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UNION NEWS





Union dues will not be deducted from your paycheck for June, July, and August (payroll numbers 11 – 17). Dues deductions will start back up in September, beginning with your 9/9/25 check (payroll number 18).

APSS UNION ELECTIONS

Keep an eye out for information on upcoming APSS elections for the offices of President, Union Business and Financial Director, and Communications Director.







APSS IS ON FACEBOOK!!! YOU CAN FIND THE GROUP AT:

HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/APSSGVSU

Please feel free to share information on this page about events, celebrations, or information about your GVSU department.

You are also welcome to share items for sale, fundraisers, community notices, ask for help with a GVSU program (ahem-Workday), etc.!

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LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

PROJECT MANAGEMENT FUNDAMENTALS:
KEY CONCEPTS FOR THE "NON-PROJECT
MANAGER" THAT MANAGES PROJECTS
BY ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 27, 2025, 10:30A - 12:00P DeVos Center C107 (Pew Campus)

Join us for an interactive discussion and learning around key concepts in project management. This session is intended for AP staff who are not in a formal project manager role but find themselves leading projects. The session will provide practical considerations for concepts that are common in all projects.

Topics will include:

- Fundamental project management concepts and terms
- Controlling scope, schedule, and cost
- · Planning project schedule and activities
- Managing risk, vendors, team formation, and other elements of the project

Presenters anticipate an interactive session. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions or challenges they have experienced for discussion.

Panelists: Amy Rhoades and Josh Marko of the GVSU IT Project Management Office (PMO)

Facilitator: Paul Cullen

Register through Workday Here.





EVERYBODY'S WORK: HEALING WHAT HURTS US ALL - FILM SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION

BY KCON

Join us on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, for a screening of the SHIFT film, Everybody's Work: Healing What Hurts Us All.

Everybody's Work exposes the pervasive issue of racism in healthcare and its harmful effects on both patients and nurses. Through the powerful stories of nurses and patients of color across the country, this documentary challenges the notion that racism only exists if personally experienced, revealing instead that it affects us all.

Following the screening, join us for a live, statewide simulcast discussion featuring a panel of health equity experts.

Tuesday, April 8, 2025
Refreshments from 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Opening Remarks 4:45 PM
Film Screening from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Panel Discussion from 6:15 PM to 7:30 PM

Room: Seidman Forum RSVP for this event

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

JUSTICE FOR ALL: FAITH LEADERS AND THE NON-VIOLENT FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY BY HAUENSTEIN CENTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL STUDIES

A conversation at the intersection of faith, class, and politics as we reflect on our deepest religious and constitutional values and how to ensure a moral, ethical, and just democracy for everyone. In this dialogue, we explore the varied efforts of faith-based organizations working to alleviate the effects of poverty in West Michigan and discuss the proper roles of faith groups, government, philanthropy, and individual action in addressing poverty.

This event will be hosted by the Hauenstein Center's Common Ground Initiative in partnership with Grand Valley State University's Kaufman Interfaith Institute.

Schedule:

5:30 PM - Doors Open

6:00 PM - Program Begins

7:30 PM - Dessert Reception Begins

Speakers:

Shannon Jammal-Hollemans, Pastor, First Denominational UCC of Lowell

Adrienne Goodstal, Executive Director, North Kent Connect

Reggie Smith, Diversity Ministry Consultant, Christian Reformed Church of North America

Don't miss this insightful event moderated by Hauenstein Center Director Megan Rydecki.

Admission is free, but we do ask that you register to attend.

RSVP for this event



FINANCIAL LITERACY WEEK BY MONEYSMART LAKERS

Join us from April 7th to 11th for a week filled with interactive workshops, engaging discussions, and fun challenges that will help you take control of your finances. Whether you're looking to sharpen your budgeting skills, understand student loans, or compete in our Student Money Talks! presentation competition for a chance to win \$100 worth of Laker Store swag, there's something for everyone.

More information and full schedule here: https://www.gvsu.edu/moneysmart/financial-literacy-week-65.htm

BENEFITS & WELLNESS



SAVE THE DATE: 5TH ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT!

BY HUMAN RESOURCES

Mark your calendars for the 2025 GVSU Cornhole Tournament, scheduled for May 15. Look for an RSVP coming soon!



Set up notifications in WorkDay to alert you to new internal-only job postings (or any new job postings!).

View instructions on how to set these notifications

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/mwyq1gr9siiui7b 7a598r/WDJobAid-REC-Create-Job-Alerts.docx? rlkey=b9epniurct15qqjq6stf9Ind9&st=5f5s5pw8& dl=0

CLIFTONSTRENGTHS: INTRODUCTORY SESSION FOR INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS

BY HUMAN RESOURCES

Have vou completed CliftonStrengths the assessment and are wondering what now?

Join us for a hands-on, interactive session to explore and understand your personalized CliftonStrengths results. We'll navigate a variety of exercises to learn more about each of your top 5 Strengths, how these show up for you as an individual, and how you can begin to apply them proactively for your personal and professional development and growth.

Registration link

April 17, 2025, 9AM - 10:30 AM, JHZ 4099

GV TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT 2025 - CALL FOR PROPOSALS

BY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The inaugural GV Technology Summit will take place on October 2, 2025, from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the DeVos Center for Interprofessional Health, Health Campus.

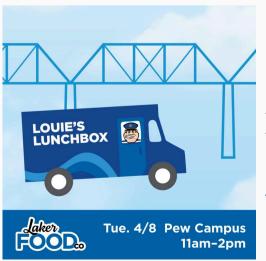
Be part of a university-wide celebration of innovation and progress, sponsored by Information Technology in collaboration with colleges and departments across the university.

Information Technology is seeking passionate presenters to showcase technology advancements and explore future opportunities.

<u>Submit a proposal</u> by June 30, 2025 to help make the Summit a success. Learn more and register at <u>gvsu.edu/it/summit</u>.



LOUIE'S LUNCHBOX OPENING DAY! BY LAKER FOOD CO.





ADOBE EXPRESS & ADOBE ACROBAT PRO NOW AVAILABLE

BY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

As part of an updated contract, all faculty and staff now have access to Adobe Express and Adobe Acrobat Pro.

Go to <u>Adobe.com</u> and sign in with your GVSU credentials to access Adobe tools. Once logged in, you can use Adobe apps via the web or install them on your device. For detailed steps and troubleshooting steps, visit the <u>Knowledge Base</u> article.

If you are a current user of the Adobe Creative Cloud product and pay for a subscription, you may find that Adobe Express, which is available at no cost to you, meets your needs. You can learn more about the differences between Adobe Creative Cloud and Adobe Express on this webpage.

We are excited to offer these resources to you. If you have any questions, contact IT Services via the <u>Service Portal</u>, at <u>it@gvsu.edu</u> or 616-331-2101.

Louie's Lunchbox is back! Find it at the **Pew Campus** for lunch on Tuesday, 4/8 - Chicken Wings and Tenders, and at the **Allendale Campus** for lunch on Wednesday, 4/9 - Chicken Wings and Tenders.

More information and schedules: https://www.gvsu.edu/catering/foodtruck/

chicken wing chicken wing hot wo dog wand bologna chicken and macaroni chillin with my homies

TEMPORARILY CLOSED

STEELCASE LIBRARY CLOSED SUMMER 2025: TRANSFORMING SERVICES

Steelcase Library, in DeVos Center Building A, will be transforming its service offerings to start in Fall 2025. This transformation will require the temporary closure of the Steelcase Library and Curriculum Materials Library space to public users from May 2025 - August 2025. Replenish will no longer be available at this library location after April 23, 2025.

Fall 2025

Starting in Fall 2025 the Steelcase Library Space will include:

- A Universal Testing Center
- A Psychology laboratory
- Expanded partnership and presence of the Knowledge Market and Tutoring Services
- · Individual or group study pods

The library will continue to provide these services:

- · Access to the Steelcase Library collections
- Pickup location for library holds, <u>Document Delivery</u> requests, and <u>Course Reserve</u> materials.
- Curriculum Materials Library
- <u>Digital Creator Lab</u> equipment and laptop checkout
- Ouiet reading room
- · Collaboration zone for group work

Summer

<u>Liaison librarians</u> who work in Steelcase Library will be available for online contact and campus meetings. Permanent office locations are still being determined, but they will be in the DeVos Center on the Pew Campus. Liaison librarians will communicate their new location with the departments they serve when the locations are finalized.

We will still be able to access materials from the Steelcase Library but the turnaround may be slower. To ensure access to needed materials we recommend <u>requesting any print or CML materials</u> you may need for summer research during April. We are working with facilities to provide a Pew Campus pickup location. Pickups can also be done at Frey Foundation Learning Commons on the Health Campus, or at the Mary Idema Pew Library in Allendale.

The <u>Mary Idema Pew Library in Allendale</u> and the <u>Frey Foundation Learning Commons</u> in the DeVos Center for Interdisciplinary Health (DCIH) on the Health Campus will remain open.

Visit https://www.gvsu.edu/library/steelcasechange for additional information. Questions and concerns can be sent to Jon Jeffryes (jeffryjo@gvsu.edu), Associate Dean for Curriculum, Research, and User Services.

IS THAT LINK SAFE? HOW TO SPOT A SUSPICIOUS WEB LINK IN YOUR EMAIL BY INFORMATION SECURITY

We've all been there—an email pops up in your inbox with a link that seems important. Maybe it's from your bank, your favorite store, or even a colleague. But how do you know if clicking that link is safe?

Phishing emails are one of the most common ways cybercriminals try to steal personal information or install malware on your computer. The good news? You can protect yourself by learning how to recognize suspicious links before you click.

Here's What to Look For:

1. Hover Before You Click

Before clicking on any link, hover your mouse over it (don't click!). This will show you the real web address. If the address looks odd, misspelled, or doesn't match the company's official website, it's a red flag.

2. Check for HTTPS

Secure websites start with https://, not just http://. The "s" stands for secure. While https doesn't guarantee a site is safe, a lack of it is definitely suspicious—especially if you're being asked to enter personal information.

3. Be Wary of Shortened Links

Some attackers use URL shorteners (like bit.ly) to hide where a link will really take you. If you receive a shortened link from someone you don't know—or even from someone you do—proceed with caution. You can use link-expanding services to see the full address before visiting.

4. Unexpected Attachments or Links

Did you get an email with a link or attachment you weren't expecting? Even if it looks like it's from someone you know, it could be a spoofed email. When in doubt, contact the sender directly using a method you trust (not by replying to the email).

5. Generic Greetings and Urgent Language

Phishing emails often use greetings like "Dear Customer" and create a sense of urgency ("Your account will be suspended!"). If the email tries to scare you into clicking a link, it's best to pause and verify.

When in Doubt, Don't Click

It's better to be safe than sorry. If you're ever unsure about a link or an email, reach out to your IT support or use official channels to verify. For personal emails, if you are unsure, rather than clicking on a link in the email, go to a known good web link, or use a search engine to find the company in question. Staying alert and cautious can save you from falling victim to a cyber scam.

Be careful

what you click

Stay safe out there—and happy clicking (on the right links)!



THE GVSU SEED LIBRARY BY GVSU LIBRARIES

Stop by the Mary Idea Pew Library to see and use our new seed library! A seed library is a place where beginner or experienced gardeners can borrow seeds, and return seeds back for others to plant and harvest.

The Seed Library is located in the Mary Idema Pew Library on the 1st floor across from the Service Desk. There you will find a card catalogue housing an ever-changing variety of seeds, including vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers. You're welcome to take up to (5) packets per visit, per day. This allows seeds to be available for as many people as possible. You can even donate seeds from what you grow to keep the seed library going!

Seed Library brought to you in partnership with <u>GVSU Sustainable Agriculture Project</u>. Need a place to grow your seeds? <u>Register for a spot in their Community Garden!</u>

SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPIONS BY OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES

Sustainability Champions are individuals who, by practice and belief, support the ideals of sustainable practice and using a triple bottom-line approach to problems and issues. The champions have demonstrated that they support both in word and deed, and can be looked to as leaders in sustainability.

Awards are issued to students, faculty/staff, community members and groups/organizations.

Nominate 2025 Sustainability Champions <u>here</u>, and RSVP for the 2025 Sustainability Champion Award ceremony <u>here</u>!

More information available at the <u>Office of Sustainability Practices website</u>.



LGBT FSA PICNIC! BY LGBT FSA

The LGBT Faculty and Staff Association will be holding an end of year picnic!

Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 11AM - 1:30PM Kirkhof/Library North Lawn

RSVP Here!





GVSU BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP BY ATHLETICS

GVSU Boys Basketball Camp Registrations are open! Please visit www.grandvalleystatembbcamps.com to see all of our summer camp offerings. We have opportunities for all ages.

For GVSU employees, we would like to offer a discount for your immediate family members. At check out, please apply the discount code of "25GVSU10". This discount will work for our Youth, Middle School, and Father/Son camps. Anchor Up!

CAMPUS SAFETY TIPS: SEVERE WEATHER SEASON BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Non-emergency situations

During a thunderstorm watch or warning, and even a tornado watch, University operations will continue as normal. These are considered non-emergency situations.

In the event of a watch, keep an eye on sudden changes in weather. Department emergency coordinators will be alerted if one of our campuses falls under the National Weather Service designated watch area. Outdoor activities may be canceled.

Emergency Situations

If the NWS issues a tornado warning, it means a tornado has been sighted or radar indicates a possible funnel cloud is approaching one of our campuses. When a tornado warning is issued in Kent or Ottawa counties, this is an EMERGENCY requiring people in the area under the warning to shelter immediately. University operations will be suspended across ALL CAMPUSES if a tornado warning is issued in either Kent County or Ottawa County. This means all events, classes and dining, Rec Center, and meeting activities will be suspended until the event passes.

When a tornado warning is issued, outdoor sirens will be activated and a GVSUAlert! will be sent to the entire campus community via text message, email and campus computer networks. A link to a webpage with instructions about what to do and where to seek shelter on campus will be provided.

Designated tornado safety locations

During severe weather, members of our community can find the severe weather safety locations on the Classroom Emergency Placards or by visiting <u>our website where shelter locations are detailed</u>.

If a designated shelter location does not provide enough space, individuals should proceed to the lowest level of a building and/or an interior room without windows.

Outdoor warning system

Tornado sirens will sound in the areas of the warning. It is possible sirens may sound in the entire county even if the NWS issues for only a portion of the county. It is very rare, but outdoor warning sirens can also be activated for significant straight-line winds and other emergencies like a significant hazardous material spill. The GVSUAlert! system will provide instruction in one of those unlikely events.

In the event a tornado warning is issued

- 1. A GVSUAlert! will be issued to all students, faculty and staff.
- 2. All GVSU operations will be suspended until the event has passed.
- 3. Offices, departments, campus dining and Fieldhouse personnel will suspend normal operations.
- 4. People on campus should go to the nearest tornado safety location.
- 5. If someone is unable to make it to a designated tornado safety location, they should move to a small, interior room on the lowest level of the building they are in and stay away from windows, doors and outside walls.
- 6. Remain calm, walk --do not run-- and avoid elevators.
- 7. Stay in the shelter until an "All Clear" message is given via the GVSUAlert! system.



Julie Carbine, Admissions, took a photo of this cute squirrel while walking on the ravine trail off the Arboretum.:)



For this newsletter, we asked "Who are your heros?"

Sam Condon, Psychology, said, "My neighbors across the street, Lucas & Jess Everett are my heroes. Since moving up to Grand Rapids from Indiana, they have been nothing but supportive, inspiring and all around good people. From the moment our Pride flag was put up on the front porch, they've let my partner and I know they're safe people. They've invited us out to dinner, drinks, game nights and movies; they've introduced us to our First Ward Commissioner; they've invited us to join the neighborhood association and liberal meetups; and they've watched over our house and pets when we've been out on vacation. You could not ask for better people to be your neighbors."



From Annie Parada, University Libraries:

- Ginza Sushi & Ramen Bar in Grand Rapids poke bowls, but it's all good.
- The Sovengard
- Bosna Express The O.G. gyro
- Madras Indian Grill chicken tikka masala
- Real Seafood Company oysters

From Keri Roth, Visitor Experience

<u>Licari's</u>. The Dolce Sandwich is incredible. I try so hard to get other items when I go there but I keep coming back to this.

Rosemary infused ham, capicollo, goat cheese, fig jam, crumbled bacon & fresh arugula.

(Seconded by Kelli Dykstra, Public Safety! Locations in Hudsonville and Grand Rapids!)



recommendations

From Alisia Neubeck, University Libraries
Support a local woman-owned restaurant by
enjoying the delicious offerings of <u>Pochis</u>
<u>Columbian Cafe</u> in downtown Grand Rapids.





From Tammy Brasic, Admissions

<u>Gypsum Grill</u> at The Mines Golf Club. I would recommend the flatbreads which varies on offerings about every 3 months.

From Susan Weise, CLAS Dean's Office:

- Lindo Mexico near 28th and Burlingame is my favorite Mexican restaurant. Literally anything you get there will be amazing so it's hard to pick a favorite. They make their chips fresh, and the chips are hot when they come to your table!
- Tacos el Cuñado (multiple locations) second favorite. MASSIVE burritos and everything is fresh.





From Jackson Richmond, Parking Services

New restaurant called Bridge Street Bar located on Bridge St downtown! Small menu, but very good food!



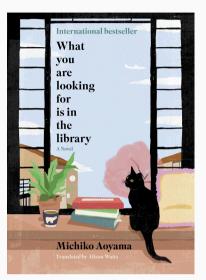


From Lina Fire-McVay, KCON

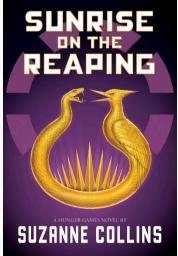
Brass Ring Brewing. They have Irish pub food that rotates depending on what's in season, and an excellent beer list.

From Sam Condon, Psychology Department

- Allendale: El Aztecas
- Standale: Aroy Thai
- Grand Rapids:
 - Tupelo Honey Southern Kitchen & Bar
 - Soho Sushi
 - Garden District
 - The Downtown Market
 - Gino's Pizzeria
 - Bestside Cafe
 - The Holiday Bar
 - Delicious • Pind Indian Cuisine
 - Palace of India
 - Le Kabob
 - Gaslight Kitchen Asian Cuisine
 - Salvatore's Italian Restaurant & Pizza
 - Butcher's Union
 - Yesterdog
 - Grand Coney
 - Brick and Porter
 - New Holland Brewing
 - Founders Brewing



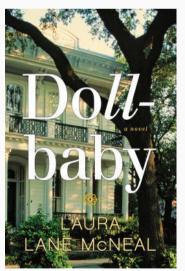




Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins
Recommended by Sam
Condon, Psychology
Department. "(The new
Hunger Games prequel).
If you've read the others,
you're in for a treat"



Recommended by **Sue Dix, Office of Financial Aid** & **Scholarships.** "The stories in this book are loosely connected by a library and its librarian, who seems prophetic. This book will lift, fill, and heal your heart.'"

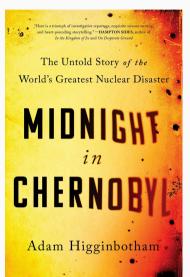


<u>Doll Baby by Laura Lane McNeal</u>

Recommended by Keri Roth, Visitor Experience. From Goodreads, "A bighearted coming-of-age debut set in civil rights-era New Orleans—a novel of Southern eccentricity and secrets"

A Very Bad Thing by J.T. Ellison
Recommended by Tammy Brasic,
Admissions. From Goodreads, "A taut
thriller about one author at the pinnacle of
her career, whose past threatens to
destroy everything she has—and everyone
she knows."

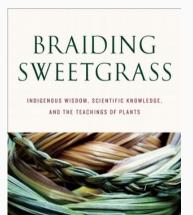






Midnight in Chernobyl by Adam Higginbotham

Recommended by Susan Weise, CLAS. ". If you are a history nerd, this 550-page epic about the Chernobyl disaster will satisfy your need for excruciating detail."



ROBIN WALL KIMMERER

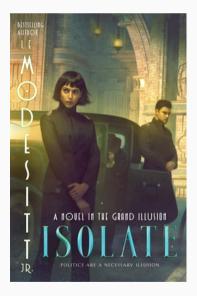
Braiding Sweetgrass by
Robin Wall Kimmerer
Recommended by Sue Dix,
Office of Financial Aid &
Scholarships. "The author is
a botanist and a member of
the Citizen Potawatomi
Nation. This book combines

science and spirituality and

reads like a big hug."

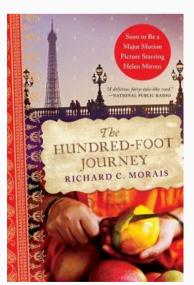
<u>Isolate by L.E.</u> <u>Modesitt, Jr.</u>

Recommended by Lina Fire, KCON. ". It's a gaslamp political fantasy, set in a vaguely Russian inspired world. It deals with political assassinations, social unrest, and corporate corruption—with psychics!!"



The One-Hundred Foot Journey by Richard C. Morais Recommended by Sam Condon, Psychology Department. "A story of an

Department. "A story of an Indian man, who despite family issues and obligations, turns into Michelin-star chef in Paris."



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19TH - CLASSES END
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5TH - SHERRI NELSON
28TH - ANNE KAMSTRA



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