

## **DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES**

### **Mission, Vision, Values & Guiding Principles, and Goals**

*Campus Recreation – Career Services  
Children’s Enrichment Center  
Counseling & Career Development Center  
Dean of Students Office – Health Center  
Housing & Residence Life – Kirkhof Center  
LGBT Resource Center – Multicultural Affairs  
Student Life & Event Services  
Women’s Center*

### **Mission**

***Engage students in a vibrant educational community to enhance meaningful learning.***

### **Vision**

The Grand Valley State University student body is recognized for its active engagement in meaningful learning experiences in and beyond the classroom. GVSU faculty and staff embrace opportunities to support active student learning that connects academic endeavors, community service, and personal growth in the context of a holistic liberal arts experience. The Grand Valley community recognizes the key role of student affairs educators in creating collaborative services, programs and environments that support the personal, social, intellectual, cultural, and professional growth of students.

## **Values & Guiding Principles**

### ***Learning***

We value preparing students for lifelong learning and the responsibility of citizenship through the integration of liberal learning with preparation for career or profession.

### ***Community***

We believe that individuals achieve their highest potential when they are members of a caring community that challenges and supports them, encouraging both independence and interdependence.

### ***Integrity***

We value integrity as reflected in our personal and organizational commitment to openness, honesty, inclusiveness and high ethical standards.

### ***Inclusion and Intercultural Awareness***

We believe that a culture of inclusion, in which diverse perspectives are acknowledged, encouraged, respected and appreciated, is critical to both individual well-being and organizational effectiveness.

### ***Service***

We value a commitment to active citizenship through service to our communities and professions.

### **Goals:**

1. Challenge students to be actively involved in a comprehensive array of co-curricular offerings.

2. Facilitate student learning about communication, citizenship, critical thinking, self-reflection, leadership, intercultural competence, relationships, global awareness, and sustainability.
3. Develop learning goals and outcomes for co-curricular offerings.
4. Increase student participation in study abroad, internship, and service learning activities.
5. Provide accessible student support services that foster academic and personal success.
6. Provide affordable health and childcare services.
7. Maintain a safe, secure university community.
8. Highlight student, faculty, and staff success stories to enhance the reputation of the university.
9. Assist students and staff participate in academic and professional conferences.
10. Collaborate with the College of Education to enhance the College Student Affairs Leadership (CSAL) graduate program.