

# CLAS Academic Advising Center

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## Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

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### Are you a pre-med student?

Check out <http://www.premedlife.com/> for articles geared specifically toward pre-medical student life.

# GVSU Campus Resources

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- **Successful Studying 101:** Have you noticed that studying for college is a little different than it was in high school? Bring a friend and join the **Student Academic Success Center** for this workshop and learn tips to help you develop good study habits. They will discuss how to prioritize and balance your time as well as share strategies for effective studying – which will lead to better test scores. You will also learn about resources available to you at Grand Valley to help you be **successful!**
  - Tuesdays: 10/9 and 10/16 from 6:15 – 7:30 P.M. in Room 142 North C
  - For more information please contact Ashley Maloff, [maloffas@gvsu.edu](mailto:maloffas@gvsu.edu).
- Like **The Success Center at North C** Facebook page for Academic Success Tips for the Day! <http://www.facebook.com/GvsuSuccessCenterAtNorthC>.
- Don't wait to sign up for **Tutoring** at the **Student Academic Success Center!** The Tutoring Center (located in **STU 200**) provides free tutoring to all Grand Valley State University students in most 100- and 200-level courses. Tutorials are conducted in weekly, one-hour sessions in small group settings. You can sign up for a tutor online: <http://www.gvsu.edu/tc/>
- **Walk-in science tutoring** is available in the **Science Success Center** (formerly MS<sup>3</sup>), located in 399 PAD. This center offers support for students in **BIO 120, 121, and 355/375; BMS: 208, 212, 250 and 290; CHM 109, 115, 116, 230, 231, 232, 241, and 242; PHY 200, 220, 221, 230, and 231.** Check out <http://gvsu.edu/ssc/> for more details.
- **Walk-in math tutoring** is available in the **Math Center** (A-2-601 MAK) and **Stats Center** (A-2-101 MAK) for students enrolled in **Math 097, 110, 122, 123, 125, 201 and STA 215.** Check out <http://gvsu.edu/mathcenter/> for more details.
- **Discipline-Specific Writing Support** is available at **The Writing Center** (LOH 120). The Writing Center employs peer consultants from majors across the university. Students who would benefit from meeting with a consultant with experience in science writing, the social sciences, or any other field, can use the Writing Center's website to determine which consultants might meet their needs before scheduling an appointment. Students can call the Writing Center at (616) 331-2922 and/or visit the website at <http://www.gvsu.edu/wc/> for more information.

## Program & Scholarship Announcements

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### GVSU Events

- **MD/PhD Presentation:** On **Tuesday, October 9 (Today!)**, at **9 PM**, the **Pre-Med Club** will be meeting to introduce interested students to what a MD/PhD program is, why it's a good option for some, requirements for admission, etc. In addition to two presentations by current pre-MD/PhD GVSU students, **DJ Scholten**, a current MD/PhD student from the **MSU/Van Andel Institute**, will speak about his experiences and path to his MD/PhD

program. If you have even the slightest thought that you may like to combine a medical career with research, this night is for you!

- **Study Abroad Fair:** Students interested in studying abroad should plan on attending the fall semester study abroad fair. Come to the **Grand River Room** in **Kirkhof** on **Wednesday, October 10, 2012**, from **10:00 am – 3:00 pm**, and learn about all the different study abroad program options available to you as a GVSU student. Breakout "1st Step Meetings" and "Financing Study Abroad Workshops" will take place every hour in order to give you the information you need to make study abroad a reality.
- **Graduate School Fair:** For many students, pursuing a graduate education and applying for admissions to graduate programs can be a challenging endeavor requiring careful reflection, planning, and patience. To assist students in this process the **GVSU Counseling & Career Development Center** is hosting its annual **Graduate School Fair** on **October 11, 2012** from **10:00am – 1:30pm** in the **Henry Hall Atrium**. Over 35 state and national graduate schools will be represented. Many medical school and medical related program representatives will be present. For a list of participating institutions [Click Here](#).
- **Biomedical Science Outstanding Alumna in Residence: Dr. Robert Burke** earned his B.S. in Biomedical Sciences in 1996 from Grand Valley State University. He then went on to Wayne State Medical School for his MD and has also earned an MA in Public Health from the University of Michigan. Dr. Burke will be on campus on **Thursday, October 18th**. From **12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** he will be presenting a seminar entitled "Critical Care Medicine – A Microcosm of Healthcare Change." The seminar will be located in **PAD 308** and **all students interested are encouraged to attend**. Additionally, Dr. Burke will be meeting with the **Pre-Med Club** in **Loutit Hall 103** at **2:30** to speak with students interested in medical school. **All students are welcome to attend.**

## Non-GVSU Events

- **The AAMC's Aspiring Docs program** has been updated! Click [here](#) to read about **Devon Taylor**, a first year medical student at Harvard's medical school. Born in **Flint, Michigan**, Devon's story is one of overcoming seemingly insurmountable adversity through hard work, diligence, dedication, and effective mentoring. Although dropping out of high school for a period of time, Devon reengaged in his education, finished high school within four years, had a distinguished career in the Navy, completed college in 2 ½ years, and gained acceptance to medical school. The post is entitled "Deciding What to Learn."
- **International Service Learning (ISL):** seeking inspiration through service! ISL strives to enhance academic learning through **service experience**, while providing quality health care and other services for the underserved. They utilize in-country professionals and offer practical experience through socially responsible programs which observe the highest ethical standards and inspire students to a lifestyle of service. The ISL is **now accepting** applications for **summer 2013** global health teams. There are 9 to 14-day opportunities available in **Mexico, Belize, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, the Dominican Republic & Haiti, Jamaica, and Tanzania!** Access the ISL schedule from [www.islonline.org](http://www.islonline.org) for **dates**

**and costs.** Don't see what you're looking for? Contact [info@ISLonline.org](mailto:info@ISLonline.org) to request a specific date, location, or program.

- **UC Davis Health System Department of Surgery Pre-Medical Surgical Internship & Mentorship Program:** This unique opportunity is **open to all pre-medical students** to be mentored by faculty, residents, interns, and medical students in the nationally recognized **UC Davis Health System Department of Surgery**. The program takes place on the **UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, CA**. This 650-bed hospital is the major teaching affiliate for the UC Davis School of Medicine. The Hospital serves an area of tremendous diversity in both cultural and socioeconomic background. It is a Level 1 Trauma Center, and home to the only burn center, children's hospital, and transplant center in Northern California. Furthermore, it is the only institution of its kind in Northern California. It is **one of the five busiest Trauma Centers in the country** and has been featured in multiple television programs. Their focus of service to those most in need underpins the teaching activities in this setting. **The Department of Surgery** consists of the following surgical subspecialties:

- Trauma & Emergency Surgery
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Gastrointestinal Surgery
- Bariatric Surgery
- Neurosurgery
- General Surgery
- Burn Surgery
- Pediatric Surgery
- Otolaryngology Surgery
- Plastic Surgery
- Surgical Oncology
- Urological Surgery
- Transplant Surgery
- Vascular Surgery

This is **not a volunteering or shadowing** program. This is a **mentorship** where students will be interacting with multiple physicians in the Department of Surgery. Participants will be working directly with physicians every step of the way, from seeing patients in the intensive care unit, to pre-operative, post-operative, bedside, trauma bay, operating rooms, clinics, conferences, journal clubs and rounds. Students will experience the duties physicians perform on a daily basis and will be part of the team and regarded as such. This program is under the supervision and guidelines set forth by the Chairman of Surgery at the UC Davis Health System. This is an extraordinarily unique opportunity. **Maturity, attentiveness, and being able to follow directions are imperative.** This is a fast-paced environment where life and death are on the line every second of the day. **Professionalism and maturity are**

**expected.** The surgeons voluntarily participating in this program are enthusiastic about having pre-med interns since they were once pre-medical students. Their goal is to give students the best learning experience possible.

- **Spring 2013 Application Deadline: November 30, 2012.**
- **Program Date: January 18, 2013-May 4, 2013**

For more information and application: <http://www.premedsurgery.org/>  
Have questions? Please contact: <http://www.premedsurgery.org/contact/>

- **NIH Summer Internship Program:** Are you an outstanding undergraduate student (U.S. citizen or permanent resident) who has been actively engaged in undergraduate research and is looking for a summer research opportunity beyond GVSU? The NIH Summer Internship Program is a paid internship opportunity for highly qualified undergraduates to spend a summer working at the NIH conducting biomedical research. The application process is competitive. Last year, the NIH received over 7,000 applications for approximately 1,100 slots. The application deadline is **March 1**; however, students are **strongly encouraged** to identify and make contact with potential principal investigators/research mentors at the NIH **now** and **submit their applications at the start of the application cycle in mid-November** as slots are filled on a rolling admissions basis. For complete details, see <https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/sip>. Students are welcome to contact the **Frederik Meijer Office of Fellowships**, <http://www.gvsu.edu/fellowships/>, for assistance with the application process.

## Midterm Reminder

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- The **CLAS Academic Advising Center** wants to remind you that **midterm examinations, assignments, and projects** were just completed! Be sure to take advantage of all the **resources** that GVSU has to offer so that you can **earn the best grades possible!** After midterm grades are posted, don't forget to make an appointment with your academic advisor so that you can make sure you are doing everything you can to make yourself a competitive professional school applicant.



“Homecoming means more than winning a competition or a sporting event. It provides an opportunity for every component of the university to come together to celebrate as a whole.”

Author Unknown