

CLAS Academic Advising Center

Academic advising for students pursuing majors and/or minors offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Call Us: (616) 331-8585 • Visit us On-line: www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising

Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

September 2012

Click to view the [CLAS Academic Advising Center Pre-Professional Webpage](#)

1. **GVSU Campus Resources**
2. **Program & Scholarship Announcements**
3. **Introducing Julie Amon**

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. **To unsubscribe from the listserv** click the appropriate list below to send the unsubscribe email.

Premed2013	Dental2013
Premed2014	Predental2014
Premed2015	Predental2015
Premed2016	Predental2016

*If the link above does not create an email for you, email the GVSU listserv (listserv@listserv.gvsu.edu) using the email address you used to subscribe - **leave the subject blank!** In the message area type the command "unsubscribe" - without quotation marks followed by your listserv name.*

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

Are you a pre-med student?

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

1. GVSU Campus Resources

- **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: 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16 from 6:15 – 7:30 P.M. in Room 142 North C
 - For more information please contact Ashley Maloff, 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.
- **Walk-in tutoring** is available in the **Science Success Center** (formerly MS³), 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 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 for more information.

2. Program & Scholarship Announcements

- **Michigan Medicine Education Day 2012:** The program will take place in **Saturday, October 6**, in **Wells Hall**, on the **Michigan State University** campus from 9 AM until 4 PM. Parking is free and lunch is included in the \$25 registration fee. You will have a chance to attend programs that address the key aspects of preparing for medical school, including:
 - A panel of students from ALL Michigan medical schools
 - The MCAT: how can you prepare for it, and what do the pending changes mean for you?
 - Activities and experiences: how do you represent these to medical schools?
 - A chance to evaluate real applications and hear from medical school personnel what was decided about them and why.
 - Detailed discussions of the AMCAS and AACOMAS
 - Structured "seminars" with advisors and Michigan medical school representatives addressing: comparing MD and DO, Patient Contact, Letters of Reference, and What to Do with a Gap Year.

When you register, at <http://www.greatlakesmedicine.org/>, you will receive a detailed agenda with parking instructions. This program is sufficiently different this year so students who attended last year's event in Ann Arbor might do so again this year and learn something new. FEE WAIVERS: Please contact **Jo Ann Litton** in CLAS Academic Advising. Please register ASAP!

- **Undergraduate Research Fair: Interested in Research or Creative Projects?**
Come to Undergraduate Research Fair, sponsored by the **Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence** and the **Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship**, on **October 2nd, 5-7pm in 2250 Kirkhof Center** (food provided). Participating in research and creative projects at GVSU will expand your academic experience and provide you with another way to look at the world. Research is a process of careful inquiry leading to the discovery of new information. Research is not limited to certain majors, but occurs in all disciplines. For more information, contact the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship at ours@gvsu.edu or 616-331-8100, or visit the website at www.gvsu.edu/ours.
- **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.
- **CMU College of Medicine student information session:** Central Michigan University (CMU) is opening a new medical school, and the first class will begin in **fall 2013**. CMU established its College of Medicine to help fill imminent needs - both regionally and nationally – for physicians and medical education opportunities for qualified students. The CMU College of Medicine will train generalist/primary care physicians **dedicated to serving the needs of communities in central and northern Michigan**. Join them **Friday, October 12** to learn first-hand about their unique mission and the benefits of their program. The agenda will include:
 - a message from their Founding Dean
 - presentations about the curriculum and holistic admissions process,
 - A question and answer session, and tours of the facilities, including their state-of-the-art simulation lab.

Registration will be from **9:00 - 9:30 a.m.** and the program will run **9:30 – 12:30 p.m.** The session will take place on the **CMU Campus, Mt. Pleasant, MI.** Please **RSVP by October 5** by [clicking here](#). Space is limited, so RSVP early. Guests are limited to 2 per student. [Click here](#) to visit CMU College of Medicine Admission's office online. **Accommodations for persons with disabilities:** For information regarding accommodations for person with disabilities, or persons requiring sign language accommodations, call the College of Medicine, (989)774-7547 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., M-F. Requests for interpreters must be received at least two weeks in advance of the program.

- **The AAMC's Aspiring Docs program** is proud to announce the new Aspiring Docs Diaries blog (<http://www.aspiringdocsdiaries.org>). The site features an inside look at the life of a first year medical student attending Harvard Medical School. The blogger, **Devon Taylor**, has been awarded a full scholarship to attend Harvard. 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. In this pilot phase of the blog, we'll be following Devon from Orientation through the end of his first year. We hope this unique and unembellished, yet inspiring view of what medical school is really like, will help demystify the process and encourage others from similarly under-resourced backgrounds to aspire to careers in medicine.
- **AACOMAS** recently went live with a new AACOM recruitment video that will be used at recruitment events around the country, and also will help those who visit AACOM's various online sites (website, Facebook pages, etc.) better understand osteopathic medicine and all the great opportunities offered at the COMs and beyond. To view the video, visit <http://data.aacom.org/video/AACOM2012.wmv>. In addition, they've just launched a new AACOMAS Facebook page that is devoted entirely to potential and current applicants. Over time, they'll be adding **application deadline dates, instructions, FAQs, school videos**, etc. See (and like!) the new site at: <http://www.facebook.com/AACOMAS>. With the addition of this new page, they'll be refocusing the main AACOM Facebook page to include more information of interest to AACOM members, policy makers, the press, etc. (like it, too! <http://www.facebook.com/pages/AACOM-The-American-Association-of-Colleges-of-Osteopathic-Medicine/49933236324>). PS: Stay tuned for many recruitment events taking place across the country in our Osteopathic Medical College Recruitment Events calendar!

3. Introducing Julie Amon

- **The CLAS Academic Advising Center** has recently undergone some changes. Because of a recent retirement, we have hired a new staff member and also restructured some responsibilities. **Kelly McDonell** is our new Senior Academic Advisor who is now responsible for majors that are within the teacher certification area. While she will be missed on the Pre-Professional Team, we know it is a good match to Kelly's many strengths. **Julie Amon** is our new Academic Advisor on the Pre-Professional Team. She comes to us from Northern Illinois University, having been an academic advisor there for four years in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Julie earned both her BA and M.Ed. at GVSU and we are excited for you to meet her! We have begun an intensive training program for Julie and

expect that she'll be seeing students very soon. Please be patient as we move through the transition period. As in the past, when you call for an appointment our front desk staff will schedule you with the appropriate advisor.

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will."

Vince Lombardi

