at global auto shows around the world.

Construction will adhere to GM's environmental design practices, including the use of innovative building technologies related to energy, water and recycled materials.

"The GM Korea Design Center plays a very important role in GM's Global Design organization," said GM Vice President of Global Design Ed Welburn.

"Its expansion will create an environment for team members to dream, create and develop design strategies for GM's future product portfolio.'

Said GM Korea President and CEO Sergio Rocha: "This significant investment is a reflection of GM's strong design expertise in Korea and the vital work carried out here for the global General Motors family.

"Our extended facility will give us an edge over the competition as we continue developing exciting new vehicles for the world.

GM Korea is one of seven fully integrated design, engineering and manufacturing operations within GM.

It has invested an average of more than \$850 million annually in Korea over the last 10 years. It will invest an additional \$1.27 billion in vehicle engineering and facilities this year.