

2016 PARENT ORIENTATION

Academic & Career Success

Welcome!



*Student Academic Success Center
Academic Advising
Career Center*

First year is about making connections...

- Socially
- Academically
- Career goals



This will lead to the ultimate goal of happy, healthy, successful careers



Today's presentation will focus on:

Academic Connections

College level learning is different

Career Development Connections

Career development is a process

Who Is My
Advisor?

Academic Connections

Academic Advising at GVSU

- Faculty and Professional Advising Centers by College/Major

Students have both faculty and professional advisors
- Student Academic Success Center (SASC)
 - Pre-Major/undecided advising
 - Changing majors
 - Policies and academic appeals

Students should meet soon and regularly!

What Advisors do:



- *They are the first contact for questions and concerns about curriculum, course concerns and academic policy information and campus resources*
- *Contact students via e-mail – so encourage use of GVSU e-mail*
- *Follow-up on mid-semester grades*
- *They are a great source of general information for both student and family*

Questions after today? Call us!

Academic Support Services

Asking for help is different here...

Tutoring

Scheduled

Walk-in

❖ Free

Academic Skills

Academic Coaching

Workshops

Online Resources



Academic Connections

*Experiences outside of the classroom
are just as important as learning inside the
classroom*

- Academic clubs
- Involvement with faculty projects
- Make use of faculty office hours



Career Exploration

All first year students
need to explore

(even if they have declared a major)

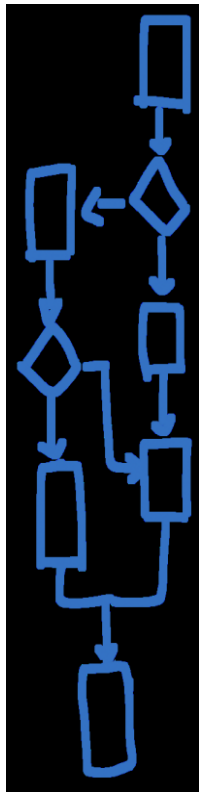


What does this exploring look like?

- “Me-search”
- Research the World of Work
- Decision-making

How to Explore Careers & Majors

REMEMBER: It's a process that takes place over time!



- Meet with a Career Advisor to discuss interests
- Take US 102
- Meet with pre- major advisor to discuss curriculum requirements
- Attend Majors Fair, Career Fair & other career events
- Connect with students, faculty & alumni from academic departments of interest
- Job shadow; conduct informational interviews; volunteer
- Do an internship! (or two, or three)

Active Career Exploration Matters!



- ✓ Connect to Career Goals
- ✓ Build a Career Network
- ✓ Reach the ultimate goal of happy, healthy successful careers!

GVSU Makes Connections for Students



TEACHFOR
AMERICA



Blue Cross
Blue Shield
of Michigan



3M



Cargill

Google

HCL

CHRYSLER

IBM



Johnson
Controls

Quicken Loans
Engineered to Amaze

Kellogg's

stryker



Coca-Cola



ThyssenKrupp



TRW

Automotive



PEPSICO

Domino's



TQLO
TOTAL QUALITY LOGISTICS

Families: What you think and say matters!

53%

of parents felt they were the biggest influence on their children's post A-Level education and career choices – more than their child's friends and careers advisers

Results from a survey of over 1,000 parents with children of school age, looking at the key role played by parents in their children's decisions about routes and pathways post-18. Research conducted by GTI Media with sponsorship from EY

How family can support student's Academic and Career Success

- Encourage exploration in new areas of interest
- Be a non-anxious listener when your student feels panic or discomfort related to academics, planning for the future or making career-related decisions
- Help connect them to GVSU resources
- Ask open-ended questions
- Support the decision making process, recognizing it happens over time and is always evolving
- Be part of their professional network

Blueprint for Success

<http://www.gvsu.edu/advising/interactiveblueprint/>

FIRST YEAR *Personal Transition Into College*

■ Challenge ■ Support ■ Engagement

For more information about student success visit www.gvsu.edu/sasc



Questions?