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## Brooks College Advising Center April 2026 Newsletter

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“April was just beginning, and after the warm spring day it turned cooler, slightly frosty, and a breath of spring could be felt in the soft, cold air. The road from the convent to town was sandy, they had to go at a walking pace; and on both sides of the carriage, in the bright, still moonlight, pilgrims trudged over the sand. And everyone was silent, deep in thought, everything around was welcoming, young, so near— the trees, the sky, even the moon—and one wanted to think it would always be so.”

— Anton Chekov, Short Stories

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## April Advising Update

**Registration is open!** Now is the time to register for Summer 2026, Fall 2026 and Winter 2027. If you are having trouble getting registered, there are lots of good tips and resources here: <https://www.gvsu.edu/registrar/registration-61.htm>

**Are you taking classes this summer? Don't forget to fill out the Summer Financial Aid Application!** <https://www.gvsu.edu/financialaid/summer-financial-aid-information-125.htm>

**Meet with your advisor now to double check your schedule, choose classes, talk about internships and study abroad, and make sure you are on track for graduation!**

Brooks Advising is offering virtual and in-person scheduled appointments: we can connect with you via email, phone, and Zoom or we can meet in person in our offices in Lake Michigan Hall 260. You can call 616-331-8200 to schedule an appointment, or easily see the next available appointment on [Navigate](#).

**Congratulations to all our graduates!** If you have questions about the Commencement ceremony, find answers here: <https://www.gvsu.edu/commencement/>

**Check out <https://www.gvsu.edu/support/> to find Financial, Academic, Social and Wellness resources to help you finish out the semester!**

### **New to GVSU?**

If you are new to GVSU as a first-year student or a transfer student, you will need to meet with a professional advisor before you can schedule classes for next year. Schedule an appointment in [Navigate](#) so we can get that hold lifted and you can register! Required advising sessions will include conversation about your classes, major and minor selection, campus life, and resources to ensure you are successful on campus and ready to register for the next academic year.

**We are here to support you! Schedule your appointment today!**

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## **Important [Dates!](#)**

Classes end - April 25

Examinations - April 25 - May 2

Commencement - May 1 (Brooks College)

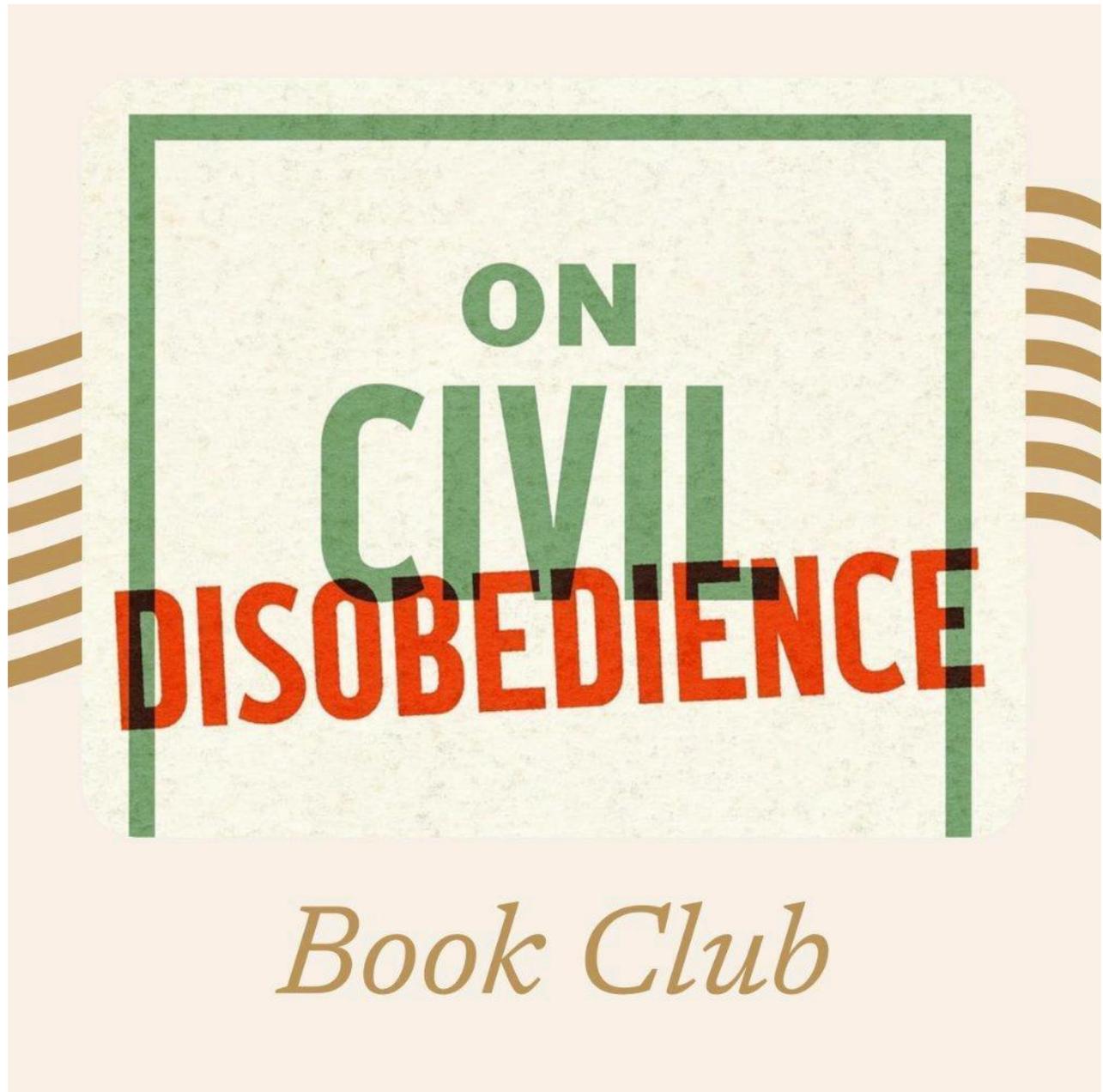
Semester ends - May 2

Grades due - May 5

The posted deadlines apply to courses that meet the entire semester/session. Classes that meet for only part of the session/semester have different deadlines. Those

deadlines can be found by using the [searchable course schedule](#) or by contacting the Registrar's Office at (616) 331-3327 or email [regdept@gvsu.edu](mailto:regdept@gvsu.edu).

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## Open Minds Book Club: On Civil Disobedience

Wednesday, April 1, 2026  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus

For the April 2026 session of Open Minds, we will be reading and discussing [On Civil Disobedience](#), edited by Roger Berkowitz and featuring essays from Hannah Arendt and Henry David Thoreau.

"Together for the first time, classic essays on how and when to disobey the government from two of the greatest thinkers in our literature. In *Resistance to Civil Government* (1849), Henry David Thoreau recounts the story of a night he spent in jail for refusing to pay poll taxes, which he believed supported the Mexican American War and the expansion of slavery. His larger aim was to articulate a view of individual conscience as a force in American politics. No writer has made a more persuasive case for obedience to a "higher law." In *Civil Disobedience* (1970), Hannah Arendt offers a stern rebuttal to Thoreau. For Arendt, Thoreau stands in willful opposition to the public and collective spirit that defines civil disobedience. Only through positive collective action and the promises we make to each other in a civil society can meaningful change occur."

**The discussion for this book will be held on Wednesday, April 1, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Richard M. DeVos Center's Meijer Regency Room located on the GVSU City Campus.**

Books for GVSU students will be mailed to those who register by midnight on **March 3**.

[See the full Open Minds Book Club schedule here!](#)

[Click here for additional information](#)

[RSVP for this event](#)

Location Information

**Meijer Regency Room**

**Richard M. DeVos Center**

**401 West Fulton Street  
Grand Rapids, MI  
49504-6431**

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please email [Kahler Sweeney](#).

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**Theatre at Grand Valley presents FIVE MILE LAKE**

Wednesday, April 1, 2026  
7:30 p.m.  
Allendale Campus

***Five Mile Lake***

By Rachel Bonds

Directed by Demetria Thomas

March 27 - April 4

Linn Maxwell Keller Black Box Theatre

Tickets go on sale September 1, 2025 at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/e/1053586/five-mile-lake-allendale-linn-maxwell-keller-theatre-at-grand-valley-state-university>

[Click here for additional information](#)

[RSVP for this event](#)

This event is recurring on [Thursday, April 2, 2026](#) and [Friday, April 3, 2026](#).

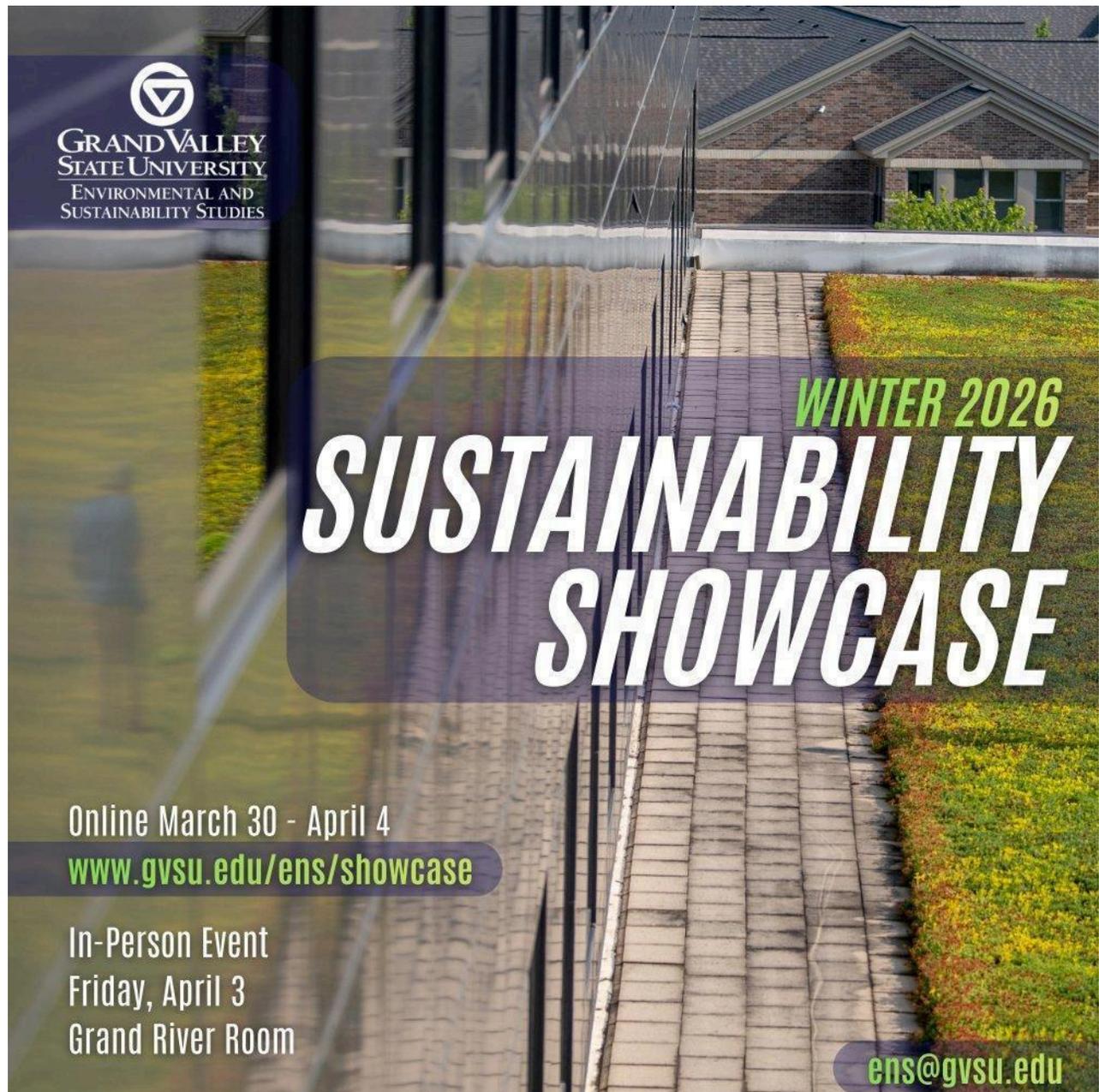
Location Information

Linn Maxwell Keller Black Box Theatre

Contact Information

Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance  
(616) 331-3484

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GRAND VALLEY  
STATE UNIVERSITY  
ENVIRONMENTAL AND  
SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES

*WINTER 2026*  
**SUSTAINABILITY  
SHOWCASE**

Online March 30 - April 4  
[www.gvsu.edu/ens/showcase](http://www.gvsu.edu/ens/showcase)

In-Person Event  
Friday, April 3  
Grand River Room

[ens@gvsu.edu](mailto:ens@gvsu.edu)

## ENS Winter 2026 Sustainability Showcase

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

All day

Allendale Campus

You're invited to learn about the research projects, innovative designs, and assessments that students in the Environmental and Sustainability Studies (ENS) Program have been working on this semester.

**Starting March 30th**, check out projects online anytime throughout the week and share your feedback. Then, join us on **Friday, April 3rd** for in-person presentations and networking with sustainability focused student organizations in Kirkhof Center's Grand River Room 2250 (Allendale Campus). Refreshments provided!

**VIEW PRESENTATIONS ONLINE:**

**March 30 - April 4**

**IN-PERSON EVENT:**

**Friday, April 3, 10am - 1:30pm**

Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room (2250)

Allendale Campus

Location Information

**All Week:**

ONLINE Presentations

**Friday, April 3, 2026:**

IN PERSON Presentations

10:00am - 1:30pm

Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room

Allendale Campus

Contact Information

**Environmental and Sustainability Studies Program**

Email: [ens@gvsu.edu](mailto:ens@gvsu.edu)

Phone: 616-331-8016

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# **Dr. Keivan G. Stassun: Student Scholars Day Keynote Speaker (INT 100/201 approved)**

Tuesday, April 7, 2026  
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Allendale Campus

**Dr. Keivan G. Stassun, Stevenson Professor of Astrophysics and Director of the Frist Center for Autism & Innovation, Vanderbilt University.**

## **The Neurodiversity Revolution: Tapping the Human Diversity of Mind to Accelerate Scientific Discovery**

Dr. Stassun holds the Stevenson chair in Astrophysics and secondary appointments in Computer Science and in Management at Vanderbilt University, where he has received an NSF CAREER award, a Cottrell Scholar award from the Research Corporation for Science Advancement, an HHMI Professor award from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and a Ford Foundation Fellowship from the National Academy of Sciences. Stassun is a member of the leadership team for NASA's Ultraviolet Explorer (UVEX) and Advanced X-ray Imaging Satellite (AXIS) space telescope missions, served as a co-investigator for NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) mission, chairs the executive committee of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey, serves on the National Academy of Sciences Space Studies Board and Divisional Committee for Engineering & Physical Sciences, and recently served on the National Academy of Sciences Decadal Steering Committee for Astronomy & Astrophysics. An elected Fellow of the American Physical Society, the American Astronomical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Sigma Xi, and an elected Member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, his research on stars and exoplanets has appeared in more than 600 peer-reviewed journal articles, with an emphasis on understanding the fundamental physical properties of stars and extrasolar planets. From 2004 to 2016, he served as founding director of the Fisk-Vanderbilt Masters-to-PhD Bridge Program, which has become one of the nation's top producers of PhDs to underrepresented groups in the physical sciences.

Having trained more than fifty PhD students and postdoctoral scholars from diverse backgrounds, Stassun is a leader and advocate and exemplar for training the next generation of American talent in STEM fields. He has served on NSF's Committee for Equal Opportunity in Science and Engineering, is a recipient of the American Physical Society's Nicholson Medal for Outreach, has been named Mentor of the Year by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and has been honored with a Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring. Since 2017, Stassun serves as founding director of the Frist Center for Autism & Innovation in Vanderbilt's School of Engineering, focused on advancing science and engineering through the engagement and workforce development of autistic individuals and those with other forms of neurodiversity, and has awarded more PhDs to autistic scientists and engineers than any other program. In 2023, Stassun was

appointed to a six-year term on the National Science Board, in 2024 was named a MacArthur Fellow, and in 2025 received the National Medal of Science.

*This event is sponsored by the GVSU Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (OURS).*

[Click here for additional information](#)

[RSVP for this event](#)

#### Location Information

2204 Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room, GVSU Allendale campus

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Time: 4-5:30 PM

#### Contact Information

##### **Center for Undergraduate Scholar Engagement**

*Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship*

230 Mary Idema Pew Library

1 Campus Drive

Allendale, MI 49401

E-mail: [ours@gvsu.edu](mailto:ours@gvsu.edu)

Phone: (616) 331-8100

Business Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The poster features a blue background with white and teal text. At the top, the title 'Student Scholars Day' is in a large, bold, teal font, with the subtitle 'A SHOWCASE OF STUDENT RESEARCH AND CREATIVITY' in a smaller white font below it. The date 'April 8, 2026' is prominently displayed in a large white font. Below the date, the keynote speaker 'KEYNOTE SPEAKER: KEIVAN G. STASSUN, PH.D.' is listed for 'APRIL 7'. Two main event categories are listed for 'APRIL 8': 'STUDENT PRESENTATIONS' and 'EXHIBITIONS OF ART', with an 'ARTIST RECEPTION: APRIL 9' also noted. The Grand Valley State University logo and the name of the 'OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP' are located in the bottom right corner of the poster area.

# Student Scholars Day

A SHOWCASE OF STUDENT RESEARCH AND CREATIVITY

# April 8, 2026

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: KEIVAN G. STASSUN, PH.D.  
APRIL 7

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS  
APRIL 8

EXHIBITIONS OF ART  
ARTIST RECEPTION: APRIL 9

 GRAND VALLEY  
STATE UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE  
RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

## Student Scholars Day 2026 (INT 100/201 approved)

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Allendale Campus

The Center for Undergraduate Scholar Engagement, the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (OURS) and the Student Scholars Day Faculty Planning Committee are thrilled to welcome you to the 30th annual Student Scholars Day conference. This year's theme, *Reimagining the Purpose of Our Scholarship*, invites students to explore how academic knowledge can inspire, educate and catalyze when it is shared beyond traditional boundaries and platforms. This theme challenges presenters to rethink the goals and impacts of their research—not just as contributions to their field, but as accessible, engaging, and empowering information for audiences

beyond academia. Whether through posters, oral presentations, or zines, participants are encouraged to creatively communicate their work to those outside their discipline, making scholarship a bridge rather than a barrier.

*This is Student Scholars Day at 30!* A day like this would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of many individuals. We express our deepest gratitude to the SSD Faculty Committee for their commitment, creativity and support in organizing this event. A special thank you goes to our faculty mentors, whose guidance and collaboration make transformative research experiences possible for our students. We also appreciate the students, faculty and staff volunteers who contribute their time and energy to ensuring the success of SSD. And, of course, we celebrate our student presenters, whose curiosity, dedication and intellectual risk-taking embody the spirit of scholarship at Grand Valley.

Student Scholars Day (SSD) celebrates scholarship, research, and creative work performed by GVSU students. Beginning as a single-day research symposium almost 30 years ago, SSD evolved into a multi-day event that celebrates the scholarly process and showcases faculty-mentored student work. Student presentations will be on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. A full [schedule of events](#) for SSD 2026 is available. This event is coordinated by the [Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship](#). We look forward to an inspiring day of scholarship, discovery and dialogue.

Welcome to Student Scholars Day 2026.

[Click here for additional information](#)

#### Location Information

Student presentations will be on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 in Kirkhof Center and Henry Hall Atrium on the GVSU Allendale campus. A full [schedule of events](#) for SSD 2026 is available. This event is coordinated by the [Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship](#).

#### Contact Information

For more information or questions, please contact: [ours@gvsu.edu](mailto:ours@gvsu.edu).

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# REMOVING THE MASK: WHAT MEN HIDE BENEATH THE SURFACE

Traditional masculinity can **BOX** us in. Join us for an engaging workshop where we'll break down the armor, build meaningful connections, and explore what "being a man" can look like.

All are welcome; content is centered on the experiences of male-identified students.

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**April 9<sup>th</sup>  
1:00-3:00pm  
KC 2270**

**Refreshments provided**

**QUESTIONS?  
BRANDON MELNYK, MSW STUDENT  
melnykb@mail.gvsu.edu**

## Removing the Mask: What Men Hide Beneath the Surface (INT 100/201 approved)

Thursday, April 9, 2026

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Allendale Campus

Traditional masculinity can **BOX** us in. Join us for an engaging workshop where we'll break down the armor, build meaningful connections, and explore what "being a man" can look like.

All are welcome; content is centered on the experiences of male-identified students.

Light refreshments to be provided.

INT 100/201 approved

Location Information

KC 2270

Contact Information

QUESTIONS?

BRANDON MELNYK, MSW STUDENT

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## The Spy and the State: The History of American Intelligence

Thursday, April 9, 2026

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus

Public debates about intelligence and surveillance have long reflected a tension between security and liberty in American democracy. Join us for a conversation with historian **Jeff Rogg**, who studies the history of U.S. intelligence and its relationship with the American public. Drawing on his research, Rogg will explore why Americans have often been wary of government intelligence activities while simultaneously participating in systems of surveillance, and how these contradictions have shaped the development of the U.S. intelligence community.

The program will also examine the role citizens play in the nation's intelligence system, highlighting how public attitudes, technological habits, and civic understanding influence both the limits and possibilities of intelligence in a constitutional republic.

### **Program Schedule**

**5:30 p.m.** Doors Open & Check-In Available

**6:00 p.m.** Program Begins

**7:10 p.m.** Audience Q&A

**7:30 p.m.** Program Concludes (Begin Book Sale/Signing & Dessert Reception)

**8:00 p.m.** Book Sale/Signing & Dessert Reception Concludes

### **Before You Go**

Admission is free, but registration is required. Please check in when you arrive.

Open to the public! We welcome students, faculty, staff, and community to attend.

We offer a free Community Conversations dessert reception following the program to reflect and chat about what you heard.

Though we encourage in-person attendance, we continue to offer a virtual option at our events (check your confirmation email for a link).

This event takes place on GVSU's City Campus in downtown GR. Parking directions will be included in your confirmation email.

### **About the Hauenstein Center**

Inspired by Ralph Hauenstein's life of leadership and service, the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies is dedicated to raising a community of ethical, effective leaders for the twenty-first century.

Consider supporting our work and enjoying special benefits by purchasing a membership. Members receive special invitations to pre-event receptions at events, including this one!

### **INT 100/201 Approved**

[RSVP for this event](#)

### Location Information

DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium

### Contact Information

[hc@gvsu.edu](mailto:hc@gvsu.edu)



## New Music Ensemble Concert

Friday, April 10, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Allendale Campus

The GVSU New Music Ensemble presents a thrilling hour of music written by Midwest composers.

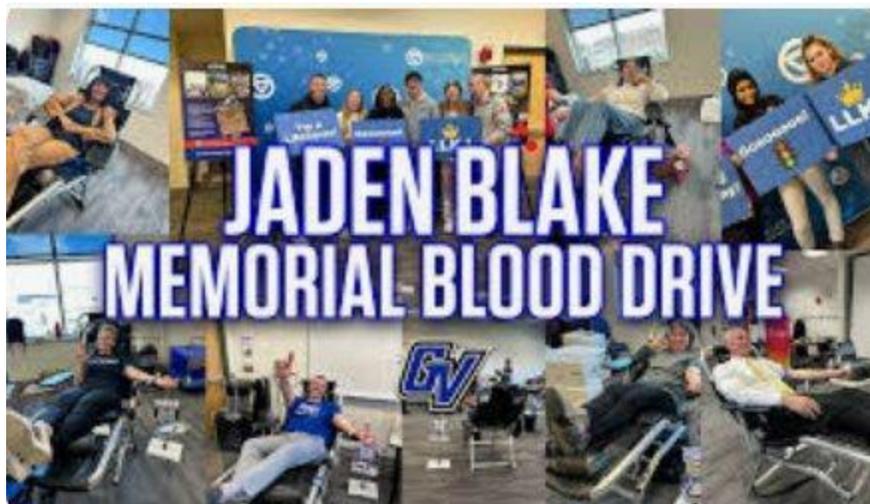
### Location Information

Louis Armstrong Theatre Lobby

### Contact Information

Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance

(616) 331-3484



## Jaden Blake Memorial Drive

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Allendale Campus

The drives aim to address blood shortages and the lack of donors in African American communities, highlighting the critical need for diverse donors.

[Click here for additional information](#)

This event is recurring on [Wednesday, April 15, 2026](#).

Location Information

Grand River Room

Contact Information

[servicelc@gvsu.edu](mailto:servicelc@gvsu.edu)

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## Native Plants & Campus Landscaping (INT 100/201 approved)

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Allendale Campus

Join us for a short walking tour and deep looking exercised focused on native plants in campus landscaping. We will identify plants in the landscaping, learn about the importance of native flora, and consider their ethnobotanical connections. At one stop on the tour Art Museum staff will lead us in a deep looking and drawing activity (materials provided). This tour will comprise of 0.6 miles of travel on flat paved surfaces. This multifaceted project is designed by a collaborative creative research team comprised of Grand Valley faculty, staff, and students. Events will begin at the pond near the Kirkhoff Center, look for someone holding a native plant sign. These tours are part of floara.art

Reservations are encouraged and can be emailed to Keely Carlson at [carlskee@mail.gvsu.edu](mailto:carlskee@mail.gvsu.edu)

Dates:

March 31st 4-5:30 pm

April 14th 4-5:30 pm

This event is recurring on [Tuesday, March 31, 2026](#).

Location Information

Events will begin at the pond near the Kirkhoff Center, look for someone holding a native plant sign.

Contact Information

Keely Carlson: [carlskee@mail.gvsu.edu](mailto:carlskee@mail.gvsu.edu)

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## Barbara Kindschi Greenhouse 'Exam Jam!' Open Hours

Monday, April 20, 2026  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Allendale Campus

Come and visit the beautiful plant collection located in the Barbara Kindschi Greenhouse! Take some time to destress amongst the greenery and under the lights. We are located on the second floor of the Kindschi Hall of Science, room 2241.

This event is recurring on [Tuesday, April 21, 2026](#), [Wednesday, April 22, 2026](#) and [Thursday, April 23, 2026](#).

Location Information

10807 N Campus Dr

2241 Kindschi Hall of Science

Contact Information

Christina Hipshier

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Hosting Department, Organization, or Business  
Biology



## ExtravaGRANDza

Monday, April 20, 2026

All day

Allendale Campus

### ExtravaGRANDza 2026

Celebrate the end of an amazing year with a week full of fun, excitement, and Laker spirit at **ExtravaGRANDza!** This **weeklong series of events** is all about coming

together as a community to wrap up the school year in style.

From games and giveaways to entertainment and unforgettable activities, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Don't miss out on the chance to make lasting memories with your friends before summer begins!

Full schedule and details coming in Winter 2026 - [gvsu.edu/cab/extravagrandza-17.htm](https://gvsu.edu/cab/extravagrandza-17.htm)

This event is recurring on [Tuesday, April 21, 2026](#), [Wednesday, April 22, 2026](#), [Thursday, April 23, 2026](#) and [Friday, April 24, 2026](#).

Contact Information

Questions? Contact the Campus Activities Board at [cab@gvsu.edu](mailto:cab@gvsu.edu)

Hosting Department, Organization, or Business  
Campus Activities Board, Office of Student Life

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## Therapy Dogs

Tuesday, April 21, 2026  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Health Campus

Do finals have you feeling overwhelmed? Come destress with the University Counseling Center and West Michigan Therapy Dogs!

While therapy dogs are trained to interact with a variety of people to relieve stress and provide support through comfort and affection, they are not intended as a form of individual therapy and do not have specific treatment goals related to mental health.

Please contact the University Counseling Center at (616) 331-3266 to schedule an appointment if you are concerned about your mental health.

Location Information

DCIH Frey Learning Commons

[Download parking map for the Health Campus](#)

Contact Information

GVSU Counseling Center: (616) 331-3266

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## **Toast to the Class of 2026**

Wednesday, April 22, 2026  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus

Winter & Summer 2026 graduates, you're invited to join President Mantella and GVSU Alumni Relations to celebrate your graduation and what it means to be a Laker for a Lifetime. Enjoy dessert, sparkling punch, a glass of champagne, or a non-alcoholic variety, and giveaways! Take home your commemorative Laker for a Lifetime champagne flute.

*A valid state ID is required*

[Click here for additional information](#)

[RSVP for this event](#)

#### Location Information

**Location:** L.V. Eberhard Center, Grand Rapids Pew Campus

**Attire:** Dress to impress!

#### Contact Information

GVSU Alumni Relations

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