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# Brooks College Advising Center December 2025 Newsletter

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"Of all the months of the year there is not a month one-half so welcome to the young, or so full of happy associations, as the last month of the year..."

"All the Year Round: December," *All the Year Round: A Weekly Journal Conducted by Charles Dickens*, 1887

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## December Advising Update

**Finals are almost here! Let's finish the semester strong!**

Make an appointment or go to drop-in hours to meet with a Success Coach! Success Coaches help with time management, study skills, motivation and procrastination, and setting goals: <https://www.gvsu.edu/sasc/sasc-events-schedule-142.htm>

Work with a tutor one on one or in a group setting to prep for final exams: <https://www.gvsu.edu/tutoring/>

Get feedback on that final paper, project, or presentation to make sure it's ready to turn in! You can drop in or make an appointment with a consultant from the Writing Center, the Speech Lab, The Library Research Center, and the Digital Creator Lab: <https://www.gvsu.edu/library/km/>

**Don't study hungry!**

All members of the Laker Community are eligible to access the Replenish food pantry. There are no income guidelines or requirements for students actively enrolled in GVSU. Check locations and hours: <https://www.gvsu.edu/basic/>

Need support with basic needs like housing, or a laptop? GV has resources to help: <https://www.gvsu.edu/basic/on-campus-resources-17.htm>

**Schedule an appointment with your advisor!** 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](#).

**Find out about internships available through Semester in Detroit and Summer in West Michigan**

<https://www.gvsu.edu/sid/>

<https://www.gvsu.edu/sis/summer-in-west-michigan-connect-learn-and-work-26.htm>

**Change up the classes in your winter semester schedule**

**Consider adding a minor, certificate, or badge to strengthen your job market credentials**

**Explore study abroad opportunities**

**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 at least once this year. You can watch for an email invitation to schedule an appointment or schedule yourself in [Navigate](#). 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!](#)**

Examination Week - December 6th - 13th, 2025

Classes End and Commencement - December 6th, 2025

Semester Ends - December 13th, 2025

Grades Due from Faculty - December 16th, 2025 by 12:00 pm

Grades Available to Students - December 18th, 2025

**Winter 2026 Semester Upcoming Events**

Payment Deadline - December 12th, 2025 by 5:00 pm

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## **New Opportunity for Students to Earn Credit for the Seal of Biliteracy**

The **Modern Languages and Literatures Department** and the **Division of Enrollment Development and College Futures** have partnered to provide a new opportunity for current and incoming students to receive college credit for their [Michigan Seal of Biliteracy \(MI-SoBL\)](#).

The MI-SoBL is awarded to high school graduates who demonstrate proficiency in English and at least one additional world language through approved assessment

pathways. Students who earned this recognition may now receive up to 15 Grand Valley State University credits.

To receive credit, students should contact their high school counseling office to have an official transcript—with the Seal of Biliteracy notation—sent directly to GVSU. Once received, credits will be automatically awarded, and the student will receive an evaluation detailing the credit applied.

To learn more visit [gvsu.edu/cbe](https://gvsu.edu/cbe).

For questions about the award or transcript process: Admissions and Recruitment Office – [admissions@gvsu.edu](mailto:admissions@gvsu.edu) | (616) 331-2025

For questions about how awarded credits apply to academic programs and the new [Multilingualism Badge](#): Modern Languages and Literatures Department – [moddept@gvsu.edu](mailto:moddept@gvsu.edu) | (616) 331-3203



## Giving Tuesday 2025

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Allendale Campus, Health Campus, Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus

This Giving Tuesday, December 2, the entire GVSU community is rallying around the Replenish Student Food Resource Fund, which supports food security on campus. An on-campus event will be hosted at the Kirkhof Center, Seidman Center, and Cook-

DeVos Center for Health Sciences lobbies. Events will facilitate contributions and expressions of support including:

Campus

Food Drive

Student Meal Swipe Donations

Bag Decorating

Thank You Card Signing

Free food and more!

The GVSU Replenish Basic Needs Center supports more than 2,300 students each year who don't have access to enough nutritious, affordable food. Whether they are dealing with job loss, a change in a family situation, or economic instability, the goal is to provide these students with healthy, free food while preserving their dignity and ensuring they can get the most out of their education.

[More information about Giving Tuesday can be found here.](#)

Location Information

Valley Campus – Kirkhof Center Lobby, City Campus – CHS Lobby & Seidman Center Lobby

Contact Information

Katrina Begrow, [begrowk@gvsu.edu](mailto:begrowk@gvsu.edu)

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Student Academic Success Center

# Final Exam Prep & Study Skills Workshop

Wednesday, December 3

12:00-1:00 on Zoom

Scan here to RSVP



## Final Exam Prep & Study Skills Workshop

Wednesday, December 3, 2025  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Online

Looking to elevate your study game for final exams? Join the Student Academic Success Center to discuss preparing for final exams and effective study strategies that can contribute to your academic success.

#### Location Information

This is a virtual workshop. Please RSVP [here](#) to receive the zoom link for this workshop.

#### Contact Information

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

Hosting Department, Organization, or Business  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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Need a study break to rest and recharge? Want to learn how crafting can benefit your mental health? The University Counseling Center and Laker Food Co. are inviting you to drop in for a cozy crafting event on December 3rd from 4pm – 6pm in the Kirkhof Center Lounge. Make friendship bracelets, work on a puzzle, color, and write affirmations on tea bag tags to support your mental health. Crafting supplies, hot chocolate, hot tea, and cookies will be provided.

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Kirkhof Center Lounge (outside of the LGBT Resource Center)

### Contact Information

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(616) 331-3266



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

Thursday, December 4, 2025

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 [Monday, December 1, 2025](#), [Tuesday, December 2, 2025](#) and [Wednesday, December 3, 2025](#).



Location Information

10807 N Campus Dr

2241 Kindschi Hall of Science

Allendale, MI 49401

Contact Information

Christina Hipshier

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(616)331-9314

Hosting Department, Organization, or Business  
Biology

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## Toast to the Class of 2025

Thursday, December 4, 2025

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

Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus

December 2025 graduates, you're invited to join the GVSU Alumni Relations office and President Mantella to celebrate your graduation and what it means to be a Laker for a Lifetime. Enjoy dessert, sparkling punch, and a glass of champagne, or a non-alcoholic variety. 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:** Business Casual

## Contact Information

GVSU Alumni Relations

(616) 331-3590

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

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# Innovation Day

## AI & Life Sciences

Friday, December 5, 2025  
8:30 AM - 2:45 PM



**Industry  
Executives**

**Distinguished  
Speakers**

**Health AI  
Collaboration Panel**

**Leaders in  
Health AI Panel**

**Student  
Showcase**

Richard M. DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium,  
301 Fulton St W, Grand Rapids, 49504

## Innovation Day

Friday, December 5, 2025  
8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.  
Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus

Since its founding, the College of Computing at GVSU has been dedicated to building strong partnerships with industry and the community. We pride ourselves on always questioning the status quo and innovating to better serve our students. Through initiatives to modernize our curriculum and engage in cutting-edge research, we are committed to finding new ways to lead in the field of computing. We are excited to announce the future of AI and life sciences innovation is here. This year's Innovation Day will highlight how we are driving the field forward—developing cutting-edge AI solutions, fostering industry collaborations, and preparing the next generation of tech leaders.

[RSVP and More Information](#)

[Location Information](#)

Richard M. DeVos Center Loosemore Auditorium (City Campus)

[Contact Information](#)

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

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# THERAPY DOGS

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## Therapy Dogs

Monday, December 8, 2025  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Allendale 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

Mary Idema Pew Library

## Contact Information

GVSU Counseling Center: (616) 331-3266

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# STUDY ABROAD FUNDING 101 WORKSHOP



OCTOBER 10: 1PM  
OCTOBER 14: 11AM  
NOVEMBER 11: 11AM  
DECEMBER 10: 2PM

Location:  
130 Lake Ontario Hall

Learn about funding sources such as financial aid,  
scholarships, grants, loans, fundraising, deferred payment  
options, and affordable program options.

**STUDYABROAD@GVSU.EDU | 616-331-3898 | WWW.GVSU.EDU/SA**

## Study Abroad Funding 101 Workshop

Wednesday, December 10, 2025  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Allendale Campus

Learn about funding sources such as financial aid, scholarships, grants, loans, fundraising, deferred payment options, and affordable program options.

December 10, 2025 2PM

#### Location Information

130 Lake Ontario Hall

#### Contact Information

Questions? Contact:

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

616-331-3898

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# Summer in West Michigan

## Connect, Learn, and Work

### ENS Students!

Earn 9 credits and a guaranteed internship!

#### Internship Partners:

- 4-H Club
- Center for Lakes and Streams
- Fulton Street Market
- Grand River Network
- Grand Rapids Food Co-Op
- TriCities Historical Museum
- Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore



## COURSE DETAILS

**INT 323: Design Thinking to Meet Real World Needs | 3 cr**

Sub into TBLO: Political and Economic Perspectives

Gen Ed Issues: Information, Innovation, or Technology

**ENG 382: Literature and the Environment | 3 cr**

Fulfills TBLO Social and Cultural Perspectives

Gen Ed Issues: Sustainability

**INT490: Internship | 3 cr**

Counts as ENS internship

Contact Dr. Denise Goerisch:  
[goeriscd@gvsu.edu](mailto:goeriscd@gvsu.edu) or (616) 331-8226  
[www.gvsu.edu/sis/wmsp](http://www.gvsu.edu/sis/wmsp)







## Save the Date! Student Scholars Day

Save the date!! Wednesday, April 8, 2026 - the 30th Annual GVSU Student Scholars Day takes place on the Allendale campus. See <https://www.gvsu.edu/ours/ssd/> for more information.

1 Campus Drive  
260 Lake Michigan Hall  
Allendale, MI 49401

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