

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. Please include date, time, location, the organization sponsoring the event, and a brief description.

Aspiring Doc Diaries

- The Aspiring Doc Diaries blog has been updated! Click [here](#) to read about Tehreem's experience with her anatomy course. She writes about her gratitude to the individuals that donate their bodies to science and their education. Tehreem found this experience to be incredibly valuable and challenging experience. This blog may be of particular interest for anyone that has recently taken or will take BMS 309 (a.k.a. "The Cadaver Lab").



Calendar of Important Dates



- Highlighted events have further description below the calendar.

MARCH						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
16	17 Tests: Prepare instead of Panic! Workshop Happy St. Patrick's Day	18 Parallel Planning Workshop	19 Professional School Fair From Procrastination to Motivation Workshop	20	21	22
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- Tests: Prepare instead of Panic! Workshop – Monday, March 17th from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in Kirkhof Center, room 2215/2216.** Doing your best on tests/exams requires a plan. Each course and each exam is different and successful test performance is a process that begins long before the test is given and continues after the test is over. This workshop will discuss how to use the Learning Cycle model to improve your preparation and performance on tests. Test taking strategies to reduce anxiety will also be shared. Sponsored by the Student Academic Success Center.
- Parallel Planning Workshop – Tuesday, March 18th from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in Mackinac Hall D-1-123.** Students applying to competitive programs should consider a 2nd major. Come learn about some options. Sponsored by the College of Health Professions Academic Advising Center.
- Professional School Fair – Wednesday, March 19th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room, room 2250.** Admission representatives from over 50 professional programs will be on hand to discuss their programs and answer questions. Remember to wear business casual clothes (suits not necessary, but sweatpants would not be a good idea!) because you will want to make a favorable first impression with the admissions representatives! Pizza will be provided to all students that complete an evaluation form. Students interested in any of the following careers should attend:
 - Chiropractic
 - Dentistry
 - Genetic Counseling
 - Medicine (MD and DO)

Occupational Therapy
Optometry
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Physician Assistant Studies
Podiatry
Public Health
Speech Language Pathology



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- **From Procrastination to Motivation Workshop – Wednesday, March 18th from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in North C Living Center, room 137.** 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. We will discuss action steps that you can take to turn your procrastination into motivation and your self-doubt into self-confidence. Sponsored by the Student Academic Success Center
- **The Career Portfolio: Creating Professional Career Documents – Monday, March 24th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Kirkhof Center, room 1142.** This workshop focuses on developing the contents of the career portfolio: Resume, Cover Letter and References, etc. We will cover content, composition and style with emphasis on creating polished documents that make an impact and stand apart from the competition. We will also take a look at current trends and how a key part of your portfolio includes a professional social media presence. Presented by Kim Monaghan, Human Resources Career Services for Faculty and Staff.
- **Attention! How to Gain Focus and Improve Concentration Workshop – Monday, March 24th from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the North Living Center C, room 142.** Do you find your mind wandering in lectures, when you are reading your textbooks or studying notes? Lack of focus and concentration is often a concern for college students who are juggling many demands and many distractions. Fortunately, concentration is a habit that can be learned and developed with commitment and patience. This workshop will discuss practical strategies that can help you gain focus and make your study and class time more productive. Sponsored by the Student Academic Success Center.

Program Announcements

GVSU Events

- Be sure to check the Events Page to make sure you don't miss anything happening on campus! <http://gvsu.edu/events/>
- **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! 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

- **Case Western Reserve University Physiology and Biophysics Open House for students interested in their MS in Medical Physiology Post-Baccalaureate program on Saturday, April 5th.** The deadline to register is April 1st. Click here for more information:
<http://physiology.case.edu/education/departments-open-house/>
- **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 29 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.

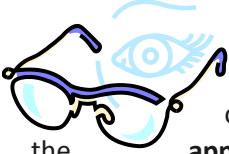


Representatives from dental schools all over the country have been asked to attend the Fair to answer questions. Attendees should come prepared to speak with dental school representatives. Attendees do not need to be available for the full time of the event. Exhibitors are available for the entire Fair 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/#sthash.vzpROr4N.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

- **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_txttp/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

- **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

Open Advising Sessions

- Do you have questions about class scheduling? Then stop by the Open Advising Session.
 - **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/howtogenerateandprintamypath_revisedjan2011.pdf

Undergraduate Research Scholar Designation

- 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. 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>.
- **Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) summer fellowship is open at the Marine Science Institute, University of California Santa Barbara.** The duration of this program is 12 weeks, June 3-Aug 29, although these dates can be somewhat flexible to accommodate academic schedules. The fellow will be involved with an **NSF-funded project** on the use of **particulate organic matter by marine suspension feeders**, and will do a project likely focused on some aspect of **trophic relationships in kelp forests off the California coast**. The student will learn ecological and biochemical methods to explore this topic, and will be **required to write a report, in the format of a scientific paper, and give a presentation on their project** at the end of the summer. **Travel costs to and from UCSB will be covered, and the student will be provided with a \$500/week stipend for living expenses.** This is an intensive full-time commitment and any work or educational activities outside the program must be approved. You are eligible if you are an **undergraduate** student who has completed at **least two years of study** towards a bachelor's degree, and you will still be an undergraduate in the fall after the summer program. Students from underrepresented groups and institutions with limited research opportunities are especially encouraged to apply. Experience with scientific diving is desirable but not required. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. and its possessions. Interested applicants should send a



- statement of interest
- resume
- unofficial transcript
- one letter of recommendation, and
- contact information for one additional reference.

The statement of interest should be less than 500 words and include the following information:

- professional goals
- interest in position, and
- relevant experience.

Send application materials, preferably in one PDF or Word file, to Robert Miller (miller@msi.ucsb.edu) **by April 15, 2014**. You may also send all application materials in hard copy by mail to:

Robert Miller, Marine Science Institute, UCSB, Santa Barbara CA 93601-6150.

The letter of recommendation should be sent directly from the recommender (please include the applicants name in the subject line for emails). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- **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

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

Tuition: \$2,499

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If your timeline for when you will begin professional school has changed, please change your listserv affiliation.



"The brick walls are there for a reason. The brick walls are not there to keep us out. The brick walls are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something. Because the brick walls are there to stop the people who don't want it badly enough. They're there to stop the other people."

Randy Pausch

