

# CLAS Academic Advising Center

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## Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

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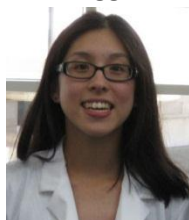


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## Aspiring Docs Diaries

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The AAMC's **Aspiring Docs program** has been updated! Visit <http://aspiringdocsdiaries.org/> to read the stories of current medical school students. This year, this educational and informational blog has two new bloggers: Jennifer Tran and Elorm Avakame. Their unique perspectives will surely give an interesting glimpse into the lives of Medical Students.



# Calendar of Important Dates



- Highlighted events have further description below the calendar.  
*\* If your organization has an event that you would 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.*

September						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
15	16	17 Pals Student Mentor Information Session Academic Optimism Pre-MD/PhD Meeting Pre-Dental Meeting	18 Goldwater Scholarship Information Session	19 Putting Off Procrastination Workshop	20	21 Home Football game vs Tiffin. 7:00 pm 
22	23 Tests: Preparing, Performing, and Planning for Progress Pre-SOMA Meeting	24 Preparing for your Professional School Interview Pre-Med Meeting	25 Striving and Thriving at GVSU Pre-PA Meeting	26 Getting Started as a Pre- Professional Student	27	28

- Pals Student Mentor Information Session – 9:00 pm in the Pere Marquette Room in the Russell H. Kirkhof Center.** Pals Student Mentors matches college students with at-risk youth in Grand Rapids in order to create positive mentoring relationships. As a mentor, GVSU students have the opportunity to **change the life of a child** who needs another adult role model in their lives. Pals Student Mentors will **receive training on how to mentor, network with leaders in the helping community, and create positive change** in the life of the children. This opportunity is a great way to enhance a resume and accumulate **volunteer hours**.



- The requirements for being a Pals Mentor are to mentor your child a **minimum of one hour a week** and attend an hour-long meeting once a month. Additionally, mentors are encouraged to participate in fundraisers and **free monthly events**.

- To apply, go to [www.gvsupals.com](http://www.gvsupals.com), click on the “Get Involved” tab and click “Become a Mentor”. Please direct any questions to [president@gvsupals.com](mailto:president@gvsupals.com).
- **Academic Optimism** – 6:00-7:00 pm in 2270 Kirkhof Center. Sponsored by the Student Academic Success Center. *LIB 100 approved.*
- **Pre-MD/PhD Club Meeting** – 9:15 pm in LTT 102
- **Pre-Dental Club Meeting** - 9:15 pm in PAD 209
- **Goldwater Scholarship Information Session – September 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm – 12:50 pm in the Mary Idema Pew Library 216.** For sophomore and junior STEM (Science Technology and Engineering and Math) majors with 3.7 or higher GPAs, strong undergraduate research records and aspire. Sponsored by the Frederick Meijer Office of Fellowships.
- **Putting Off Procrastination Workshop – 6:00 – 7:00 pm in North C 142.** This program will provide strategies for reducing procrastination time and bring awareness to why procrastination happens. Participants will gain insight into how procrastination interferes with access to knowledge, wisdom and true potential. Sponsored by the Student Academic Success Center.
- **Tests: Preparing, Performing, and Planning for Progress** – 4:00 -5:00 pm in North C 142. Sponsored by the Student Academic Success Center.
- **Pre-SOMA Club Meeting** – 7:00 pm in ASH 1142
- **Preparing for your Professional School Interview – 4:00-6:00 pm in 2204 Kirkhof Center.** Learn about interviewing techniques and listen to a panel of current professional school students discuss their interviewing techniques.
- **Pre-Med Club Meeting** – 9:00 pm in LTT 101
- **Striving and Thriving at GVSU** – 5:00 - 6:00 pm in North C 142.
- **Pre-PA Club Meeting** - 9:00 in LTT 102
- **Getting Started as a Pre-Professional Student. – 4:00 – 5:00 pm in the Seymour & Esther Padnos Hall of Science Room 261 (PAD 261).** First and second year students pursuing careers in Chiropractic, Dental, Medical, Optometry, Podiatry, Pharmacy or Veterinary Medicine are encouraged to attend this workshop. Topics that will be covered include volunteerism; campus support services, strategies for academic success, developing an academic plan, defining your professional goals, extracurricular activities, and academic and professional organizations. This is **NOT** the same thing as the Saturday Transitions event that was held prior to the first week of classes. This is a much more in-depth and detailed presentation.

# 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/>
- **Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship – Research Fair.** Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Grand River Room in the Russell H. Kirkhof Center.
- **Study Abroad Fair.** Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Grand River Room in the Russell H. Kirkhof Center.
- **Biomedical Science Social Night** – Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Mary Idema Pew Library, room 030.
- **Michigan State University Early Assurance Program Information Session** – Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in Mackinac Hall D-1-233.

## Non-GVSU Events

- **Child Life Career Day at Bronson Hospital's Gilmore Auditorium in Kalamazoo, MI, on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.** Included will be a presentation on the role of the **Certified Child Life Specialist**. The presentation will focus on how to help child and families cope with and master illness and hospitalization along with the steps necessary to pursue a career in the field of child life. **YOU MUST RSVP!!** Please register by contacting Karin Rourke at (269) 341-7608 or emailing [rourkek@bronsonhq.org](mailto:rourkek@bronsonhq.org).
- **Biomed Virtual Grad School Fair –October 24, 2013.** The Biomed Virtual Grad Fair will allow students to have admissions questions answered by representatives from **over 20 graduate institutions** during this live two day event. Register now to attend the **free** virtual fair and learn more about Graduate Schools of Biomedical Sciences. Register at [www.Biomed.CareerEco.net](http://www.Biomed.CareerEco.net)
- **Michigan Medicine Education Day** – Saturday, October 26, 2013 at Western Michigan University. This is a conference for pre-medical students to learn about medical school admission process from all 6 medical schools in Michigan. For students entering medical school Fall 2015 and later. 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. To register for this event, visit [www.greatlakesmedicine.org](http://www.greatlakesmedicine.org)
- **Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine's 4<sup>th</sup> annual "See the Sites" Open House** – Hosted at the **Detroit** and **Macomb** locations on **Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**. For more information regarding this event click visit [www.com.msu.edu/admissions](http://www.com.msu.edu/admissions)
- **Summer Research Opportunity** - Last summer, the **Amgen Scholars Program** welcomed **333 talented undergraduates in science and engineering areas** into research labs at **13 prestigious host universities across the U.S. and Europe**. Funded by the Amgen Foundation through a \$34 million commitment, the Amgen Scholars Program has supported more than

**1,800 scientists-in-training** as they conduct **independent, hands-on research for 8 to 10 weeks** under the guidance of leading faculty researchers. Through their participation, Scholars have gained confidence in the lab and grown their networks of top-notch scientists. A gathering of Amgen Scholars at the annual U.S. Symposium and Europe Symposium, two-day networking and educational events hosted by the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of Cambridge, UK, respectively, sets this summer research opportunity apart from others, and has potential to inspire Scholars to pursue a **PhD** in the sciences. This summer, all **13 Amgen Scholars university sites are in full gear**. Applications for the **2014 U.S. Program will be available in November of 2013** for eligible candidates. Additional information is available on their website: <http://www.amgenscholars.com/>

## Writing Center



- The Writing Center now has multiple locations for students to meet with writing consultants. Their hours and locations are listed below:
  - **Allendale Campus**
    - *120 Lake Ontario Hall*. Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. and Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
    - *Mary Idema Pew Library Knowledge Market 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*. Sunday – Thursday from 6pm to midnight. (No Friday hours at this location)
  - **Pew Campus**
    - *101 Eberhard Center*. Monday – Thursday from 10:00 am – 2 pm pm. (No Friday hours)
    - *DeVos Center Steelcase Library Knowledge Market*. Monday – Thursday from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm. (No Friday hours)
    - *Center for Health Sciences Frey Learning Library, 4<sup>th</sup> floor*. Monday 8:00 am – 10:00 am.

## Etiquette Dinner

- **On October 16, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Alumni House & Visitor Center, the Career Center will be hosting an Etiquette Dinner.** This **free, three-course dinner** is the perfect opportunity to finally learn which fork is for salad and which glass is yours. From a liberal education perspective, you will have the opportunity to explore Continental vs. American style dining, understand historical origins of dining etiquette and learn and **practice your interpersonal and networking skills** which will be essential as you start to **interview for professional schools**.
  - Check in begins at **5:30 pm**
  - **Price \$5, refundable at the door.** Refunds are only available by submitting your ticket at the door the night of the event.



Want to attend? Go to [www.gvsu.edu/careers](http://www.gvsu.edu/careers) and click on events. You will see the total list of events which is searchable. **This event fills up quickly.**

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