

KAPLAN

COLLEGE GUIDE

390 colleges &
35 hot fields

Get Started on Your
Path to Success!

2009

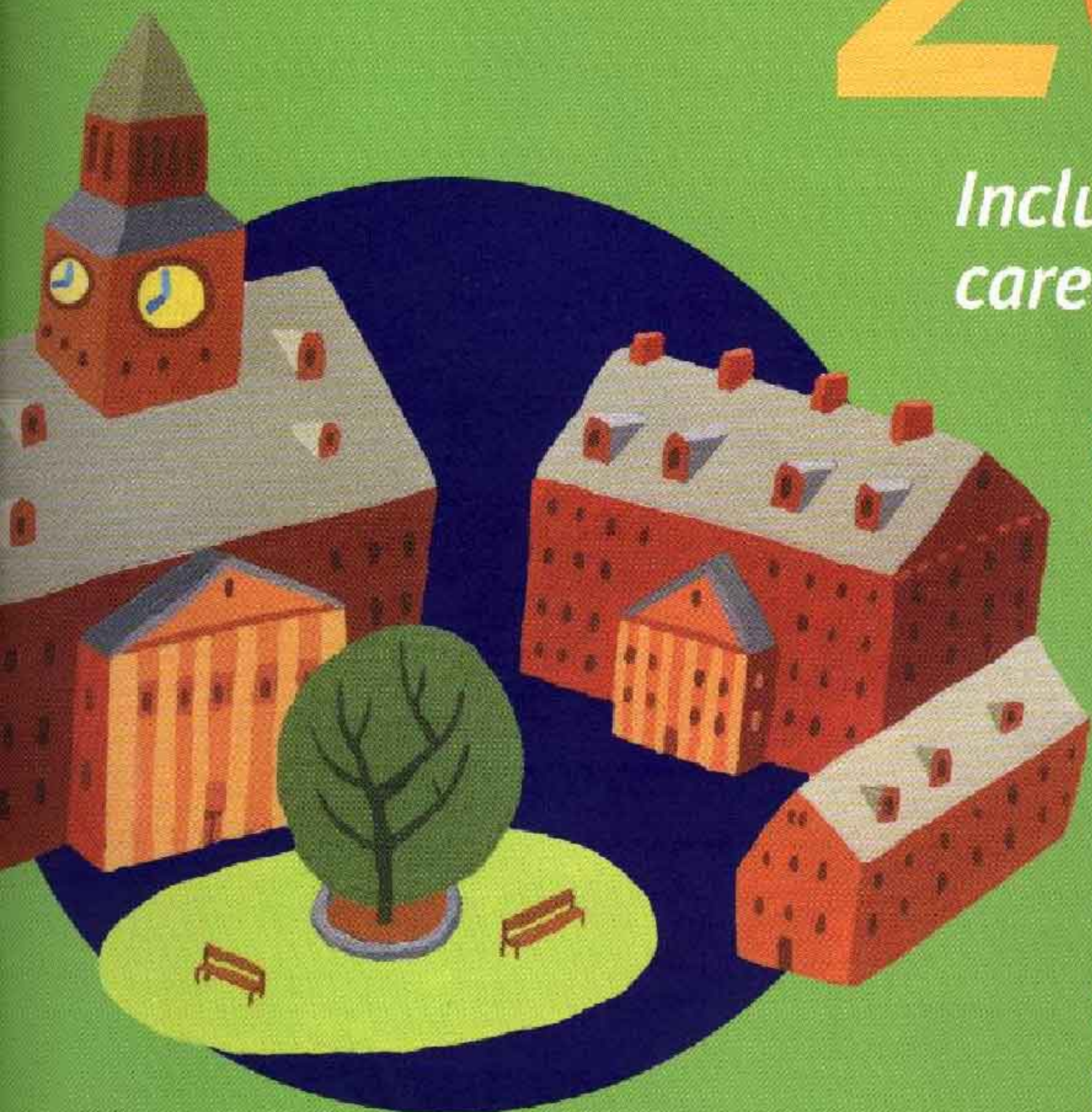
Includes **GREEN** college and
career options to explore!

25 environmentally
responsible colleges

10 careers that could
help you save the earth

35 profiles of today's
hottest career choices

145 successful graduates
tell you how they did it



Grand Valley State University



WHAT'S GREEN



GREEN ORGANIZATIONS/STUDENT GROUPS

- **Student Environmental Coalition:** This group works with the Sustainability Office to educate students about sustainability and conservation.
- **Recycling Advocacy Club:** This club works to reduce waste and promote recycling at GVSU.
- **Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS):** The SWCS works in the greater community to clean and preserve natural habitats and resources.

GREEN CAMPUS PROJECTS/INITIATIVES

- **The Rapid Bus System:** GVSU has several hybrid-electric buses to transport off-campus students to and from school.
- **Project E!:** This project is spearheaded by one student who is passionate about reducing paper waste by encouraging the proliferation of electronic documents.
- **Energy Conservation Competition:** In November 2007, GVSU communities' energy consumption was monitored and compared to energy consumption in November 2006. The winning community could choose a prize such as an Energy Star appliance or free sustainability training.

GREEN COURSES OFFERED

- Environmental Science
- Environmental and Resource Economics
- Ecology of the Great Lakes
- Environmental Ethics
- Global Environmental Change
- Geology and the Environment

It's easy for big schools with even bigger endowments to ramp up their sustainability programs. But what about schools with significantly smaller endowments which are nonetheless doing their part to improve the environment. Grand Valley State University is one of those schools recognized by the Sustainability Endowments Institute. For its efforts, GVSU earned a 2008 Sustainability Innovator Award.

Obviously, this school is making the most of its endowment. There seems to be no limit to what GVSU is doing to go green. To start, the school has tried to incorporate more environmentally themed courses into its catalog. GVSU even publishes its own "Student Sustainability Guide." There's also a full-time sustainability director at GVSU.

Other GVSU initiatives include the adoption of LEED certification as the standard for all construction on campus. More LEED-certified buildings at the very least mean greater energy efficiency. To reduce energy waste, the school has installed occupancy sensors so that lights do not remain on in unoccupied rooms. Water waste has been drastically reduced thanks to waterless urinals and various low-flow features on toilets and showers.

INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

While Grand Valley State University might not be the most recognized name on our list, it does provide a quality education. There are seven different colleges to choose from: the Padnos College of Engineering and Computing, the Kirkhof College of Nursing, the College of Education, the Seidman College of Business, the College of Health Professions, the College of Interdisciplinary Studies, the College of Community and Public Services, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Allendale, MI

Website: www.gvsu.edu

Sustainability website: www.gvsu.edu/sustainability

Email contact address: admissions@gvsu.edu



(CLAS). Students also have 69 majors to choose from among 200 areas of study. Whether students want to study German, dance, or behavioral science, they will find it at GVSU.

The dedicated faculty at GVSU is always on hand to help students with their needs. Courses are always taught by professors—never by graduate students. However, the presence of graduate students does provide a great opportunity for undergrads, because undergrads who are looking for a challenge can participate in graduate-level research.

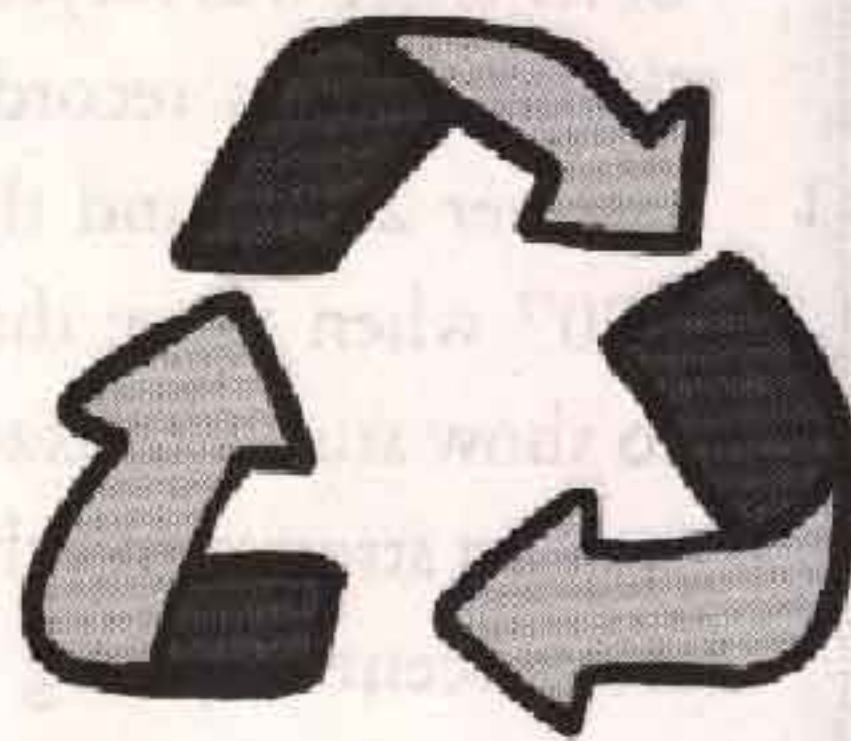
For students who want to see more of the world than Allendale, Michigan, can offer, GVSU has a seemingly unlimited number of study abroad programs—3,900 in all! The Ukraine, Turkey, Egypt—no part of the globe seems to be off-limits.

AROUND CAMPUS

There are two different GVSU campuses. The main one is in Allendale, while the other has a more urban setting in Grand Rapids—as mentioned, a free shuttle links the two. With prime locations near Lake Michigan, the school seems to have a little of everything to offer its students.

One of the biggest selling points of the GVSU campus is the fact that the student residences are some of the newest in the entire state. The traditional-style dorms are set aside for first-year students. There is also apart-

ment-style housing in a choice of five different buildings. There are 11 different suite-style apartments, each housing four students. Finally, there are campus apartments: four campus apartment buildings in Allendale and another two in Grand Rapids. If upper-class students prefer theme housing, they can choose among honors, all-female, art, healthy living, or pre-law housing.



STUDENT LIFE

Louie the Laker, GVSU's mascot, watches over athletics at this NCAA Division II school. There are a total of eight men's varsity teams and another nine women's varsity teams. Football is extremely popular, especially when GVSU is playing its rivals at Ferris State University for the Anchor Bone Trophy. GVSU football won the 2005–06 National Championships, a feat also accomplished by the women's basketball and volleyball teams. Intramural sports, such as bowling, tennis, and golf, are a great alternative to varsity sports.

GVSU is proud to have nearly 300 student organizations to choose from. With areas of interest such as faith, culture, service, and sports, there is literally something for everyone. And what about students who want to go Greek? Well, they will have to narrow their choice to 1 of the 27 different Greek organizations on campus.