

# CLAS Academic Advising Center

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## Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

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The purpose of this newsletter is to share information that may be of interest to you. By posting information, it does not mean that we endorse the organizations or services enclosed.

*If your organization has an event that you'd like to have included in the Pre-Professional E-Bulletin's Calendar of Important Events send an email to Nick Woodward at [woodwani@gvsu.edu](mailto:woodwani@gvsu.edu). Please include date, time, location, the organization sponsoring the event, and a brief description.*

### Registration Reminder

- Before you know it, it will be **time to register for your next academic year coursework**. The CLAS Academic Advising Center staff would love to meet with you to **plan those schedules**, but the later you wait, the harder these appointments are to schedule! **Be proactive! Schedule an appointment in the next few weeks** so that you will not have to worry when your registration date arrives! Stop by the [office](#) to set up an appointment at MAK C-1-140 or call at (616) 331-8585. To find out when you register for classes, click here: <http://www.gvsu.edu/registrar/advance-registration-schedule-47.htm>



# Calendar of Important Dates



- Highlighted events have further description below the calendar.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
16	17 Prof School App Workshop	18 Prof School App Workshop How to Study for BIO and CHM Workshop	19	20	21	22
<b>Mid-Term Evaluations</b>						
23	24 From Procrastination to Motivation Workshop	25	26	27 How Can We Best Cope with Chronic Disease or Cancer?	28	1

- **Professional School Application Workshop: The Details!** – **Monday, February 17, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the Russell H. Kirkhof Center 2266 AND Tuesday, February 18, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm in Kirkhof 2215.** Same Presentation. Two different times, dates and locations. Sponsored by the CLAS Academic Advising Center.
- **How to Study for Biology and Chemistry Workshop** – **Tuesday, February 18, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the North Living Center C, room 137.** Discover specific strategies for How to Study CHM and BIO. This workshop will be led by upper level science students who will share tips to help you prepare for science exams successfully. Sponsored by the Student Academic Success Center.
- **From Procrastination to Motivation Workshop** – **Monday, February 24, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Kirkhof Center, room 2215/2216.** Procrastination and Motivation are two closely linked and often challenging aspects of college success. This workshop will discuss the possible causes of procrastination and the formula for increasing academic motivation. Action steps will be discussed that you can use to turn your procrastination into motivation and your self-doubt into self-confidence. Sponsored by the Student Academic Success Center.
- **How Can We Best Cope With Chronic Disease or Cancer?** - **Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Grand Valley State University, Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, Hager Auditorium, 301 Michigan Street NE, Grand Rapids.** Community lecture with GVSU, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, and Spectrum Health. This lecture is no-charge and the public is invited. From 4:00-5:00 PM the panelists from the community lecture will be meeting with

students and answering questions. From 5:00 – 6:00 PM pre-med students will have the opportunity to speak with MSU CHM students about Medical school.

## Program Announcements

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### GVSU Events

- Be sure to check the Events Page to make sure you don't miss anything happening on campus! <http://gvsu.edu/events/>
- **March 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break. No Classes.**
- **Health Care Experience** – Thursday, March 13 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in Loutit Hall, Room 101. Presentation and panel discussion.
- **Professional School Fair** – Wednesday, March 19, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Are you interested in **professional school**? Want **more information** and an opportunity to **speak with several representatives from a variety of schools in one day**? Attend the Professional School Fair and take advantage of an opportunity to do just that! More details will come as the event approaches. Click here to see a list of participating schools (scroll down to see list): <http://gvsu.edu/clasadvising/spring-professional-school-fair-182.htm>

### Non-GVSU Events

- **Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Pre-Medical Day** – Tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be an event open to all pre-med students. More details will be available closer to the event.
- **2014 ADEA GoDental Workshop and Recruitment Fair For Predental Students and Advisors** – From 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on March 15, 2014 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, TX. Thinking about applying to dental school? Want to learn more about the application process and talk to dental school admissions officers directly? The 2014 ADEA GoDental Workshop and Recruitment Fair offers students interested in dentistry the chance to meet dental school admissions officers from over 40 dental schools and attend interactive presentations that will help them be successful applicants. This dynamic, interactive event is geared toward high school, community college and four-year college students from diverse backgrounds, as well as pre-health advisors and parents. [Learn more](#).
- **2014 ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition** – March 15-18, 2014 in San Antonio, TX. This is the premier event in dental education. Join more than 2,000 dental education community members, including deans, allied and advanced program directors, administrators, faculty, students, residents and fellows for three days of plenary sessions with world renowned presenters, faculty development workshops, a Chair of the Board's Symposium, plus an Exhibit Hall with more than 80 of dental education's premier partners and solutions providers. There will be countless opportunities for attendees to engage in interactive learning situations that demonstrate the science of learning. Registration is [OPEN!](#)
- **2014 ADEA Predental Student Virtual Fair** – April 209 and 30 from noon to 6:00 pm. Thinking about applying to dental school? Want to learn more about dentistry? The 2014 ADEA Predental Student Virtual Fair is a FREE, live, ONLINE event where prospective students can visit multiple dental school booths—without travel or



registration fees. Register on or before April 7, 2014, and attend the live, two-day event to be entered for a chance to WIN one of SEVEN GIVEAWAYS! The top prize is valued at more than \$250 and includes a FREE ADEA AADSAS first designation waiver. The 2014 ADEA Predental Student Virtual Fair provides opportunities for prospective dental students to:

- Chat live with dental school admissions representatives.
- Watch presentations about financing a dental education, the ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (ADEA AADSAS) and the dental school application process.
- Browse and download brochures, videos and dental school information.
- Network with other predental students in a live chat forum.

Representatives from dental schools all over the country have been asked to attend the Fair to answer questions. Attendees should come prepared to speak with dental school representatives. Attendees do not need to be available for the full time of the event. Exhibitors are available for the entire Fair and the presentations have been recorded and can be reviewed at any time throughout the event. Additionally, the event site will be available to all attendees for 90 days after the live event. Exhibitor materials and contact information, presentations, and resources will be available for review until July 29th, 2014. Registered attendees are also invited to visit the site in advance of the live event during the ADEA Predental Student Virtual Fair Preview Day on April 17, 2014. Once you register, be sure to join the conversation about the fair on Twitter using #PSVF14. See more at:

<http://www.adea.org/predentalvirtualfair/#shtash.vzpR0r4N.dpuf>

- **Improving Diversity in Optometric Careers (I-DOC) – June 16-18, 2014 at The Ohio State University.** I-DOC is an intensive three-day program for people from an underrepresented ethnicity (American Indian or Alaskan Native; Asian or Pacific Islander; African-American, or Latino) who are interested in finding out more about an optometric career. The program provides information about optometry through hands-on experiences, and it aims to increase the number of underrepresented ethnic minority optometrists. There is no cost to attend the program and includes all meals and activities. There are also a limited number of scholarships for airfare reimbursement (up to \$500) and accommodations for out-of-state college applicants. **Applications for this year's program are due by April 1, 2014.** For more information about the program and the application process, please visit our I-DOC webpage: <http://optometry.osu.edu/IDOC> Program Contact: Justin Griest, 614.292.8825, [griest.6@osu.edu](mailto:griest.6@osu.edu)

- **The University of California, Berkeley, Opto-Camp – June 18-20, 2014 and July 16-18, 2014.**

The goal of Berkeley Optometry's Opto-Camp is to introduce underrepresented pre-health science majors to Optometry as a potential future career track and to prepare them to be successful applicants to optometry school. The objective of Berkeley Optometry's Opto-Camp is to present a three-day in residence experience that will provide participants with opportunities to learn about the profession of optometry and the process of becoming an optometrist.



Program specifics and the **application, available mid-February, 2014**, are linked here:

[http://optometry.berkeley.edu/opt\\_txtp/admissions/admitoptocamp.html](http://optometry.berkeley.edu/opt_txtp/admissions/admitoptocamp.html) Cost: \$125 program fee; limited amount of scholarships to waive program fee per session, as demonstrated by financial need. Program Contact: Heather Iwata, 510.642.9537, [hiwata@berkeley.edu](mailto:hiwata@berkeley.edu)

- **The Illinois College of Optometry, Focus on Your Future program – July 14-18, 2014.** Focus on Your Future is an annual summer program for underrepresented minority undergraduate students. The program is a weeklong experience that will expose undergraduate students to the profession of optometry in a variety of settings. Participants will have the opportunity to meet and work with current optometry students, ICO Faculty & Staff, as well as practicing optometrists. Students will be housed at no charge in their Residential Complex. There is no cost to participate in this program. Participants are responsible for their travel expenses and/or transportation cost to and from ICO. For more information, please visit:  
<http://www.ico.edu/events-for-prospective-students/summer-program> Program  
Contact: Teisha Johnson, 312.949.7407, [tjohnson@ICO.EDU](mailto:tjohnson@ICO.EDU)

## Open Advising Sessions

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- Do you have questions about class scheduling? Then stop by one of the two Open Advising Sessions in March.
  - **Friday March 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in 2263 Kirkhof**
  - **Thursday March 20 from 2:30 to 5 pm in 2270 Kirkhof**

Professional Advisors and faculty members from the following majors will be present to help answer your questions:

- **Biology**
- **Biomedical Science**
- **Cell & Molecular Biology**
- **Chemistry**
- **Natural Resources Management**



**Please bring a copy of your MyPath!** Click here for instructions on how to generate and print your MyPath: [http://www.gvsu.edu/cms3/assets/FBE1756C-E840-1842-544C368034350074/howtogenrateandprintamypath\\_revisedjan2011.pdf](http://www.gvsu.edu/cms3/assets/FBE1756C-E840-1842-544C368034350074/howtogenrateandprintamypath_revisedjan2011.pdf)

## Undergraduate Research Scholar Designation

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- **Exemplary GVSU Undergraduate students who have pursued research or creative projects are eligible to receive a designation of “Undergraduate Research Scholar” or “Undergraduate Creative Scholar” on their OFFICIAL transcript, beginning Winter Semester 2014.** The goal of the GVSU Undergraduate Research Scholar designation is to foster and deepen undergraduate research at GVSU, while recognizing student excellence in undergraduate research and inquiry. The program recognizes that exemplary student scholarship encompasses a depth of knowledge in the discipline, strong skills of inquiry, an understanding of research ethics, and strong skills in writing and presentation.

### Application Requirements:

- Applicant must have completed a minimum of **two semesters of research, scholarship, or creative activity supervised by a tenured, or tenure track faculty mentor.** Applicant

needs to have a signed letter from the supervising faculty member indicating when the student participated, and the responsibilities/activities of the student during this time. (Please note that Spring/Summer is considered one semester).

- **Applicant must have disseminated research or scholarship through a recognized, on campus venue such as Student Scholars Day, Scholar Summer Showcase, or departmental presentations.** Both citation and abstract are required.
- **Applicant must have disseminated peer-reviewed research or scholarship through a state, regional, or national conference, and/or juried artistic venue, such as an art exhibition, concert or festival; or, publish (or have accepted for publication) applicant's research or creative project in a refereed [peer-reviewed] research or professional journal.** Both citation and abstract are required.
- **Applicant must include a letter of recommendation from a faculty mentor that explains why the applicant's research and scholarship is beyond that of a typical student.**
- **An up-to-date CV or résumé.**
- **Applicant must include a research/scholarship statement describing applicant's scholarship path and contributions.** This statement should be no less than 1,000 words.

#### How Do Students Apply?

Each potential scholar will need to submit all materials in one packet, or pdf document to the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (OURS). Please note the list of needed documentation for the transcript notation below:

- **Request for Scholar Designation Application**
- **Letter(s) from faculty supervisor(s) indicating semesters of research and the responsibilities/activities of the student**
- **Letter of endorsement from a faculty mentor**
- **Citation and abstract of an on campus presentation**
- **Citation and abstract of an off campus presentation or publication**
- **CV or Résumé**
- **Research/Scholarship statement**

Additional information about the supporting materials can be found on the Request for Scholar Designation Application which can be downloaded from [www.gvsu.edu/ours](http://www.gvsu.edu/ours). Designation requests can be submitted up to four weeks before graduation. You may also submit the application any time after you have completed all of the requirements. **Please note the corresponding semesters of graduation and designation request dates:**

- **Winter 2014 semester: apply by March 20, 2014**
- **Spring/Summer 2014 semester: apply by July 20, 2014**
- **Fall 2014 semester: apply by November 20, 2014**

OURS will verify that the student has completed all of the requirements listed on the application. If confirmed, OURS will submit the student's name and appropriate designation to the Registrar who will enter the notation on the transcript. Students will be informed within thirty days of application.



# Summer Opportunities

- Check out the long list of Summer Opportunities put together in the Special Edition of the E-Bulletin here: <http://gvsu.edu/clasadvising/pre-professional-e-bulletins-115.htm>.
- **Spanish and Medicine Summer Programs in Chile and Peru.** This program includes the equivalent of two college Spanish courses plus significant exposure to Latin American healthcare. It is especially relevant to anyone considering a career with contact with Spanish-speaking groups.
  - **Dates for Chile:** May 25 (Sunday) to July 5 (Saturday)
  - **Dates for Peru:** July 6 (Sunday) to August 16 (Saturday)

**Ready to Apply?** Fill out the [pre-application form](#). *No payment info or commitment yet.*

**Questions?** Contact us at [medicine@ecelaspanish.com](mailto:medicine@ecelaspanish.com)

**Info:** [Sample Itinerary](#) | [Program Photos](#) | [Program Details](#)

**Tuition:** \$2,499

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“The will to win is not nearly as important as the will to prepare to win.”

Bobby Knight



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