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Heather Parros - I spent the Thanksgiving break with my husband, my parents, and my sister and her family. This is a picture from Thanksgiving Day - I'm in the red, my husband, Joel, is in blue. It was a wonderful few days in northern Michigan!



Erica Bringedahl - My family likes to do an ugly Christmas sweater contest at Thanksgiving. I thought mine was pretty good this year!



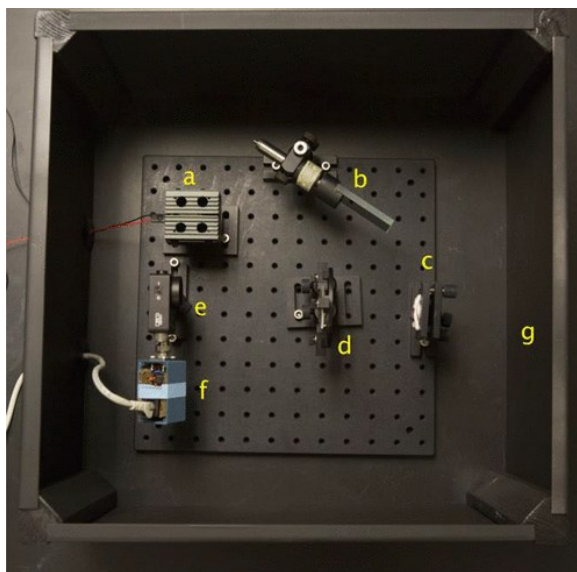
Jeff Woollett - My work at GVSU

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Holiday Recipe

Gingerbread Hot Chocolate

Ingredients

6 cups milk
1/4 cup Dutch-process cocoa powder
1/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons molasses
3 teaspoons ground ginger
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon allspice
7 ounces good quality milk chocolate, chopped
Whipped cream, for serving
Mini marshmallows, for serving



Directions

Combine the milk, cocoa powder, sugar, molasses, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice in a medium saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the sugar, cocoa powder and spices are dissolved and the milk is steaming, about 5 minutes. Do not let the mixture come to a boil. Whisk in the chopped chocolate a little at a time until smooth. Divide among 6 to 8 mugs and garnish with whipped cream and mini marshmallows.

Recipe can be found at: <http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchen/gingerbread-hot-chocolate-3565609>



HR WORKSHOPS

Queer & Trans 101: A Training for Allies

Monday, December 4: 1:00 – 3:00 PM – 303C DeVos – Pew

Are you interested in learning how you can grow as an ally to the LGBTQIA+ community? Join us for this informative and interactive training. Participants will explore the concepts of gender, sex and sexual orientation; learn about systems of oppression impacting LGBTQIA+ people; and, learn practical strategies to create more inclusive spaces. The LGBT Resource Center offers numerous trainings per year. Registrations are accepted until we reach capacity or until 5PM the day before the training is scheduled, whichever occurs first. Join us and learn more about your own power to create positive change on our campus, in the community, and in the world. Approved for PSS Development Credit.

GVSU Mom's Network – Grand Rapids (formerly What Mommies Do Best – Downtown)

12:00 – 1:00 PM
Thursday, December 14
C DeVos



Expanding Conversations:

“How was your day?” “..fine” “What did you do today?” “...nothing.” This is a typical exchange between a parent and child. Many of us are hoping to receive more than one word responses from our children and may struggle with finding connections to engage in conversations. Join us as we discuss techniques to expand and encourage conversations with children of all ages. Please register on [Sprout](#).

HEALTH & WELLNESS WORKSHOPS & INFORMATION

[ENCOMPASS, GVSU's Employee Assistance Program](#)

The holidays can be a difficult time of year and many may need help:

**PEOPLE WITH DEPRESSION
SAY IT FEELS LIKE...**

I am a burden to everyone.

I am misunderstood.

I am numb to the world.

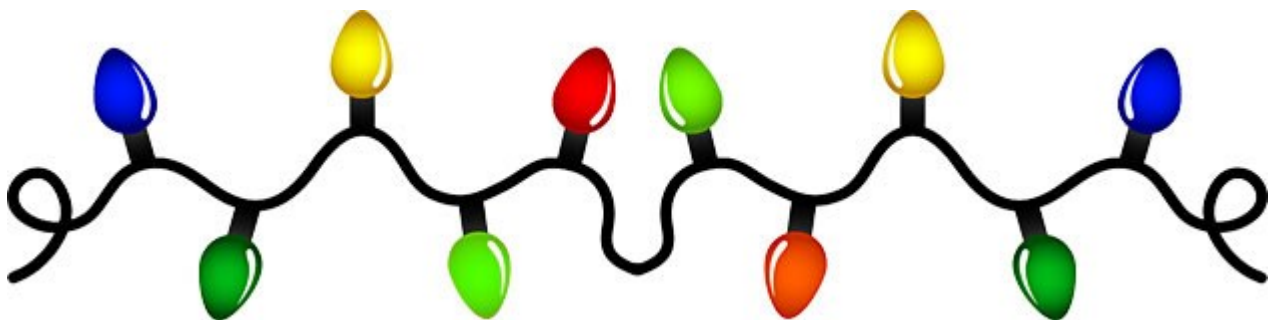
I'm terribly lonely all of the time.

Life is hopeless.

I'm living in a cage.

I have an overwhelming sense of sadness about life and about all that I am and all I do.

**CALL FOR HELP
1(800)788-8630**
SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
WITH A THERAPIST



UNION NEWS



GVSU Weather Policy:

Grand Valley State University will close or cancel all or part of its operations in cases of emergency, utility disruptions, or for weather related reasons.

TYPES OF OPERATIONAL CHANGE:

- **Cancellation:** Classes will not be held. All staff are to report to work at their regular time.
- **Closure/Closed:** Classes and campus events will not be held. Only ESSENTIAL staff are to report to work.

When GVSU is closed, only essential staff are to report. Designated personnel in the following departments are deemed essential and are expected to report:

- Department of Public Safety
- Facilities Services
- Field House Management
- Food Service
- Housing
- Information Technology
- Library
- Pew Campus Operations
- WGVU Television and Radio



Appointing officers have discretion to call in non-essential staff as circumstances may require.

Students, faculty and staff should assume the university is open unless they are advised otherwise through GVSUAlert, the university's emergency notification system, or on the radio or television. In the event of closure or class cancellation, every effort will be made to make the announcement no later than 6:30 AM for daytime classes and 3:00 PM for evening classes.

University Criteria for Weather-related Cancellations or Closures

In evaluating whether to close for weather-related reasons, the following criteria are used: 1) the ability of the university's road crews to keep campus roads and parking lots cleared; 2) the conditions of primary and secondary roads in the area as reported by the Michigan Department of State Police as well as by central dispatch authorities in Kent and Ottawa counties; and, 3) weather reports regarding the track of the storm and other conditions.

Because commuting students, faculty and staff come from such a broad geographic area, it is extremely difficult to arrive at a decision that is appropriate for each vicinity. Weather conditions rarely are uniform throughout this large area. There is no one decision that will satisfy everyone; however, a diligent effort is made to arrive at a reasonable decision that considers the safety of students as well as their right to receive instruction. Under no circumstances does GVSU ask students, faculty or staff to assume undue risk in traveling to the University in inclement weather.

When GVSU Allendale is closed because of weather-related conditions, the Pew Grand Rapids Campus and the Meijer Holland Campus will also close. When Muskegon Community College is closed, GVSU's classes in Muskegon are canceled and the office in the Stevenson Center for Higher Education will close.

When Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City is closed, GVSU's classes in Traverse City are canceled and the office in the NMC University Center will close.

Decisions to close or cancel activities at the Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI), the Muskegon Innovation Hub and the Detroit Center will be made separately, as these facilities host tenants, business events, and research functions not affiliated with university operations.

Announcements of closing and cancellation will be made through GVSUAlert! on the Grand Valley web home page www.gvsu.edu, and on GVNOW at www.gvsu.edu/gvnow. Notifications may also be heard on area radio and television stations. For a more detailed update on campus conditions and

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Rescheduling Final Exams Affected by Cancellation or Closure

In the event of a cancellation or closure on a specified exam day, any classroom-based exams affected would be held on the next available day after the exam week has concluded. For example, if a Tuesday exam day were affected, the next available day after the conclusion of the exam week would be Saturday. If two exam days were affected, i.e. Wednesday and Thursday, Wednesday's exam would take place on Saturday and Thursday's exam would be the following Monday. Faculty and students are advised to be aware of this contingency when making travel plans.

In the event of a cancellation or closure during exam week, faculty who are able to modify their exams to allow for online, take-home, or similar formats may do so for all students who agree. Faculty have an obligation to provide the option to students to be examined in the manner described in the syllabus, and for those students, exams will be scheduled as described above.

Ultra time codes to use:

SNO: For staff member's time off due to inclement weather (eight hours max a calendar year). Can be used in hour increments.

WEA: For staff member's time off on days the University is officially closed due to inclement weather. Excludes essential staff members.

IMPORTANT DATES

Classes End- December 9

Semester Ends - December 16

Holiday break - December 25 - January 1

SUGGESTIONS FOR UPCOMING ISSUE

Looking to share Holiday break photos and activities you did during break. If you have anything to share, email Erica by January 2.

DECEMBER DATES

Birthdays

5 - Irene Fountain

5 - Jacquelyn Abeyta

12 - Tracie Samdal

18 - Barbie Young

18 - Craig Hammerlind

22 - Tina Lee

31 - Darrhonda Scott-Jones

31 - Krystal Vanden Bosch

GVSU Anniversary

12 - Deborah Bell

14 - Sandra Jennings

20 - Mary VanPopering

Robyn Toth

Wedding Anniversary

12 - Dori Runyon

Robyn Toth

If you would like your birthdate, GVSU anniversary, and/or wedding anniversary published in the newsletter email Erica at bakereri@gvsu.edu.

Thinking of You Cards:
Do you know someone who is off work because of surgery, illness, or accident? Please let Deb Barko know. She will send a card from our Association.

