2016 PARENT ORIENTATION
Academic & Career Success
Welcome!

Student Academic Success Center
Academic Advising
Career Center
First year is about making connections…

- Socially
- Academically
- Career goals

This will lead to the ultimate goal of happy, healthy, successful careers
Today’s presentation will focus on:

Academic Connections

*College level learning is different*

Career Development Connections

*Career development is a process*
Academic Connections

Academic Advising at GVSU

- Faculty and Professional Advising Centers by College/Major
  Students have both faculty and professional advisors
- Student Academic Success Center (SASC)
  - Pre-Major/undecided advising
  - Changing majors
  - Policies and academic appeals

Students should meet soon and regularly!
What Advisors do:

- They are the first contact for questions and concerns about curriculum, course concerns and academic policy information and campus resources
- Contact students via e-mail – so encourage use of GVSU e-mail
- Follow-up on mid-semester grades
- They are a great source of general information for both student and family

Questions after today? Call us!
Academic Support Services

Asking for help is different here...

Tutoring
- Scheduled
- Walk-in
  - Free

Academic Skills
- Academic Coaching
- Workshops
- Online Resources
Academic Connections

Experiences outside of the classroom are just as important as learning inside the classroom

- Academic clubs
- Involvement with faculty projects
- Make use of faculty office hours
Career Exploration

All first year students need to explore

(even if they have declared a major)

What does this exploring look like?

• “Me-search”
• Research the World of Work
• Decision-making
How to Explore Careers & Majors

• Meet with a Career Advisor to discuss interests
• Take US 102
• Meet with pre-major advisor to discuss curriculum requirements
• Attend Majors Fair, Career Fair & other career events
• Connect with students, faculty & alumni from academic departments of interest
• Job shadow; conduct informational interviews; volunteer
• Do an internship! (or two, or three)

REMEMBER: It’s a process that takes place over time!
Active Career Exploration Matters!

- Connect to Career Goals
- Build a Career Network
- Reach the ultimate goal of happy, healthy successful careers!
GVSU Makes Connections for Students
Families: What you think and say matters!

53% of parents felt they were the biggest influence on their children’s post A-Level education and career choices – more than their child’s friends and careers advisers.
How family can support student’s Academic and Career Success

- Encourage exploration in new areas of interest
- Be a non-anxious listener when your student feels panic or discomfort related to academics, planning for the future or making career-related decisions
- Help connect them to GVSU resources
- Ask open-ended questions
- Support the decision making process, recognizing it happens over time and is always evolving
- Be part of their professional network
Blueprint for Success

http://www.gvsu.edu/advising/interactiveblueprint/
Questions?