

APSS NEWSLETTER

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

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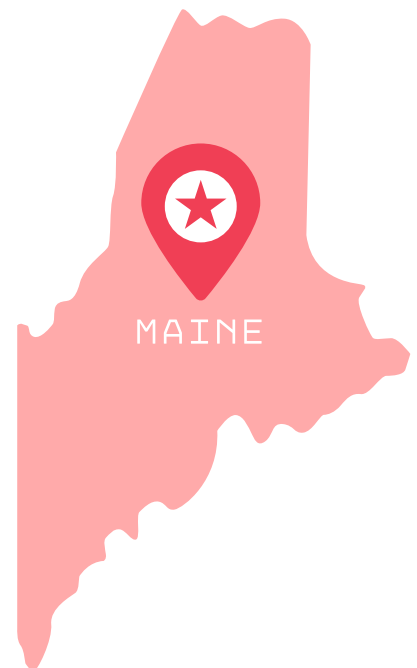
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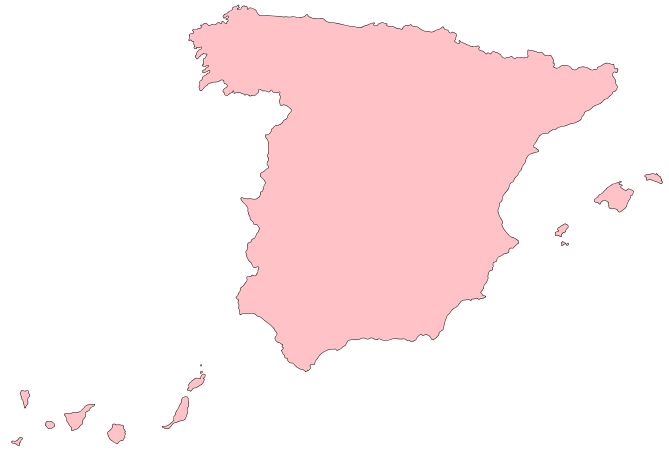
MEMBER SHARES

Jordan Sickrey - My summer vacation plans include another trip to Maine in August! I'm very excited to go back; my roommate/best friend and I go to visit her grandfather. He lives about an hour outside of Bangor, in the middle of nowhere. As in, his backyard opens into a field, which opens to the woods, which opens to a cliff face to a bay. It is gorgeous and wonderful, and I plan to get a lot of writing done while I'm there.



MEMBER SHARES

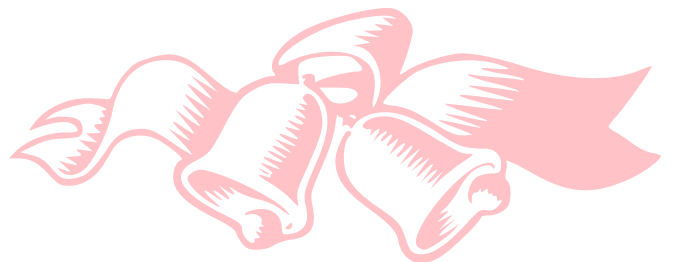
Damian Martinez - At the end of May, I will have gone on a trip to Europe! My boyfriend, myself, and another friend will spend 3 days in Barcelona and then embark on a 7-day cruise around the Mediterranean. We have stops near Cannes, Genoa, La Spezia, Rome, and then Palma de Mallorca before returning to Barcelona. I'm beyond excited!



Jenna Stehouwer - My summer “staycation” will be in our hometown of Spring Lake and in Grand Haven, taking part in the 2023 US Coast Guard Festival! We spend the entire week taking part in all things CG Fest (ship arrival, arts & craft show, Kid’s Day, car show concerts, etc.). We always end the week by watching the Grand Parade (our teenagers march in the SL marching band) and taking in fireworks at night!



Elizabeth Kovacs - I would like to share that my big plan this summer is to get married! For our honeymoon trip we will be exploring the Porcupine Mountains in the UP.



MEMBER SHARES

Joyce Sullivan - I'm so excited to announce I will be retiring on June 30th! In 2002 I started at Grand Valley in the Athletics Department, and soon moved to the Sociology Department. I've been at GVSU for a total of 21 years. I really enjoyed working in the Sociology Department, and in 2011 I received a bachelors degree in Sociology! Many of my years at Grand Valley I served as a building rep, and recently I spent 6 years as the Membership Director for the APSS Union. It has been a pleasure to work for the union, and I encourage everyone to get involved!

My retirement plans are to move to Florida to be closer to my siblings and other family & friends, and return to Michigan to my family's cottage for the summers. I'm really looking forward to my retirement, but I will greatly miss everyone at GVSU! I wish you all the best!



WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST, JOYCE!



UNION NEWS



Professional Support Staff (PSS) Scholarship

This scholarship was designed to assist Professional Support Staff (PSS) employee group children and grandchildren in the pursuit of an undergraduate degree at GVSU. If you're interested in donating to this scholarship, visit <https://www.gvsu.edu/giving/give-online2.htm> and type in **PSS** in the Other Fund box.

For this coming 2023-2024 academic year, the PSS Scholarship has 18 award recipients!



Vacation Time

As summer is now upon us, it's the perfect time to remind everyone that Human Resources is returning to the normal policy of being able to rollover a max of 200 vacation hours between calendar years. Make sure you're taking your earned vacation time to rest, recover, and recharge!



HAPPY
SUMMER!

WORKSHOPS

Blackboard Ultra Lunch-and-Learn Q&A Sessions and Special Topics Sessions Presented by eLearning Technologies

To assist you with getting ready for Blackboard Ultra and to supplement other training opportunities, these Q&A sessions allow you to ask questions and get tips for organizing content, using the gradebook, discussions, announcements, etc. All webinars will begin at noon and run for 50 minutes. Stay for 5 minutes or 50. eLearning Technologies team members will be there to help. **Lots of offerings in the month of June! Please visit [Sprout](#) for the full listing of days/times.**

Responding to Distressed Colleagues Presented by HR: Benefits and Wellness

When help is needed most, what do you do?

The goal of this training – presented by Encompass, GVSU’s Employee Assistance Program (EAP) – is to increase awareness, knowledge, and confidence in responding to crisis situations for colleagues both on- and off-campus. Participants in this workshop will:

- Review and learn how to use the GVSU Responding to Distressed Colleagues process map, a tool for faculty and staff.
- Engage in interactive crisis training scenarios where outreach to Encompass EAP or GVPD emergency services might be warranted.



Wednesday, June 21

12:00PM - 1:30PM

Virtual

WORKSHOPS, CON'T

Blackboard Ultra Essentials

Presented by eLearning Technologies

Blackboard Ultra will be implemented for all courses at GVSU in spring/summer 2023. Many training opportunities are in place (see Blackboard Ultra Build-a-thon and Blackboard Ultra Lunch-and-Learn). This webinar is recommended for faculty/staff, who are comfortable learning new applications on their own and want to learn the most commonly used features of Blackboard Ultra.

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

- Access Blackboard and make their Ultra course available to their students
- Upload, edit or delete files in their Blackboard Ultra 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 Blackboard Ultra course
- Add a mash-up or other multimedia content (YouTube, Panopto video, etc.)
- Create an online assignment
- Access the gradebook and have a basic understanding of how to navigate it, as well as grade an online assignment

Monday, June 19

1:00PM - 2:00PM

Virtual

Thursday, June 22

7:00PM - 8:00PM

Virtual

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK [SPROUT](#)
THROUGHOUT THE MONTH FOR
ADDITIONAL CLASSES THAT MAY BE
ADDED AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF
THIS NEWSLETTER.

BENEFITS & WELLNESS

Faculty & Staff 2 Mile Fun Run

Hosted by GVPD

Friday, June 16

Faculty and staff lace up your sneakers and challenge the GVPD to a 2 mile race on campus! All GVSU faculty, staff, family members and fitness levels are invited to participate. Grab a colleague or your whole department to join in on the fun. Proceeds from the registration fee will go to the GVSU student support fund. Start and finish line set up, professional timing and results provided by PrimNRG race management.

Time and location were not available at time of this newsletter's publication. Please continue to check [Sprout](#) for more updated information and to register.



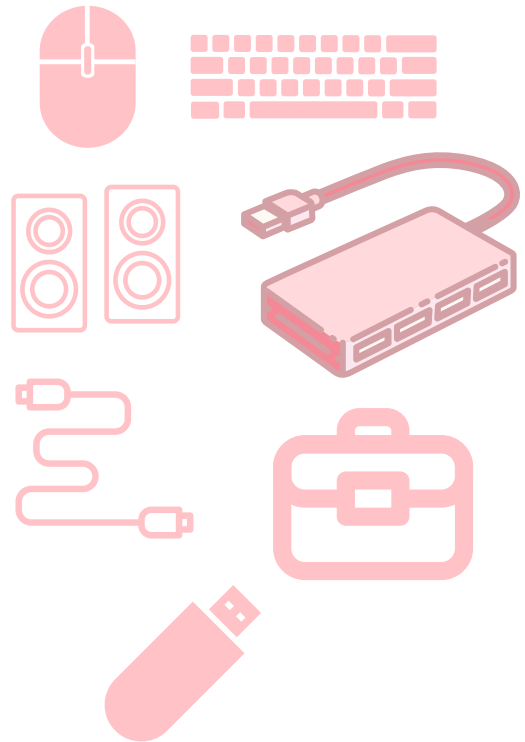
CAMPUS NEWS

Information Technology: Information on the [Technology Acquisition Policy](#) (TAP)

Looking to purchase peripherals such as mice, keyboards, USB-C hubs/adapters, cables, desktop speakers, laptop cases/bags? While Technology Acquisition does stock many of these items for your convenience, you are able to purchase items like those with a department purchasing card without needing Technology Acquisition approval!

IT Operations is working with Procurement to unblock TAP-approved purchases on Amazon Business for ease and convenience of purchase. If you are unsure about an item, please reach out to techsupply@gvsu.edu for assistance.

Check out www.gvsu.edu/it/ta for more information.



Information Technology Security Corner - Best Practices for Securing Your Home Network

Malicious cyber actors may leverage your home network to gain access to personal, private, and confidential information. Help protect yourself, your family, and your work by practicing cybersecurity-aware behaviors, observing some basic configuration guidelines, and implementing the following mitigations on your home network. Full details may be found at the following [NSA site](#).

2022-2023
BUILDING REPS

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MAK & MAN

TRACY LONDON X12252
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HHLC, HRY, LIB, & PAD

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ASH, AGS, LHH, LSH, & PAC

SHELBY HARRISON X16025
EC, IDC, KEN

RAYSHENA WILSON X17130
DEP, DEV 1ST & 2ND FLOORS

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SCB

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NICOLE BROWER X18894

IMPORTANT DATES

1st 6 week classes end - June 19

2nd 6 week classes begin - June 26

UPCOMING ISSUE

Share pictures of your flower and veggie gardens for the July newsletter! Email Megan at edingme@gvsu.edu by 5:00PM on Tuesday, June 27.

JUNE DATES

BIRTHDAYS

11 - Denise Gross

17- Brian DenUyl

18 - Carrie Shoup

23 - Mary Van Popering

GVSU ANNIVERSARY

7 - Sheryl Nelson

12 - Celeste Lareau

21 - Cassandra Hinzman

22 - Rafael Juarez-Yuen

30 - Julie Carbine

Brian DenUyl

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

1 - Megan Koeman-Eding (10yrs)



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.