

TEACHER PREPARATION STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



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Allendale Winter Open House Recap

On Monday, February 13th, we held our Winter Open House at the Allendale Campus. We would like to thank financial aid, disability support resources, CLAS Advising, Dr. Nancy Patterson, and the students who were able to attend the Open House and make it a great event. We hope students gained knowledge about our program and the services and benefits we provide for students. We also hope this event helps you become more involved with TPSSS for future events!



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ERICA AUSTIN



Pictured above: Erica was one of the students who joined us at the MI-CAPP Student Leadership Summit from February 25th-27th. She was also one of the two winners of the Study Abroad Scholarship awarded by MI-CAPP. Erica plans to use this scholarship to study and teach in the Netherlands this summer!

Erica is a junior at Grand Valley State University. She became a part of TPSSS so she could have more opportunities to grow as a future educator. She wants to be more equipped and prepared to be the best educator she can possibly be. Erica feels that her TPSSS experience has been very supportive and beneficial. She says, "I am thankful for the opportunities they have provided." Erica feels that at Grand Valley there are many opportunities in classrooms within different schools. She said, "The more time I am able to spend teaching students, the more excited I am to become a teacher of my own classroom." Last semester Erica had the opportunity to be a small group leader for the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. During Erica's spare time she loves to have meaningful conversations with friends over coffee.

Erica was influenced to teach because she had a desire to make an impact on the lives of children. She says, “My heart breaks for students who do not have good home situations, and it is my desire to allow the education students receive to encourage and empower them. Each and every student needs to know that they are loved and believed in.” Erica hopes to teach in Michigan after graduation and as a future educator she hopes to advocate for all students having an equal opportunity for a quality education.



MI-CAPP STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT RECAP

On February 24th through February 26th TRIO students from all programs from different universities and colleges had the ability to connect and engage with community members. The purpose of this event was to bring together students who have an active interest in broadening their success in college and to celebrate the great value and influence of TRIO programs! Both high school and college students sat together through delicious meals, amazing key-note speakers, and extremely valuable advising sessions about anything from finding your own brand to scholarships to the history of TRIO programs. Highlights from these sessions include the value of finding and applying for as many scholarships as possible, how to be an advocate of sexual assault on campuses, how to celebrate and talk about TRIO, and what an advanced degree would do to further a career.



Grand Valley's TPSSS, Student Support Services, Educational Talent Search, and Upward Bound programs were all represented at the conference, along with other schools across the state, to bring the total of students to a huge 350!

The conference hosted both a Scholarship Award Banquet and a Leadership Award breakfast to acknowledge students in the TRIO programs who excel beyond expectations. Scholarships were awarded in three categories: Study Aboard, Academic Improvement, and Academic Improvement. Leadership Awards were director-chosen and based on great leaders in each program. Six of all the recipients were Grand Valley TRIO students!



A big congratulations to some of our own TPSSS students: Erica Austin, winner of the Study Aboard Scholarship, Darwin Harris and Thalia Vega, winners of the MI-CAPP Acknowledgment of Leadership Awards!

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUILDING YOUR PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY BY EXAMING YOUR INTERSECTING SOCIAL IDENTITIES

DATE: MARCH 15
TIME: 5:00PM-7:00PM
PLACE: HHLC MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

LAUGHFEST AT GVSU

DATE: MARCH 14TH
TIME: 8:00PM
PLACE: LOOSEMORE AUDITORIUM

COMMUNITY OUTREACH WEEK EVENTS

DATE: MARCH 22ND AND 24TH
TIME: 5:00PM-7:00PM
PLACE: PEW CAMPUS, DEVOS C-4TH FLOOR

SPRING BREAK

DATE: MARCH 4TH – 12TH
ENJOY YOUR TIME OFF AND BE SAFE!

DRESS FOR SUCCESS & CAREER PREP

DATE: MARCH 16TH
TIME: 6:00PM
PLACE: KIRKHOF 2263

COE NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

DATE: MARCH 23RD AND 24TH
SEE ACCEPTANCE EMAILS FOR DETAILS

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Goedeker's College Scholarship

Description: Write an essay (300+ words) about why attending college and your field of study are important to you. Open to students in any major.

Link: <https://www.goedekers.com/college-scholarship>

Deadline: 07/09/2017 Amount: \$500

Grand Rapids Community Foundation

Description: Grand Rapids Community Foundation awards hundreds of scholarships annually primarily to Kent County students with a variety of majors.

Link: <https://www.grfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarships>

Deadline: 04/01/2017 Amount: Varies

I Heart My School Scholarship

Description: Why do you love GVSU? Answer this question to enter this scholarship application; open to all majors.

Link: <https://www.abodo.com/scholarship>

Deadline: 10/30/2017 Amount: \$500

TPSSS Advising Appointments

ALLENDALE CAMPUS

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9:00am to 4:00pm

By Appointment

200 STU

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PEW CAMPUS

Monday-Friday

9:00am to 4:00pm

By Appointment

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COMPASS PROGRAM & GVSU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

COMPASS Program | GVSU College of Education. The goal of the COMPASS Program is to provide academic support and guidance to students who plan to teach. Benefits of the program include:

- Guidance regarding the necessary steps to apply to the College of Education
- Assistance with preparing for the Professional Readiness Exam (Basic Skills and Content Area tests)
- Tutoring for students having academic difficulty
- Academic Advising
- Monthly meetings with guest speakers from the College of Education (food provided)
- Mentoring from College of Education faculty and staff
- Tutoring opportunities with local elementary and high schools

IF YOU AREN'T ELIGIBLE BUT STILL WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

CHECK OUT SOME FREE RESOURCES ON CAMPUS!

Student Academic Success Center

Assists and aids undecided, pre-major, and transfer students.

Office: 200 Student Services

Phone: 616-331-3588

Email: askowl@gvsu.edu

Web: www.gvsu.edu/sasc

Multicultural Cohort Program

A professional development program that connects students with similar career goals.

Office: 1240 Kirkhof Center

Phone: 331-2177

Email: oma@gvsu.edu

Career Center

Can assist with choosing a major and investigating careers.

Office – 206 Student Services

Phone: 616-331-3311

Email – careers@gvsu.edu

IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE....

1. Go to our website:

www.gvsu.edu/tpsss

2. Click Apply (located in the navigation bar)

3. Follow the instructions on the page and press

“Click here to Apply”



College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS)

Academic Advising Center:

-The professional advisors in the CLAS Academic Advising Center are a complement to your assigned faculty advisors in your content major and your major in Education. The Advisors provide a holistic overview of the requirements for the teachable majors, teachable minors, admission to the College of Education and teacher certification, and assist you in developing an achievable academic plan.

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