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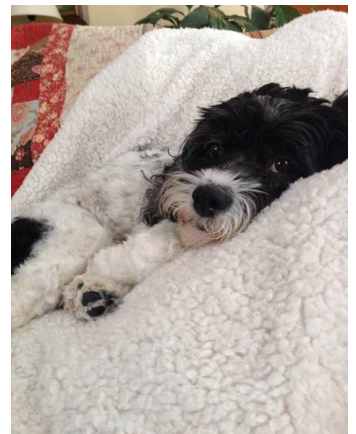
MEMBER NEWS

Amy Gascon - I have several shows I will be taking part in during Laughfest. One in particular I would like to promote is Characters that Lived. This is a show I have directed since 2015 and it is an all ages comedy show written by youth of the Creative Youth Center and performed by professional adult actors. I describe it as a mix between Whose Line is it Anyway? And Kids Say the Darndest Things. We have two shows on March 17 at 1pm and 3pm. And they are free!

More details here:

<https://www.laughfestgr.org/event/creative-youth-centers-characters-that-lived-encore/>

Craig Hammerlind - Since it's the year of the dog, I thought I would send you a picture of our little Elli Mae, named after Donna Douglas of The Beverly Hillbillies. She is our critter, and has brought us so much joy these past 14 and ½ years.



HR WORKSHOPS

Student Retention Training

Friday, March 16, 2018 • 2:30–4 p.m., Room 2204, KC
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 • 8:30–10 a.m., Loosemore
Auditorium, DeVos Center

Presenters may include Dev Butler, Jodi Chycinski, Sherril Soman, Philip Batty, Relando Thompkins-Jones, Christine Rener, and Suzeanne Benet

Students are the lifeblood of the University. Given declining teenage populations in our region, it is essential we each do our part to attract and retain students. This class explores the systems, tools, and personal connections we can employ to drive student success. As a result of the training, participants will know how to direct students to valuable resources and gain tips for supporting students in their journey. All faculty and staff are highly encouraged to attend.

Program approved for PSS Development Credit (Non-Technical)
Please register on [Sprout](#).

Adobe Acrobat Pro DC – Forms and Tagging

1:00 - 3:30 PM
Tuesday, March 20
EC 513 Pew Campus

Approved for Technical credit



Military-Connected Student Awareness Workshop for Faculty and Staff

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 • 10 a.m.–12 noon, Room 2263, KC

Facilitated by Steven Lipnicki, Assistant Dean of Students, and Chase Hawkins, current GVSU student veteran

This two-hour workshop is intended to introduce faculty/staff to the unique transitions facing GVSU students who serve(d) in the US Armed Forces.

Learning Outcomes will address the following:

- What experiences do military members share and how are these different
- What are the common challenges when transitioning from service-member to student
- How can we assist these students and help support their success
- What resources are available through Grand Valley
- Any related questions

Program approved for PSS Development Credit (Non-Technical)

Please register on [Sprout](#).

Military Support Group

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Tuesday, March 27

1012 JHZ

Topic: Providing support during active duty or deployment

Make connections with other GVSU faculty and staff who have a family member in the military. Join us for our military family support group. Feel free to bring your lunch!!

Questions? Contact Tracy McLenithan mclenitt@gvsu.edu or (616) 331-2495

HR WORKSHOPS CONTINUED

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

12:00 – 1:00 PM
Thursday, March 15
303C DeVos

Topic: From Manager to Coach: Parenting College Aged Children

Navigating transition can be difficult – whether that is the transition of a child to Kindergarten, a teenager to high school, or a young adult to college. Join the Mom's Network to learn tips for successfully navigating the transition to college, focused on the promotion of wellness and success for both parent and student.

Please register on [Sprout](#).

GVSU Moms Network (formerly What Mommies Do Best) - ALLENDALE

12:00 – 1:00 PM
Tuesday, March 20
1012 JHZ

Importance of Reading: National Reading Month Awareness (with guest speaker Barb Lubic)

Please register on [Sprout](#).



PSS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

11:30 AM– 1:30 PM
Thursday, March 22
Grand River Room



[RSVP here](#) before March 1.

Join us in showing your *Laker Pride* at the

*Professional Support Staff
Appreciation Luncheon*

March 22, 2018
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Kirkhof Center ~ Grand River Room

Networking begins at 11:30 am
Lunch will be served at 12:15 pm

Please RSVP by March 1, 2018
Meal options are provided in the RSVP



In true Laker spirit, the PSS Development Committee has partnered with GVSU's Replenish to collect items at the Appreciation Luncheon.

All donated items support students on our campuses.

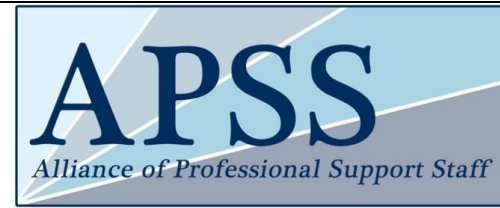
Replenish is specifically in need of:

- Breakfast goods (low sugar cereal, apple sauce, pancake mix & syrup)
- Canned proteins (beans, tuna, etc.)
- Personal care items (pads, shampoo, and soap)

**Please note: We currently have an abundance of ramen noodles, macaroni & cheese and canned vegetables.*

Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

UNION NEWS



UNION ELECTIONS

March is also the time to submit nominations for Vice President, Secretary, Membership Director and Chief Alliance Steward. If you are interested in finding out more about these positions please visit the By-Laws on our APSS website or contact a current board member.

PSS Scholarship – Capital Campaign!

It is Capital Campaign Time again for Grand Valley State University! We can use your help with a scholarship close to home! As a PSS staff member do you contribute? If you do have you considered directing your donation to the PSS Scholarship? Did you know we have a PSS Scholarship? We are finding that many people had no idea that we have a scholarship that directly impacts our employee group.

The PSS Scholarship is an endowed scholarship at Grand Valley that is designed to help children or grandchildren of the PSS employee group in the pursuit of an undergraduate degree at GVSU. Since it is endowed Grand Valley matches our donations! Our scholarship has been giving awards since the Fall of 1998! In the last two years alone we have assisted 25 students (direct descendants of the PSS staff!) Last year 14 students were awarded \$600 each.

We are looking to grow our scholarship! Currently our assets are just over \$175,000. Since it is an endowed scholarship we can only draw on a percentage of the interest. How can you help? We are looking to more than our staff to grow this scholarship! Do

you have contacts/vendors that we use frequently? If so we would like to see if they would support our scholarship directly. Please contact Michelle Holstege with the names of any people you feel would potentially consider giving back to our university and more specifically our PSS descendants.

Additional information on the scholarship - To qualify for the scholarship the applicants must meet the following criteria:

- The applicant must be a child or grandchild of an employee in the current Professional Support Staff (PSS) employee group
- This PSS employee may either be currently working and has completed a minimum of three continuous years by the application deadline, or a PSS employee who has retired from GVSU and is currently receiving GVSU retirement benefits
- The applicant must be admitted as a degree seeking student to GVSU and plan to enroll as a full time student for both fall and winter semesters

The deadline for this scholarship is March 1, 2018. The scholarship is awarded based on those criteria annually. The award varies based on the number of students that apply and the amount of funds in the scholarship.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS WORKSHOPS & INFORMATION

The Sandwich Generation

DISCUSSION & RESOURCES

March 20, 2018
12:00 to 1:15pm
KC 2215/16

[Click here for more info](#)



Planning care for a loved one is not always easy. During this event, hear from a faculty member, Dianne Green-Smith, who is part of the "sandwich generation." Pack a lunch and join us to ask questions and explore community resources. The following resource tables will be available: Age Wise, Alzheimer's Association, Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan, Crossroads, Encompass, Ottawa County, and Seniors Moving Smarter.

Register online: www.gvsu.edu/sprout

Spring Group Exercise Classes Begin March 5th

Faculty and Staff Group Exercise
Winter 2018 Session II: March 5-April 27

[View the schedule](#)

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IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Break - March 4-11

SUGGESTIONS FOR UPCOMING ISSUE

Any plans for April Spring Break, or any April news to share? Send a blurb on what you plan to do to my email Erica by March 23.

MARCH DATES

Birthdays

4 - Sandra Matthews

5 - Bob Kozminski

7 - Charlyn Worthem

9 - Deborah Bell

9 - Linda Schmidt

10 - Maria Jaramillo-Gonzalez

13 - Jay Zink

18 - Robyn Toth

19 - Jennifer Glaab

GVSU Anniversary

1 - Angie Ryan

1 - Ashley Riley

6 - Denise Gross

9 - Cherilyn Denomme

17 - Barbara Plumb

18 - Shelly Micho

Wedding Anniversary

Michelle Duram



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.