CAMPUS TOUR

Every Tour:

- Introduce yourself, ask students to introduce themselves – where they’re from, major of interest
- Offer a map to follow along
- Explain the size of campus, note the inability to see everything in an hour, encourage them to explore on their own after the tour

STOP IN: Student Services Lobby

Student services are housed in one location for convenience:
1st floor: Records, Registration, Student Employment, Financial Aid
2nd: Dean of Students, Career Services, Career Counseling & Development, Counseling Center, Tutoring, Advising Resources, Special Programs
3rd: Admissions

Stories:
- “College is a big transition for many students. Some students adjust well, while others might not. Career Services, on the 2nd floor, hosts group and individual counseling for students who might need it.”
- “Career Services and the Career Library, located on the 2nd floor, is a great place to learn about professional development, internships, and career paths. They utilize eDiscover, O*Net, and Bridges, which are all computer programs to help students explore different careers and find out what career might be geared towards them.”
- “I visited the financial aid office and they helped me…”

WALK TOWARDS: Clock Tower
(Point out the Cook-DeWitt Center)

- 236 Seat lecture hall
- Catholic mass and non-denominational services on Sundays
- Variety of events held here: weddings, religious services, guest speakers, campus events, music recitals and student organizations use auditorium
- Clock Tower is a working carillon tower, chimes every 15 minutes.

STOP IN: Mary Idema Pew Library

- Flexible space, 19 group study rooms
- Approximately 1,500 seats, 30 different furniture types
- Self check-out stations, automated retrieval system
- Knowledge Market, Learning Lab, Technology Showcase

Stories:
- “Knowledge Market: “I needed help with a research project…””
- “When you need a place to study, there’s a variety of options: alone or together, quiet or loud, indoor or outdoor

STOP IN: Kirkhof Center

- Focal point for student activities
- Wi-Fi access, study areas
- Student Life Office, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Women’s Center, LGBT Center, Student Organization Center, 20/20 Desk
- Student Senate Office
- Billiard and Foosball tables, Playstation and X-Boxes available, mini movie theater
- Multiple dining options: Lobby Shop, Java City, Subway, Panda Express on main floor. Grill, Pasta, Mexican, Salad and Sushi options downstairs

Stories:
- “Laker Late Nights on Friday and Saturday nights (9pm-2am) have different activities, ranging from laser tag to karaoke to scrapbooking”
- “When you need information, for on-campus or off-campus, visit 20/20 desk. Pick up tickets for events or find out bus routes”
If you want to get involved as a student, visit the Student Life Office. Over 350 clubs and organizations. Any club can be started with 4 students and an advisor. Talk about organizations you’re involved in.

**WALK BY: Performing Arts Center & Meijer Honors College**

**Performing Arts Center:**
- Houses music classrooms and faculty offices, practice rooms, two dance studios, the Art Gallery and a music technology lab
- Louie Armstrong Theater seats 490

**Frederik Meijer Honors College**
- Completed in 2008, the Honors building houses “smart” classrooms, and honors faculty offices.
- Contains 4 bedroom, 2 bedroom, and studio living options for Honors students
- Geared toward students with an ACT around or above 28, and a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher. Requires a separate online application after being accepted to GVSU
- Honors students take separate Honors courses instead of general education courses, specific major classes do not change

**Stories:**
- The theater program has performed a variety of plays, including “Much Ado About Nothing” and “Kindertransport”
- Typically put on 4-5 large performances a year, as well as numerous one-acts and student directed plays.
- “My friend was a part of the Honors College and had a class…”
- “I have a friend that got a music scholarship by auditioning before they came here.”
- You do not have to be a music or theater major to perform in ensembles and plays.

**WALK THROUGH: Lake Plaza (Heaven & Earth Sculpture)**

Houses many different academic buildings, was the original campus in the early ’60s
- Lakes Superior, Huron, Michigan, and Ontario contain lecture halls, classrooms, departments, and academic office
- **Lake Superior:** School of Communication
- **Lake Michigan:** Administration, Human Resources, Business & Finance, University Counsel, News & Information Services
- **Lake Huron:** English and Classics
- **Lake Ontario:** Padnos International Center (50 different Study Abroad programs to 26 different countries. Links to 5000 other Study Abroad trips. It’s the ONLY “open” Study Abroad program in Michigan, ranked #5 in the country), and the Writing Department: Writing Center, Liberal Studies, Women & Gender Studies
- **Zumbarge Hall:** Administration, Human Resources, Business & Finance, University Counsel, News & Information Services
- **Seidman Hall:** rare books, Civil War documents, study areas
- **Au Sable:** Psychology, Sociology, Political Science, Anthropology, International Relations

**Stories:**
- Founded in 1960, first class held in 1963
- Study Abroad are some of the most valuable experiences a college student can have
- If you have been abroad, please share your experience with the group. Perhaps a friend studied abroad and shared some stories.
- Share a positive personal story about visiting the Writing Center, or meeting with a professor
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WALK TOWARDS: The Commons

• Point out VanSteeland Arboretum
• Walk over Little Mac Bridge (270ft across, 70ft high)
• Many trails run through the ravine, students can walk all the way to the Grand River.
• Club Rowing team practices on the River
• Grand Valley focuses on undergraduate achievement and scholarship
• Graduate level research at the undergrad level
• April Student Scholarship Days: opportunity for students to showcase research projects

WALK PAST: The Commons

• Lower Commons: Papa Johns, Bleeker St., Freshens Energy Zone, Jump! Asian Cuisine
• Upper Commons: Fresh Food Company, Einstein Brother’s Bagel Factory
• Explain Meal Plan:

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WALK THROUGH: Mackinac Hall

• Largest academic building on campus
• SHOW a classroom (new classroom along the east hallway if possible)
• Houses: faculty offices, conference rooms, classrooms and computer labs
• College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Department and Advising Center, Regional Math and Science Advising, and International Technology

• Department offices: Geography and Planning, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Movement Science, Modern Languages, Philosophy, Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science, and History
• Average class size is 27, though we do have lecture halls that fit 120-140 in Henry Hall.
• Teachers teach all classes. We do not use graduate assistants or teaching assistants
• 90% of classes at GVSU are smaller than 40 students
• We offer over 85 majors, with over 200 areas of study (minors and different classes you can take), 33 graduate study programs, and 2 main campus areas: Allendale and Grand Rapids
• Allendale is our main campus, downtown Grand Rapids houses our Education, Social Work, Criminal Justice, Engineering, Medical, and Business campuses.
• For the past decade, we’ve been rated one of the highest academic colleges in the state of Michigan

Stories:

Tell a story about a teacher or class you had…

STOP IN: Housing – Show 170 North C & Pew 105/106

• 5820 students live on campus
• Different types of housing: Traditional, Suite and Apartment Styles
• Discuss: Honors College; Niemeyer Living Center houses 449 students
• Points of interest: Theme style living centers: WISE (Women in Science and Engineering), Art Living, PERL (Pre-law Educational Residential Living), International House, upperclassmen housing
• Discuss: Housing Councils: responsible for programming in living centers
• Discuss:
Housing Policies:
  o Doors locked 24 hours
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- Quiet hours: 10p-10a weekdays, 12a-10a weekends
- No visitors after 2a weekdays, 24 visitation on weekends
- Due to interest in on-campus housing, we consistently reach housing capacity.
- Seeing the traditional-style, shared bathroom is available on our 360° views

Stories:

- Tell any of the numerous appropriate on-campus stories you have (going to an event, hanging out in the residence halls, etc)

STOP IN: Kleiner Commons

- No smoking in any buildings
- The Marketplace, Qdoba, expanded dining area
- 24 Convenience Store and Java City
- Sports Court in back

WALK TOWARDS: Fieldhouse/Rec Center

- Freshmen are allowed cars on campus ($380/year)
- Campus security: Grand Valley Police, Community Police Officers (point out Department of Public Safety)
- Bus service to Grand Rapids with stop at Meijer (Wilson and Lake Michigan Dr.)

STOP IN: Fieldhouse/Rec Center (Pool Entrance)

- Main athletic building on campus
- Houses basketball courts, weight rooms, pool, athletic offices, 2 practice gymnasiums, rock climbing wall, dance rooms and a gymnastics room
- GVSU is the #1 Division II athletic program, and has earned either 1st or 2nd in the Directors cup for 14 straight years
- Three levels of play: NCAA DII, Club sports and intramural sports (explain the differences)

- Facilities are open for student use free of charge, and there is no fee to attend sporting events
- The Laker Turf building is located behind the Fieldhouse and contains an indoor Olympic sized track and turf soccer field

Stories:

- Talk about games you have been to
- Talk about the Rec center if you use it, or joke about not using it and just eating...
- Talk about Football Saturdays, “Saturday nights under the Lights”

STOP IN: Henry Hall and Padnos

- Houses Biology, Geology, Chemistry, Biomedical Sciences, and Physics
- Well-equipped labs for research and studying
- Show Loutit Lecture Hall 101, 102 OR 103 (if available)
- Computer labs available for students from 7am-1am
- Students are encouraged to bring a computer to campus

WALK TO: Student Services

In closing:

- Things they may have missed: Art building, Papa Johns, Health Services
- Encourage them to explore on their own
- Thank them for coming
- Remind them to call Admissions Office if they have any questions
- Tell them you hope they had a good time
- Ask guests to complete evaluation so we can continue to improve tours