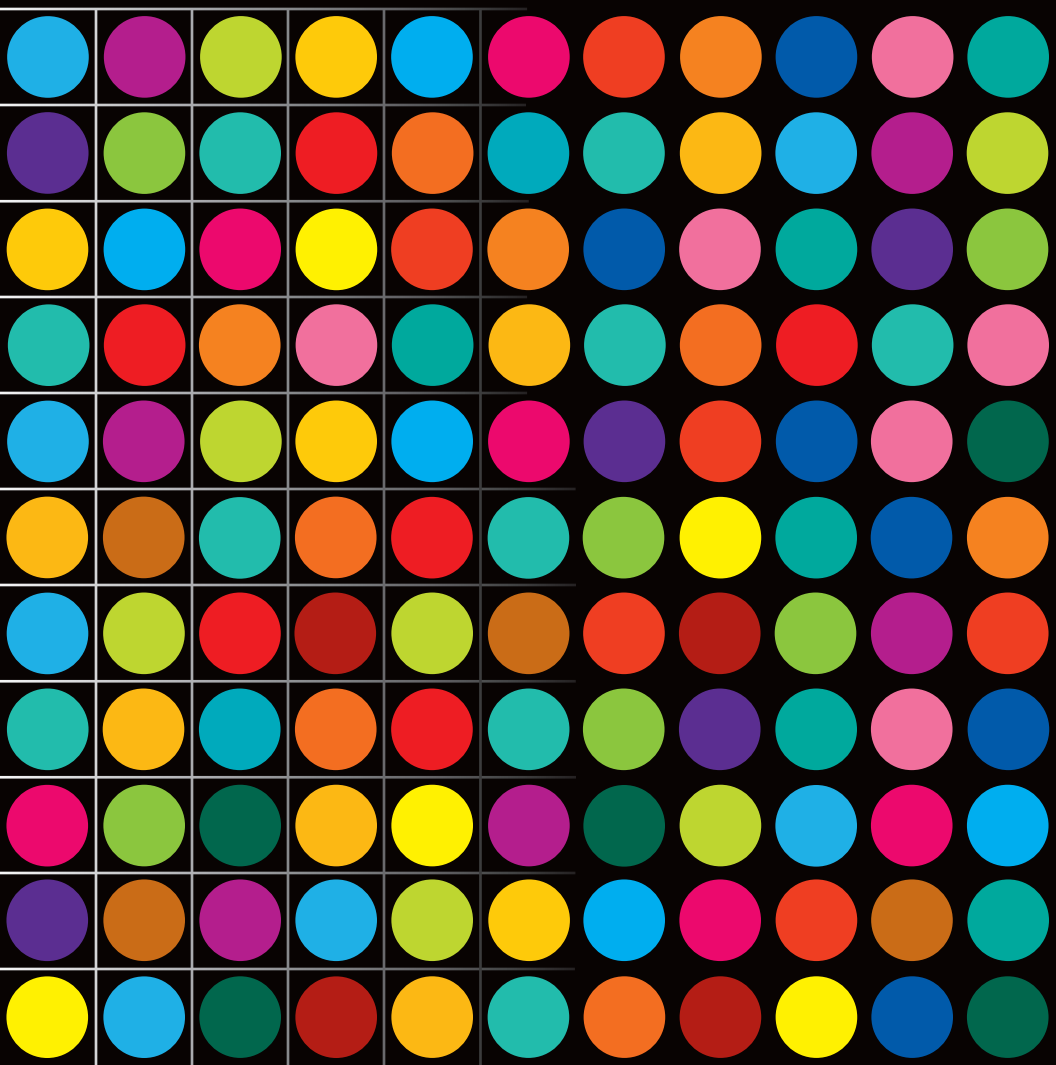


Diversity Directory

for Grand Valley State University Students

PLACES WHERE DOORS ARE OPEN AND VOICES ARE HEARD



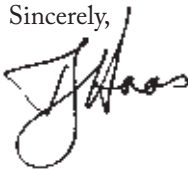
An Introduction from the President

Dear Students,

A liberal education has always been at the heart of Grand Valley State University's mission. A diverse environment is essential in promoting the values of this liberal education for the development of intellect, creativity, and intercultural competence. In winter of 2005, faculty, staff, and students were asked to participate in a diversity study as a means of assessing the university's diverse community. One of the findings of this study was that most members of this learning community feel accepted but those who are less likely to feel this acceptance are people of color, people of the GLBT community, and people who are disabled.

In spring of 2006, conversations occurred among representatives of these groups for the purpose of learning more about what can be done to create an inclusive climate. Participants included a diverse group of faculty, staff, and students. Two of the themes that emerged from these conversations are that people want access and accountability. This directory provides information and hopefully inspiration for all university community members to find access and accountability, voice and acceptance, and intercultural inclusion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Haas', written in a cursive style.

Thomas J. Haas
President



University Offices

Places Where You Can Go

Office of the President

The President is the chief executive officer of the university who, in keeping with the university's strategic plan, provides the leadership for shaping the present and the future of Grand Valley State University.

Location: 19 Zumberge

Telephone: (616) 331-2100

Web site: www.gvsu.edu/president

Office of the Provost

The Provost is the chief academic officer of the university and is responsible for all areas of academic and student affairs. She leads and promotes the academic vision of the university. Her areas of responsibility include: the colleges; academic strategic planning and budgeting; curriculum and academic programs; instructional technology and other academic services; the university libraries; student services; and faculty personnel administration and professional development.

Location: 24 Zumberge

Telephone: (616) 331-2400

Web site: www.gvsu.edu/provost

Planning and Equity Office

The objectives of this office are to coordinate planning for the university, to address affirmative action and equity issues in collaboration with other divisions and units, and to support the university vision, mission, values, and goals.

Location: 14 Zumberge

Telephone: (616) 331-3296

Web site: www.gvsu.edu/diversity

Dean of Students Office

The Dean of Students Office serves as an information resource and problem-solving center for students and student organizations. Support services are available for returning adult students as well as for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students. This office also coordinates the university judicial system and mediation program.

Location: 202 Student Services Building

Telephone: (616) 331-3585

Web site: www.gvsu.edu/dos



Counseling Center

The Counseling Center provides individual and group counseling on personal issues such as relationships, anxiety, depression, self-awareness, eating disorders, and substance abuse. Personal development seminars are offered to help students make more effective decisions.

Location: 204 Student Services Building Telephone: (616) 331-3266
Web site: www.gvsu.edu/counsel

Department of Public Safety

Grand Valley's full-service law enforcement agency maintains a safe and secure campus community. Personnel are trained in first aid and other emergency procedures. The department also has a Lost and Found Bureau, a Parking Violations Bureau, and approves drivers for operating state vehicles.

Location: Service Building Telephone: (616) 331-3255
Web site: www.gvsus.edu/publicsafety

Housing and Residence Life

Although Grand Valley does not require on-campus residency, the university does consider residential living to be beneficial in helping students become adjusted to college life. A staff member lives in each center, along with Resident Assistants and Multicultural Assistants, and arranges educational, diversity, and recreational programs that foster and maintain pleasant living and study conditions.

Location: 103 Student Services Building Telephone: (616) 331-2120
Web site: www.gvsu.edu/housing

Office of Student Life

This office engages students in diverse experiences that complement academic programs and provide opportunities for growth and development.

Location: Suite 110, Kirkhof Center Telephone: (616) 331-2345
Web site: <http://studentlife.gvsu.edu>

PLACES DEDICATED TO DIVERSITY

Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA)

OMA fosters a respect for and an appreciation of the history, tradition, and culture of different ethnic groups and empowers ethnic minority students to be active participants in Grand Valley's community. To achieve these goals, OMA sponsors or co-sponsors programs to promote academic, social, and cultural activities for students. Staff members serve as a university resource for students, faculty, and staff on issues of diversity and multiculturalism.

Location: 130 Commons Telephone: (616) 331-2177
Web site: www.gvsu.edu/oma



Women's Center

This center focuses on services and programs that support and enhance the growth of women throughout the university. The center's vision is to make a substantial difference in the quality of life for women. It also serves as a place of education and involvement for anyone seeking to further his/her knowledge and/or to advocate for the status of women.

Location: 161 Kirkhof Center

Telephone: (616) 331-2748

Web site: www.gvsu.edu/women_cen

Email: womenctr@gvsu.edu

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender (GLBT) Resources

This office provides information, contacts, referrals, conversation, and programming related to GLBT matters.

Location: 233 Lake Ontario Hall

Telephone: (616) 331-3114 or

Web site: www.gvsu.edu/glbtc

(616) 331-2530

Disability Support Services (DSS)

Disability Support Services, formerly known as the Office of Academic Support (OAS), provides support services and accommodations that enhance the learning environment for students with disabilities. This office offers a number of services, from assistive technology to extra tutoring, that allow students to overcome the challenges that they face in a traditional educational system.

Location: 200 Student Services Building

Telephone: (616) 331-2490

Web site: www.gvsu.edu/dss

Barbara H. Padnos International Center (PIC)

The mission of the Barbara H. Padnos International Center is to engage the university community in the development of meaningful international experiences that foster an appreciation and awareness of diverse cultures, people, and ideas. This center organizes and coordinates the university's international programs and activities, which include study abroad programs, work and internship programs in other nations, and international volunteer and service-learning activities.

Location: 130 Lake Ontario Hall

Telephone: (616) 331-3898

Web site: www.gvsu.edu/pic

Allies & Advocates (A&A)

A&A trains faculty and staff to be supportive of GLBT students who have questions or need a safe place to go. Look for A&A posters on faculty and staff doors or check the Web site for a list of faculty and staff to contact.

Location: 130 Lake Ontario Hall

Telephone: (616) 331-2781

Web site: www.gvsu.edu/allies



Organizations

Places Where You Can Get Involved

Contact for all student organizations:

Student Organization Center at Kirkhof Center, Room 008 or phone (616) 331-2360. Additional information and links to the current Web sites of student organizations can be found at www.gvsu.edu/studentlife. Use the Search Student Organizations box for specific organizations.

RELIGIOUS

Alpha Omega Co-Ed Christian Fraternity

This fraternity, through the use of non-traditional methods, ministers to all people, especially young people, about the love of Jesus Christ. The five purposes are to build stronger Christians, to minister to those who do not know Christ, to set up programs fitting that of Christian living, to service the public and the concerns of the students on campus, and to ensure educational success.

Campus Ministries @ GVSU

This non-denominational Christian program offers students opportunities for worship, pastoral counseling, and service projects. For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/campmin.

Christianity on Campus

Christianity on Campus exists for the sake of students seeking God. This group brings some of the best theologians in the area to campus to speak on scripture and Christian doctrine.

Hillel

This Jewish student organization is focused on providing engaging activities and information that pertain to Jewish religion and culture. Activities are open to members as well as any interested individuals.

Muslim Student Association

This organization coordinates increased awareness within the Grand Valley community regarding the religion of Islam, in an effort to create and maintain healthy relations between Muslims and non-Muslims on campus, as well as to educate students on the message of Islam as a religion of peace.



Grand Valley United Methodist Student Fellowship (GVUMSF)

This Christian fellowship is sponsored by local Methodist churches whose motto is “Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.”

University Christian Outreach

University Christian Outreach exists for students at Grand Valley to help them discover the call of God in their lives and provide environments that enable them to respond to the challenge of that call. Some of our distinctive characteristics are ecumenical, charismatic, community-focused, and evangelistic.

Ways of the Earth

This group’s purpose is to build a community that celebrates diversity, inter-religious dialogue, tolerance, and support to all students regardless of their religious preferences. Membership includes students who follow nature-based religious and spiritual paths such as Wicca and Neo-Paganism, as well as those who follow more traditional religious paths.

Young Life

Young Life leaders model trust and respect, and they are responsible for their college peers. They do this in a meaningful context, using aspects of a college student’s world. Young Life provides healthy, creative fun — from weekly clubs to seasonal camping experiences to daily outings with leaders.

CULTURAL AND SPECIAL INTERESTS

American Sign Language and Culture Club

This group is designed to inform people of the culture that the deaf community calls their own. The goal is to study American Sign Language (ASL), along with deaf etiquette and culture, to make people aware that there is a whole new world out there in the deaf community.

Arab Culture Club (ACC)

The Arab Culture Club was established in fall of 1999 by students interested in Arab culture. It was created to promote awareness of the Arab culture and to provide experience of the traditions and customs. In addition, the ACC also hopes to educate people on the stereotypes commonly associated with Arabs.



Asian Student Union

The goal of the Asian Student Union focuses on serving as a support group and an educational resource for Asians and students who are interested in learning more about Asian cultures. The group strives to disperse stereotypes regarding Asian Americans through workshops and cultural events in hope of creating an Asian voice on campus.

Black Leaders Coalition (BLC)

The Black Leaders Coalition is an alliance formed by the elected boards of black organizations. The goals are to: strengthen black organizations; enhance black program efficiency and professionalism; increase campus respect for minority organizations; and enhance the understanding of minorities as a whole. Even though it is called the Black Leaders Coalition, participants in this organization must understand that the ultimate goal and vision of BLC is to strengthen and unite all minority organizations at Grand Valley.

Black Student Union

Black Student Union is a cultural group established to unite and serve as the voice of the black community to the Student Senate, the administration, and the Board of Trustees; to show concern for the welfare and progress of black students; to act in conjunction with the Multicultural Affairs and the Affirmative Action offices in the discussion, investigation, and resolution of problems relating to the needs of black students; and to stress the importance of achievement and participation on the part of black students.

Chinese Language and Literary Club

This organization provides an opportunity for Chinese language, East Asian studies, and any interested student of any major to learn about the culture and language of China. This group also provides an open forum to discuss issues, hold relevant events, and encourage members to decide what they would like to see in the club.

German Club

The German Club serves as a place for German students or anyone with a desire to speak German to meet.

Latino Student Union

The Latino Student Union strives to bring the Latino culture to the Grand Valley campus and beyond. This is done through a variety of fun, educational programs that bring the campus community together and promote cultural awareness.



Multi-Racial Student Association

This cultural organization provides support to members of the multi-racial community on campus and their allies. It is dedicated to education of others about the realities of the multi-racial experience.

National Society of Black Engineers

The National Society of Black Engineers' mission is to increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community. The group welcomes all majors and all racial backgrounds and believes that everyone can gain something from the program.

Native American Student Association

The purpose of this association is to engage the Grand Valley and Grand Rapids communities by providing programs that educate about and share the Native American culture. The group strives to provide a safe and welcoming atmosphere in which students, faculty, staff, and visitors may convene to discuss traditions, beliefs, and viewpoints and to give Native American students a voice and a presence on campus.

Organization for the Advancement of Students with Disabilities

The purpose of this organization is to advance the educational and career goals of students with disabilities and to encourage them to aspire to higher achievements. The group creates an environment of awareness within the community regarding the capabilities, rights, and unique issues involving individuals with disabilities. The group also brings together members of the faculty and student body on a basis of mutual interest, understanding, and helpfulness for students with disabilities.

Russian Circle

The Russian Circle promotes the study of not only Russian language, but also Russian culture. No prior knowledge of Russian is required.

Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB)

The mission of SAAB is to culturally enhance and educate the Grand Valley campus and increase society's awareness while uplifting and enhancing the strength, knowledge, and power of the African American man.

You Beautiful Black Woman

You Beautiful Black Woman is a tight-knit group of strong and confident women whose purpose is to create unity among African American women, to culturally enhance Grand Valley's campus, and to increase society's awareness of the African American woman.



GENDER AND ORIENTATION

Eyes Wide Open

This is a group of sexual assault peer educators who advocate for a safe campus, free of sexual assault, and who conduct educational programs in classrooms and throughout the campus.

Out 'N' About

Out 'N' About encourages interaction within the Grand Valley community to promote awareness of GLBT issues on campus. All students are welcome to attend weekly meetings to discuss and support events and issues affecting the GLBT and the Grand Valley community.

DIVERSITY

C.L.O.U.D. N.I.N.E.

C.L.O.U.D. N.I.N.E. or Cultural Links on Understanding Diversity's mission is to promote diversity and cultural learning throughout the Grand Valley community by constructing culturally motivated programs to set forth the message of diversity and the understanding of diversity in today's society. This group encourages students to have a positive attitude toward culturally diverse and mixed populations.

Residence Housing Association (RHA)

RHA works to develop and improve the on-campus community. It is the primary governing body for the residents of Grand Valley State University-owned housing, acting as a liaison between housing administration and residents and providing academic, educational, social, diversity, and community service programming.

Student Senate

Student Senate is the governing body of the students of Grand Valley State University. The senate is comprised of 50 Senators who at-large represent the students of Grand Valley. The senate is dedicated to being a body of proactive leaders, representing all students and their diverse, ever-changing needs.



Academic Offerings

Places Where You Can Learn

PROGRAMS

African/African American Studies Minor (AAA)

Coordinator: Jacques Mangala

Telephone: (616) 331-8512

Email: mangalaj@gvsu.edu

The African/African American studies program at Grand Valley State University provides a foundation for understanding the history and culture of African Americans and their representations in social, scientific, and artistic discourses, in addition to the critical tools needed to examine the social construction of African American lives and community.

East Asian Studies Minor (EAS)

Coordinator: Peimen Ni

Telephone: (616) 331-3529

Email: nip@gvsu.edu

East Asian studies at Grand Valley University explores the languages, cultures, histories, and socioeconomic conditions of China and Japan. The program recognizes the complex traditions and historical contributions of these countries while acknowledging the essential roles they play in the world today.

Latin American Studies Minor (LAS)

Coordinator: Joel Stillerman

Telephone: (616) 331-3129

Email: stillejo@gvsu.edu

Students in a wide variety of majors and professional programs can benefit from studying Latin America: the biology major who wishes to work on rainforest ecology; the business major who plans to work in international trade; the education or health sciences student who expects to work in almost any U.S. city; or the literature major who plans a graduate degree in Spanish or comparative literature. In fact, the Latin American studies program is for any traditional or continuing student who simply wants to learn more about the fascinating and diverse cultures of Latin America.

Middle East Studies Minor (MES)

Coordinator: Jim Goode

Telephone: (616) 331-3184

Email: goodej@gvsu.edu

In the tradition of liberal education at Grand Valley State University, courses in this minor introduce students to the heritage, problems, and perspectives of Middle Eastern cultures,



thus helping students to better understand their own culture. The Middle East studies program focuses on the area stretching from Morocco in the west to Oman in the east, and from Iran and Turkey in the north to Sudan in the south.

Women and Gender Studies Minor (WGS)

Coordinator: Kathleen Underwood

Telephone: (616) 331-8516

Email: underwok@gvsu.edu

The women and gender studies minor offers an interdisciplinary curriculum in the scholarship of women's studies; men's studies; and gay, lesbian, and bisexual studies. The minor (1) acquaints students with the scholarship on women and gender; (2) raises awareness of how categories of gender and sexuality affect and are affected by our everyday lives, historical currents, social institutions, science, art, and literature; and (3) prepares students for graduate school and/or careers in which knowledge of and sensitivity to gender issues are relevant.

A SAMPLING OF COURSES RELATED TO DIVERSITY

African/African American Studies

AAA/WGS 352 Black Women's Cultures
and Communities

Anthropology

ANT 111 Peoples of the World
ANT 311 Native Peoples of North America
ANT 315 Comparative Religions
ANT 340 Culture and Environment
ANT 370 Cross-cultural Perspectives on Gender

Education

ED 225 Diversity in Education

English

ENG 335 Literature of American Minorities

History

HST 314 African American History
HST 315 Latinos: The Forging of
Ethnic Identities
HST 316 U.S. Civil Right Movement History
HST 320 American Indians
HST 327 History of American Urban History

Management

MGT 355 The Diversified Workforce

Music

MUS 299 Jazz History

Sociology

SOC 280 Social Problems
SOC 333 Sociology of the Civil Rights
Movement
SOC/WGS 357 Sociology of Religion
SOC 379 Love, Sex, and Gender
SOC 381 Class, Race, Gender,
and Sexuality
SOC 382 Race and Ethnicity
SOC 383 Sociology of Women

Liberal Studies

LIB 325 Understanding the Gay
Life Cycle
LIB 335 Scriptures as Literature
LIB 350 The Immigrant Experience in
the United States
LIB 401 Visionary Thinkers in the
American Mosaic

University Studies

US 201 Diversity in the United States

Grand Valley State University Is Your Place

Protocol for Bias Incidents (Web site: www.gvsu.edu/protocol)

Grand Valley State University values and encourages diversity and is committed to providing a safe environment that protects the civil rights of all persons connected with the university. Accordingly, Grand Valley State University prohibits acts of harassment and discrimination as outlined in the Anti-Harassment Policy. A copy of this policy is available on the Human Resources Web site (www.gvsu.edu/hro) under Policies and Procedures.

In addition, the university has no tolerance for acts of intimidation, assault, battery, vandalism, destruction or defacement of property, stalking, and other actions that violate criminal and/or civil laws, university policies, and student behavior codes. When such actions appear to be directed at individuals because of their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, disability, or other protected class status, they are considered to be bias incidents. Bias incidents and those who commit them pose a risk to the safety and welfare of a class of individuals. All reported incidents will be investigated.

Reporting a bias incident is important.

For the welfare of individuals and the community, it is critical that anyone among the Grand Valley University community who believes s/he has experienced or observed a bias incident should report it. In doing so, individuals are encouraged to utilize a variety of options that can provide necessary support.

Individuals should report the incident to a faculty or staff member at the university with whom they are comfortable, but they may also report the incident at any of the specific offices listed below where guidance and support are available:

At the Allendale Campus

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| Affirmative Action/Equity Office | 331-3296 |
| Counseling Center | 331-3266 |
| Dean of Students Office | 331-3585 |
| Disability Support Services | 311-2490 |
| GLBT Resources | 331-2530 |
| Housing and Residence Life | 331-2120 |
| Human Resources | 331-2215 |
| Multicultural Affairs | 331-2177 |
| Public Safety | 331-3255 |
| Women's Center | 331-2748 |

At the Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus

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| Dean of Graduate Studies Office | 331-7105 |
| Pew Campus Security | 331-6677 |
| Pew Student Services | 331-7188 |

No matter where an incident is first reported it should also be filed with Public Safety in Allendale (331-3255) or Pew Campus Security in Grand Rapids (331-6677). This report may be made with or without the assistance of a faculty/staff member at the university.



Grand Valley State University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution. It encourages diversity and provides equal opportunity in education, employment, all of its programs, and the use of its facilities. It is committed to protecting the constitutional and statutory civil rights of persons connected with the university. 1/07.

Visit www.gvsu.edu/diversitydir for the most up-to-date directory information.



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