



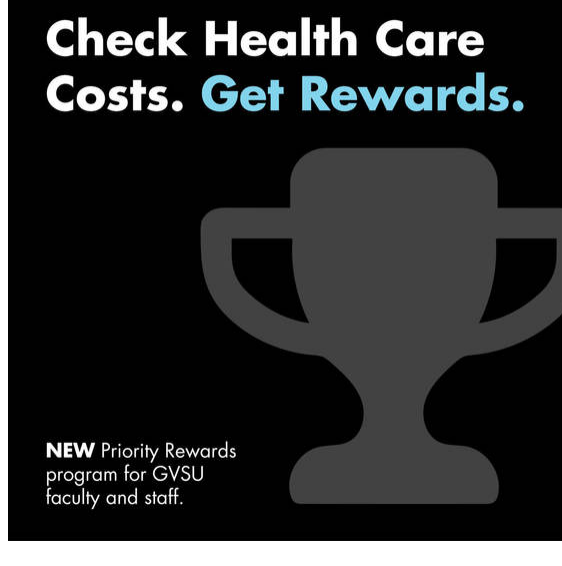
Priority Rewards

NEW Priority Rewards Program for Faculty and Staff

You compare prices for computers, shoes, and milk. It makes sense to take control of your health care costs, too.

Priority Health offers rewards when you choose health care options that are in line with quality standards and fair market costs. Comparing costs can reduce your out-of-pocket expenses and help contain future rates.

For more information, login to your MyHealth account through priorityhealth.com and click on the cost estimator tool, or view the [Program flyer](#).



Fall Event Guide

Faculty and staff have a number of opportunities to stay well this fall! Mark your calendars with all the exciting events coming up:

- [Walk with the President](#) and [Wellness Fair](#)
October 4th 9:45am
- [Faculty and Staff Group Exercise](#)
Begins September 3rd
- [Emotional Strengths Training](#) and [Interpersonal Communication Workshops](#)
- [Get Moving Team Challenge](#)
Begins October 7th



[View the Fall Event Guide for a complete list of offerings](#)

Success Story: Rafael Juarez-Yuen

Rafael Juarez-Yuen—records assistant in the Registrar's office—has become acquired with the ins and outs of riding The Rapid to work. Since starting his position with Grand Valley 4 years ago, Rafael has always wanted to take advantage of the bus system; however, driving to work was always a more convenient option. A few months ago, a medical event in Rafael's life restricted his ability to drive, causing him to begin riding the bus every day.

Prior to his medical event, Rafael tried to utilize the bus whenever he could, especially during the school year. He doesn't live far from campus, but he says the bus is a more sustainable option that helps to keep the environment cleaner, and is more cost efficient in terms of gas, car repair, and more. Rafael finds riding the bus to be more relaxing, too, and says, "On the way in, you can catch a few more minutes of rest in the morning. On the way home, you are able to release and not worry about traffic."

Since he was riding the bus every day, Rafael decided to get involved in [Active Commute Week](#) (ACW) this past June. ACW encourages people to try active commuting through friendly competition within the community. "I liked that it was a challenge," he said, which involved many of his fellow faculty and staff at the university. ACW doesn't solely involve the bus system, so it's a great way for everyone to get involved. Rafael says he was also intrigued about the prizes and other incentives ACW offered, which resulted in him winning a brand-new bike. Rafael grew up riding bikes recreationally, and is excited to be able to begin riding with his wife and daughter, who recently learned how to ride a two-wheel bike.

"Don't be intimidated by a huge bus system—the bus drivers are very friendly. You just jump on the bus! From there, all you have to do is sit, know where the bus stops are, and how often they come."

For fellow faculty and staff that may be looking to use the bus system, Rafael says, "People don't realize that riding the bus is easier than you think. You just have to figure it out with your own schedule." He recommends using myStop Mobile and Transit to keep track of the bus routes, both of which can be found on the [GVSU Transportation Services website](#). It doesn't add much time to Rafael's commute and he says, "It saves me time not having to find a parking spot on campus!"

As the new school year is approaching, he is looking forward to having more students, faculty and staff on the buses, and is excited for the new [Laker Line](#)! Although Rafael's health conditions are what ultimately pushed him to use the bus system, he plans to continue riding the bus—even after he's able to drive again.

For those interested in Active Commute Week, they have year-round challenges and events happening in the Grand Rapids area! Visit the [ACW Grand Rapids website](#) for more information. You can also participate in ACW through [West Michigan Rideshare](#)—a service offered by The Rapid to help you find other individuals who are looking to carpool to similar areas as yourself. Find additional commuting resources for our other regional centers and campuses here: [Traverse City](#), [Holland](#), and [Muskegon](#).

Farmers Market News

Did you know? The GVSU Farmers Market runs through October 16th!

There will be NO market first week of classes, August 28th.

Pre-order Lunch Service Begins September 4th

Lunch at the market will be pre-order only beginning September 4th. You must pre-order by the Friday before the market on [Sprout](#) in order to pick up your lunch on Wednesday. Lunches are provided by Campus Dining for \$7.00. For more information and menus, visit the [Farmers Market Lunch Menu page](#).



T-Shirts and Insulated Bags for Sale

Farmers Market t-shirts and insulated bags are available for purchase at the market. Only \$10 for t-shirts and \$3 for insulated bags! Stop by the Farmers Market table to get yours.

Hidden Prize Tags On Campus

If you find any Farmers Market prize tags around the Allendale campus, pick 'em up and bring 'em to the market to see if you're one of the lucky winners! One in every five wins fresh goodies from the market! Follow the GVSU Farmers Market on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), or [Facebook](#) for weekly clues.

For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/farmersmarket.

Upcoming Financial Wellness Webinars



To register visit TIAA.org/webinars

Special Topic: All about IRAs August 13 at 12 p.m. (ET)

Halfway There: A retirement checkpoint August 13 at 3 p.m. (ET)

Special Topic: Market-proof your retirement August 14 at 12 p.m. (ET)

Postcards from the Future: A woman's guide to saving and investing August 14 at 3 p.m. (ET)

Special Topic: Demystifying life insurance August 15 at 12 p.m. (ET)

Special Topic: Strategies for staying on track August 15 at 3 p.m. (ET)

Within Reach: Transitioning from career to retirement August 19 at 3 p.m. (ET)

