

# APSS NEWSLETTER

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

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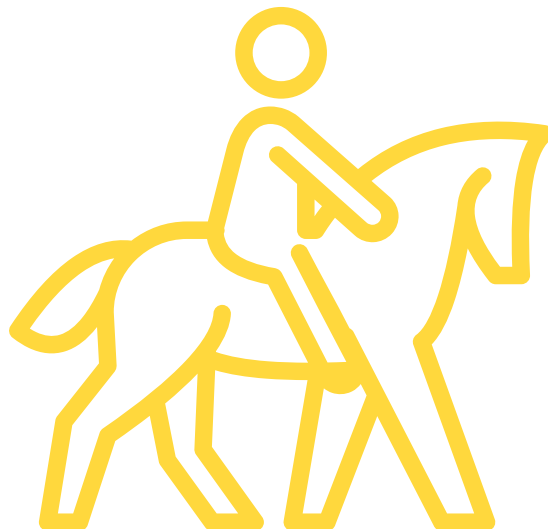


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## MEMBER SHARES

**Jordan Sickrey** - Favorite Outdoor Spring Activities/Plans: Horseback riding, just sitting outside, and going up to Mackinaw City to visit the night sky park!



# MEMBER SHARES

**Lindsey Burns** - The spring is a BUSY time for me and my family! Both my son and my daughter are active in spring sports, so most evenings you can find me running to practices or games. My son plays lacrosse and my daughter plays softball, so I spend a lot of time outdoors. I absolutely love this time of year and getting to watch my kids be involved in something they love!



**Roxana Taylor** - I would like to share that I am retiring after almost 23 years at GVSU's Annis Water Resources Institute. My last day of work will be May 31, 2023.

*Congrats,  
Roxana!*



# UNION NEWS



## Reminder: Union Dues - Summer 2023 Schedule

Union dues will not be taken out of your paycheck for the months of June, July and August (payroll numbers 12 – 18). Dues deductions will start back up in September beginning with your 9/12/23 check (payroll number 19).



**Right-To-Work Repeal Information** - As a follow up to Shawn's previous information about Right-To-Work Repeal legislation from the February 2023 newsletter, we'd like to share additional information and a video created by Michigan State University's Labor Education Program, as part of their School of Human Resources and Labor Relations:

*Right-to-Work (RTW) legislation is generally considered harmful to unions. It was a shock to many of us when Michigan became an RTW state 10 years ago. Currently, with the change in political leadership in Lansing, Michigan is about to become the first state in over 50 years to repeal RTW legislation. The bills have passed both the House and Senate, and have been signed by Governor Whitmer.*

*We've prepared a video to answer your questions about RTW, including exactly what it is and what the implications of the repeal are for unions. You can view it [here](#).*

## Student Employee Appreciation Week was a success!

Thanks goes to Brian DenUyl and all the volunteers who helped pass out ice cream on the gorgeous Friday, April 14 in support of Student Employee Appreciation Week. We couldn't have asked for better weather! Brian was able to pass out all the ice cream to very happy and grateful students!



# 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 April! Please visit [Sprout](#) for the full listing of days/times.**

### Zoom 101

Presented by eLearning Technologies

Learn the basics of using Zoom. After completing this workshop, the user will be able to:

- Identify Zoom settings
- Locate the Zoom tool in Blackboard Ultra
- Schedule a meeting and launch Zoom
- Use reactions
- Use chat
- Change roles
- Record sessions
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In preparation for the webinar, you are encouraged to view knowledge base articles at the Service Portal:

Zoom Knowledge Base Articles

**Monday, May 1**

**11:00AM - 12:00PM**

**Virtual**

**Thursday, May 11**

**3:00PM - 4:00PM**

**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, May 1

1:00PM - 2:00PM

Virtual

Tuesday, May 9

11:00AM - 12:00PM

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

## 3rd Annual GVSU Cornhole Tournament Thursday, May 18 - 11:00AM-1:00PM Lubbers Stadium

Cornhole season is upon us! Registration for the [3rd Annual GVSU Cornhole Tournament](#) is open now. The tournament is intended to be an opportunity for colleagues across campus to come together and have some fun. Sign up with a teammate or block time on your calendar to come watch/casually play when boards open up.



## Ditch the Diet Mentality Wednesday, May 24 - 10:00AM-11:00AM Zoom

Discover how to break free from the cycle of starting and stopping diets by adopting an empowering perspective on food and your body that will help you feel confident, healthy, and well. Join us and gain the tools to overcome the endless spiral of dieting.

Presented by Shelly Faber, lead wellness coach for GVSU. The first 30-40 minutes will be used for the presentation, and the remaining time will be open for discussion and question. [Register on Sprout!](#)



# CAMPUS NEWS AND EVENTS

## **LGBT Faculty Staff Association Picnic Wednesday, May 24 - 11:30AM-1:30PM**

Spend some time on the lawn with the LGBT FSA and be in community with partners across campus! The picnic will be held on the Mary Idema Pew Library North Lawn. Register in [Sprout.](#)

## **New Student Orientations - Admissions and Recruitment**

We have freshman orientation kicking off May 8 and running through the end of June! These are for incoming GVSU freshman students to attend with their parents/supporters. In addition, transfer orientations will continue throughout these months.

## **Information Technology Security Corner - Juice Jacking**

Juice jacking is a cybercrime that involves stealing data from electronic devices through USB charging ports. This type of attack occurs when someone connects their phone or other electronic device to a charging station or USB port, and the port is compromised with malware or other malicious software.

The attacker can then use this access to steal sensitive data, such as login credentials, credit card information, and other personal information stored on the device. The victim may be unaware that their device is being compromised since they are simply charging their phone.

To avoid falling victim to juice jacking, it's essential to be cautious when charging your device in public places. Be wary of using charging stations that are not provided by trusted sources, such as airports, hotels, and cafes.

One effective way to protect your device from juice jacking is to use a portable charger. Portable chargers allow you to charge your device without having to connect to a public charging port, which eliminates the risk of data theft. Another option is to use a charging cable that doesn't transfer data, known as a "charging-only" cable.

In addition, it's essential to keep your device updated with the latest security patches and software updates. These updates often include important security fixes that protect your device from potential vulnerabilities that can be exploited by cybercriminals.

Juice jacking is a growing concern as more people rely on their electronic devices and increasingly use public charging ports. By taking proactive steps to protect your device, you can reduce the risk of falling victim to this type of cybercrime.

# CAMPUS NEWS AND EVENTS, CON'T

## Reminder: GVSU TRIO Upward Bound needs your help!

The GVSU TRIO Upward Bound programs are looking forward to a fun filled summer residential program on the Allendale campus for our high school students this June and July. We are putting together supply bags to welcome our students to campus and are requesting your help with collecting some on-campus essentials!

Items that we are the most in need of are:

- Water Bottles
- Notebooks
- Pencils
- Pens
- Highlighters
- Umbrellas
- Sunglasses
- Hand Sanitizers
- Portable Chargers



If your department has any of these items to spare, or any other fun GV branded items, we would love to have them for our students. We tentatively plan to have 100 students participate, but welcome and are thankful for donations of any amount.

If you are able to contribute, please email Bonnie Jaracz ([peterbon@gvsu.edu](mailto:peterbon@gvsu.edu)) to arrange a pick up, or items can be sent inter-campus, attention to:

**Bonnie Jaracz**  
**TRIO Upward Bound**  
**366C DeVos**

We would like to have all items collected by the last week of May. Thank you for supporting our TRIO Upward Bound students!



*Grand Rapids group*



*Detroit group*



## 2022-2023 BUILDING REPS

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## MEMBER RELATIONS TEAM

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## IMPORTANT DATES

1st 6 week classes begin - May 8

Memorial Day (university closed) - May 29

## UPCOMING ISSUE

Share your summer vacation plans for the June newsletter! Email Megan at edingme@gvsu.edu by 5:00PM on Friday, May 26.

## MAY DATES

### BIRTHDAYS

4 - Cassandra Hinzman

14 - Melissa Kurek

21 - Cherilyn Denomme

### GVSU ANNIVERSARY

7 - Melissa Kurek

23 - Jennifer Stamate-Carey

29 - Terri Kenny

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

7 - Kimberly Reeves-Jorgensen

16 - Erica Baker-Bringedahl (14  
yrs)

23 - Jay Zink (37 yrs)

25 - Krystal Vanden Bosch (10  
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.