

APSS NEWSLETTER

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

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MEMBER SHARES

Christine Adams- My son got married on September 4th, Lucas and Cecilia Adams.



MEMBER SHARES, CON'T

Sandra Matthews - My son passed away and I wanted to provide an update of the sad, hard news with fellow co-workers.

<https://www.toombsbycrystalfuneralservices.com/obituary/Kenny-MatthewsJr>



Jordan Sickrey - The Grand Valley State University Renaissance Festival is happening October 9th and 10th! I'm the faculty/staff advisor for the club. We weren't able to have the festival last year, so we'd love to see you all there this year! The Faire is 10am-7pm on Saturday, October 9th, and 10am-5pm on Sunday, October 10th, out at the Carillon Clocktower Courtyard in Allendale. Free entry!



MEMBER SHARES, CON'T

Kate Knopp - We have news to share 😊

Congrats!



Deb Barko - I retired from GVSU on September 30 after 30 wonderful years in the School of Communications.



HR WORKSHOPS

With the ratification of the 2021-2025 APSS contract, Professional Development credits are no longer needed for wage advancements. However, our newsletter will continue to feature trainings that are beneficial to our members.

Queer & Trans 101: A Virtual Training for Allies

Presented by Inclusion and Equity

In this training, participants will explore terminology and concepts related to gender and sexual diversity, learn about issues impacting the LGBTQIA+ community, and review practical strategies for creating more inclusive interpersonal interactions and spaces.

Friday, October 1	11:00AM - 1:00PM	Virtual
Friday, December 3	11:00AM - 1:00PM	Virtual



Concur Training Q&A

Presented by Business and Finance

This is a general open forum for questions about Concur.

Friday, October 1	1:00PM - 2:00PM	Virtual
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Concur Expense Training

Presented by Business and Finance

This is an overview of expense reimbursement and purchasing card reconciliation.

Wednesday, October 6	11:00AM - 12:00PM	Virtual
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Concur Travel Training

Presented by Business and Finance

This is an overview of requesting travel, booking travel, and setting up a travel profile.

Tuesday, October 19	10:00AM - 11:00AM	Virtual
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HR WORKSHOPS, CON'T

Visual Literacy: An Introduction

Presented by Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center

Concepts of visual literacy are explored through the various aspects, components and contexts that determine what we see, how we see, and how we, as individuals, socially construct meaning from what we see. This introductory session is part of a series of learning modules that will help faculty and staff to improve how we utilize visual content in our teaching, training, and learning. The series was developed by a cross-departmental team within our university, and incorporates the results of a GVSU faculty survey in 2019.

Tuesday, October 19	1:00PM - 3:00PM	Allendale	3068 JHZ
Wednesday, November 3	10:00AM - 12:00PM	Pew	DEV 107D

Banner & OnBase Finance Users Training

Presented by Business and Finance

This training is designed for faculty and staff who are responsible for processing invoices, transfer requests, department deposits, check requests and other OnBase functions, and who are responsible for management and oversight of departmental budgets using Banner. This is a hands-on training, so please ensure that prior to the training, you have access to both OnBase and Banner, with permissions to view and work with the FOAP's you will be managing. This will be a virtual training, but I do have a Binder you will need. Please reach out to me to arrange pickup or mailing of the binder.

Thursday, October 21	9:00AM - 11:00AM	Virtual
Tuesday, November 16	1:00PM - 3:00PM	Virtual
Wednesday, December 8	1:00PM - 3:00PM	Virtual

*Register today for these workshops
in Sprout!*

BENEFITS & WELLNESS

Open Enrollment - October 19–November 3

For info, visit the [Open Enrollment page](#). Please remember to update your named beneficiary.



FRIGHTFUL FACT

52% of people don't have a named beneficiary.

What happens to your savings if something happens to you?
Make sure you get to decide.

Declare your beneficiary today.

Fidelity analysis of 18.6M active plan participants with a balance as of 6/02/2021.
Investing involves risk, including the risk of loss.
Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC, Member NYSE, SIPC, 900 Salem Street, Smithfield, RI 02917.
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Faculty and Staff Walktober Challenge

GETTING ACTIVE HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER, OR MORE FUN
EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF MOVEMENT WITH THIS 33-DAY WALKING CHALLENGE

- Track walking minutes or steps, and other activities online
- Reach your goals to earn points, badges, and unlock awe-inspiring fall photos from all over the world
- Compete against other GVSU members, or opt-out of the leaderboard
- Post fall photos, team photos, activity ideas and more to the Walktober Wellness Wall
- Sample 250+ nutritious new recipes
- Access daily wellness tips

<https://www.gvsu.edu/hro/benefitswellness/walktober-2021-challenge-526.htm>

BENEFITS & WELLNESS, CON'T

The Moms Network
Tuesday, October 12
12:00PM- 1:00PM

The Moms Network is a network of support for working mothers and caretakers who are employed at GVSU. This group provides a casual space to check-in, share resources, talk about feelings and experiences, and take off the “professional hat” to connect as moms on a monthly* basis. All meetings are currently virtual. Zoom link in Sprout.



Lean-In 2.0: Professional Development & Things that Matter to us
Thursday, October 21
12:00PM - 1:00PM

This Community of Practice is a place for sharing ideas, gaining skills, seeking advice and showing solidarity. Most of all it's a place where we help each other become our very best selves.

Meets virtually on the 3rd Thursday of the month at noon. Zoom link in Sprout.

OTHER NEWS

Admissions - Laker Experience Days

On behalf of Admissions, our **Laker Experience Days will be virtual Zoom webinars on October 12th and November 4th**. We do have campus tours reserved specifically for attendees to come tour at a separate date/time if they'd like. The information and sign up is now live on our website here: <https://www.gvsu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-campus-visit-20.htm#gvx>

OTHER NEWS, CON'T

GVSU Arts Celebration

Check out the five free events at this year's GVSU Arts Celebration! More information can be found at www.gvsu.edu/gvarts/.



ART

Honest and Unrefined: Art Outside the Academy

August 27 – November 5, 2021

Opening Reception September 30, 5 – 8 p.m.

GVSU Art Gallery
Haas Center for the Performing Arts
Allendale Campus

Bright colors, repetitive patterns, and found materials driven by each artist's desire to create or communicate a deeply personal, sometimes provocative message.

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MUSIC

Belated Birthday Party: Tesla String Quartet Performs Music by Beethoven

Monday, October 4, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Cook-DeWitt Center
Allendale Campus

Award-winning Tesla Quartet performs one of the well-known quartets from Beethoven's Opus 18 set and additional masterworks.

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HOLIDAY

Coming Together to Celebrate the Holidays

Monday, December 6, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Fountain Street Church
24 Fountain St NE, Grand Rapids, MI

The spirit, brilliance, and festive nature of the holiday season will never be more glorious than when people from nations around the world celebrate the holiday season together in 2021!

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POETRY

Danez Smith, Ericka "Kyd Kane" Thompson, and Marcel "Fable" Price

Monday, March 14, 2022, 7 p.m.

Grand Valley State University
L.V. Eberhard Center, Second Floor

Award-winning poet Danez Smith joins local poets Ericka "Kyd Kane" Thompson and Marcel "Fable" Price. All three writers are performers whose bold work resonates on the page and the stage. The evening promises to be an energetic and unforgettable event.

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LECTURE

An Evening with Hanif Abdurraqib

Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 7 p.m.

Grand Valley State University
L.V. Eberhard Center, Second Floor

Hanif Abdurraqib, a poet, essayist, and cultural critic, will share ideas from his book, *A Little Devil in America: Notes in Praise of Black Performance*, followed by a conversation with Louis Moore, Ph.D., GVSU associate professor of history.

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UNION NEWS



APSS Bargaining Team Update

On behalf of the APSS Bargaining Committee -

I would like to thank APSS members for their earnest feedback and support during the process of contractual negotiations and ratifications. I remain hopeful that we were able to attend to the many concerns that were raised in the initial survey from fall 2019, the pulse survey from fall 2020, and the APSS town hall meeting that took place during winter 2021. In my opinion, our recently ratified contractual agreement between the APSS and GVSU is the strongest contract we have built. Working to determine the conditions of employment for our bargaining unit of over 300 positions is not something that any of us take lightly. It is a privilege and an honor to serve the Alliance in this capacity, and we remain available if you have any questions or concerns regarding contractual language.

Sincerely,

Shawn Evans
Chairperson, APSS Bargaining Committee

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*Thank you to our APSS
Bargaining Team!*

UNION NEWS, CON'T

Get to know your APSS Building Reps

This month, we've put the spotlight on Building Reps Lindsay Bogi (STU, 2nd & 3rd floors) and Brian DenUyl (AH, CUB, SER).

Lindsay Bogi, STU 2nd & 3rd floors Building Rep

Student Services Assistant - *Dean of Students Office and Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution*

My name is Lindsay Bogi and I have worked full-time at GVSU for 5 years (this month!). I currently serve as the Student Services Assistant for the Dean of Students Office and the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. Prior to this role, I was the Office Coordinator in the University Counseling Center.

I graduated from GVSU in 2015 with a degree in Liberal Studies and will graduate with my Masters of Business Administration (MBA) in April 2022. Although work and grad school are keeping me busy right now, in my free time I enjoy spending time with family and friends, playing volleyball and going on walks with my dog, Dexter.



Brian DenUyl, AH, CUB, SER Building Rep

Communications Coordinator - *Admissions*

I have worked at GVSU for 26 years as the Admissions Communication Coordinator. I work closely with the Admissions staff to promote GVSU and help with our recruitment efforts. My wife also works here for the department of Cell and Molecular Biology. We've been married for 24 years and have two children. In my spare time I enjoy playing guitar and tinkering with old electronic gear. I love the outdoors and we try to camp, fish, hike and bike as much as possible. I also enjoy playing disc golf and have been involved with several of my kids extracurricular activities. This includes coaching, Robotics, Marching Band etc.

Thank you APSS members for all that you do!

2021-2022 BUILDING REPS

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

MEMBER RELATIONS TEAM

RHONDA LEMIEUX	X12557
CHAIR	
VACANT	

IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Break - October 24-26

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 by 5:00PM on Wednesday, October 27.

OCTOBER DATES

BIRTHDAYS

14 - Victoria Stubbs
16 - Angie Munford
21 - Sherri Hall
31 - Janine Warfield

GVSU ANNIVERSARY

4 - Kathy Rice
6 - Dawn Nagelkirk
10 - Tracie Samdal
11 - Jay Zink
12 - Angie Munford
12 - Deb Rotman
14 - Suzanne Rogers
21 - Christine Adams
Lori O'Bradovich
Kathy Bausano

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

2 - Jennifer Stamate-Carey
3 - Julie DeVecht (34 yrs)
10 - Maria Jaramillo-Gonzalez (34 yrs)
10 - Jenn Palm (12 yrs)
19 - Jennifer Glaab (25 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.