

# APSS NEWSLETTER

*The latest news & updates from GVSU's APSS Union & its Members*

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## MEMBER SHARES

**Karynn Gregory** - This is Emmerson and she started her first day of third grade this week. She is very excited to be back at school! She attends CA Frost Elementary. The school shares property with Blandford Nature Center on the NW side of GR. If you have not visited Blandford Nature Center or The Highlands for a walk, I HIGHLY recommend! Check them out here:

<https://blandfordnaturecenter.org/>



## MEMBER SHARES, CON'T

**Tracy London** - Here are a couple of first day of school photos of my son, Caiden and I. He is starting 7th grade this year in Byron Center.



# HR WORKSHOPS

The following four (4) workshops have been approved for PSS Development Credit:

*\*Please note that although they are not listed in Sprout as approved for PSS Development Credit, HR has approved them. Remember to enter them in the [PSS Development Credit website](#) after taking the training!*

## 1) Blackboard Essentials - Evening Edition

Presented by eLearning and Emerging Technologies

Approved for **technical** credit

This seminar is recommended for faculty/staff who want to learn the most commonly used features of Blackboard. This seminar is a badge-eligible event. More information about earning this badge can be found on our Faculty Badges @ GVSU website.

### Learning Objectives

After completing this workshop, the user will be able to:

- Access Bb and make their course available to their students
- Identify and be able to use important Bb communication features (Announcements, Email, Discussion Board, etc.)
- Customize their Bb course menu
- Upload, edit or delete files in their Bb course
- Create and understand the differences between a folder or a learning module
- Organize content within a folder or a learning module
- Add an external web link in their Bb course
- Add a mash-up or other multimedia content (YouTube, Flickr, SlideShare, Panopto video, etc.)
- Create an online assignment
- Access the Grade Center and have a basic understanding of how to navigate the Grade Center, as well as grade an online assignment

Thursday, September 2

7:00PM - 8:30PM

Virtual

# HR WORKSHOPS, CON'T

## 2) Concur Expense Training

Presented by Business and Finance

Approved for **technical** credit

Please visit our website for more resources <https://www.gvsu.edu/busfin/concur-university-travel-and-expense-management-54.htm>. Please reach out to Erica Herwig at herwige@gvsu.edu with any questions!

Multiple dates in September, see Sprout for details

## 3) Concur Approval Training

Presented by Business and Finance

Approved for **technical** credit

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## 4) Concur Travel Training

Presented by Business and Finance

Approved for **technical** credit

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Register today for these workshops on [Sprout!](#)

# BENEFITS & WELLNESS

## Build a Healthier Mind For a Stronger You With myStrength

In a time of constant change, we could all use a little extra support. Whether you're struggling with stress, sleep, anxiety, depression, substance recovery and more, myStrength offers personalized courses, activities and other resources to help.

Set up your free account at [mystrength.com](https://mystrength.com) using your Priority Health Member ID number, or through the mobile app (search "myStrength" in your app store). You'll be prompted to answer a few confidential questions about what's on your mind, and then your personalized account will be ready to use. From there, you will be able to check-in with yourself on a daily basis, complete activities to reach your emotional wellness goals, and get reminders to help you stay on track.

## Fitness Opportunities Fall 2021

### Faculty & Staff Group Exercise Classes:

A variety of virtual yoga, strength, and cardio-based classes are now available via [Sprout](#). Test out the classes for free during the first two weeks (beginning August 30) to find what fits with your schedule. The free classes are listed under "Group Exercise Trial Week Fall 2021" in the Human Resources category in Sprout.

Beginning September 13, classes will be offered at \$20 per class for the semester. The full-semester classes are listed under "Group Exercise Pass Fall 2021" in the Human Resources category. From there, add the classes you want to your cart to register. Add 3 or more classes to your cart to receive a discount!

### Winter Hall Fitness Room:

The Winter Hall Fitness Room on the Pew Campus is back up open for faculty and staff! In order to access the fitness room, please [submit a key request](#) for a new access card.

## Connect With Fellow GVSU Moms

The GVSU Moms Network provides a space to check-in, share resources, and take off the "professional hat" to connect as moms. Join them for their kickoff meeting on September 14 from 12pm by registering on [Sprout](#). The Moms Network meets once a month during the lunch hour. Check out other [Network Communities for faculty and staff](#).



# OTHER NEWS

## From Admissions:

**Updated Scholarships for incoming students:** While test-optional for the rendering of admissions decisions, high-value scholarships do still require test scores to be submitted. We have eliminated the annual Scholarship Competition. [Please see the criteria HERE.](#)

**New application system:** We are gradually rolling out a new system for applications, please let us know if you hear any issues and/or be patient as we navigate the new system. The [system went live on August 16](#) for Fall 2022 undergraduate applicants.

**We are open for guests and tours!** We have been welcoming guests on campus and continue to do so. Please see our [availability HERE](#) and a reminder about our [Be a Laker, Bring a Laker program](#) if you know of any potential future Lakers.

# UNION NEWS



## APSS Bargaining Team Update

In early August, we concluded our discussions on contractual language and shifted to negotiations to matters of economic interest. As I write this, it is my hope that by the time this is published we will have concluded our conversations on economic interests, and will be working toward final proofs and presenting a comprehensive tentative agreement for APSS member consideration in early September. Stay tuned!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the APSS Bargaining Team if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
sme

## 2021 BARGAINING TEAM

### CHAIR

SHAWN EVANS

### EX OFFICIO

CHERYL FISCHER

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MICHELLE HOLSTEGE

TAMI JOHN

RHONDA LEMIEUX

### LEGAL COUNSEL

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## APSS Ratification Meetings

The bargaining team has concluded negotiations with the management team. We would like to have our ratification meetings on Monday, September 13 and Tuesday, September 14 from 11:00 – 1:00. Zoom links were sent on 8/31/21 by Michelle Holstege. Please attend one of the two offered sessions. We will have our ratification vote through the Qualtrics System and that will be sent to members after the Tuesday session has concluded. Please email Michelle if you have questions.



# UNION NEWS, CON'T

## *Get to know your APSS Building Reps*

This month, we've put the spotlight on Building Reps Kate Knopp (FH & MAN) and Tracy London (CON, JHZ, LMH)

### **Kate Knopp, FH and MAN Building Rep**

Office Assistant - Athletics & Recreation Facilities Management

I moved back to Michigan after a decade in Chicago and choose to move to the GR area (originally from South Haven). About four years ago I was hired in at Grand Valley, and was so excited for the opportunity and to work for the GV Community.

My position is the Office Assistant in Scheduling for the Athletic & Rec Facilities office.

I am married to a GV alum actually, and we have one future Laker named Ethan. We love to spend time with family and friends, travel when we can and explore the area. We also have a fur baby named Alley who is still adjusting to the human baby who can now reach her on her perch.



### **Tracy London, CON, JHZ, LMH Building Rep**

Accounting Assistant - Accounts Payable

My name is Tracy London and I just recently became the new building rep for Zumberge, Connection, Lake Michigan and Niemeyer. I have been with GVSU for 13 ½ years, starting in the Registrar's Office and then in November 2019 moving over to Business and Finance. I am really looking forward to learning and assisting members in my new role.

There is nothing I love more than spending time with my husband (Cory), kids (Ashley and Caiden), family and friends. If I'm not with family or friends, you can usually find me on the baseball field watching Caiden, or keeping busy with our three cats and new puppy.

2021-2022  
BUILDING REPS

<b>CHERYL BRONNER</b>	<b>X13327</b>
STU, 1ST FLOOR	
<b>TAMI JOHN</b>	<b>X12350</b>
CAC & KC	
<b>MATT COLLVER</b>	<b>X15583</b>
CHS & RFH	
<b>BARB ELLIS</b>	<b>X18611</b>
KHS & LMP	
<b>LINDSEY BURNS</b>	<b>X12186</b>
MAK & NLC	
<b>DEB ROTMAN</b>	<b>X12297</b>
AGS, LHH, LSH, & PAC	
<b>TRACY LONDON</b>	<b>X12252</b>
CON, JHZ, LMH	
<b>KATIE HAYNES</b>	<b>X13006</b>
HHLC, HRY, & PAD	
<b>JOYCE SULLIVAN</b>	<b>X13730</b>
ASH	
<b>AUTUMN DEROO</b>	<b>X15936</b>
EC, IDC, KEN	
<b>RAYSHENA WILSON</b>	<b>X17130</b>
DEV, 1ST & 2ND FLOORS	
<b>PATRICK MURDOCK</b>	<b>X19188</b>
BIK & SCB	
<b>LINDSAY BOGI</b>	<b>X13585</b>
STU, 2ND & 3RD FLOORS	
<b>VICKI WENGER</b>	<b>X13898</b>
LOH	
<b>PATRICK PERRY</b>	<b>X16202</b>
DEV, 3RD & 4TH FLOORS	
<b>IRINA GROUGAN</b>	<b>X17606</b>
TC REGIONAL CENTER, HOLLAND, & MUSKEGON	
<b>BRIAN DENUYL</b>	<b>X12025</b>
AH, CUB, SER	
<b>KATE KNOPP</b>	<b>X12685</b>
FH, MAN	
<b>VACANT POSITIONS</b>	
LIB, DCIH	

MEMBER RELATIONS  
TEAM

<b>RHONDA LEMIEUX</b>	<b>X12557</b>
CHAIR	
<b>VACANT</b>	

# IMPORTANT DATES

Labor Day, University Closed - Sept 6

# UPCOMING ISSUE

Looking to share fall news or events that are coming up? If you have anything to share, email Megan at [edingme@gvsu.edu](mailto:edingme@gvsu.edu) by 5:00PM on Monday, September 27.

# SEPTEMBER DATES

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Amanda Reader
- 2 - Terri Kenney
- 15 - Michelle Hodde
- 15 - Shelly Micho
- 19 - Angie Ryan
- 25 - Deb Barko
- 27 - Julie Carbine

## GVSU ANNIVERSARY

- 3- Michelle Hodde
- 26 - Patti Eisen
- 27 - Irene Fountain
- Deb Barko
- Leah Thomas
- Tina Lee

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 11 - Carrie Shoup (22 yrs)
- 14 - Pat Cox (31 yrs)
- 21 - Jalyn Kamp (19 yrs)
- 27 - Mary VanPopering (24 yrs)

If you would like your birthday, GVSU anniversary, wedding anniversary, job change, and/or retirement notice published in the newsletter, or if you have suggestions for an upcoming issue, email **Megan Koeman-Eding** at [edingme@gvsu.edu](mailto:edingme@gvsu.edu).