

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

## JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER



DISCOVER, CONNECT, AND INNOVATE  
AT THE GV TECH SUMMIT  
FREE TO ATTEND!

Join us on Thursday, October 2, 2025, from 12:00–5:00 p.m. at the DeVos Center for Interprofessional Health (DCIH) on the Health Campus for the GV Technology Summit! This free, university-wide event is your chance to explore how technology is shaping teaching, learning, and work at GVSU. It's also the perfect opportunity to network with faculty, staff, students, and event sponsors (to be announced soon).

### Presentation Submissions Are In!

The call for presentations closed on June 30, and we're excited to share that more than 40 sessions have been submitted! Topics include AI in education, accessibility and inclusion, cybersecurity, infrastructure, course design, website innovation, and more. Plus, don't miss our keynote speaker, [Meagan Luttenton-Knoll](#). Still have an idea you'd like to consider? Reach out to us at [techsummit@gvsu.edu](mailto:techsummit@gvsu.edu).

### GV Women in Technology Panel

Join us for a special Women in Technology panel, with introductions by Provost Drake. Panel presenters will include:

- Sara Sutton - Assistant Professor, School of Computing
- Samhita Rhodes - Director, School of Engineering Graduate Program
- L. Dettling - IT Operations Clerk, Technology Acquisition and Applied Computer Science Graduate Student
- Morgan Hamlin - Information Security Analyst
- Haley Young - IT Services Specialist (Moderator)

As part of this discussion, panelists will share their career journeys in technology and how they're using emerging tech to improve the student experience.

### Register to Attend or Volunteer Today!

Sign up now [to attend](#) and/or [volunteer](#) at the GV Technology Summit! Get it on your calendar before the back-to-school rush begins.

Questions? [Connect with us by email](#) or visit the [GV Technology Summit webpage](#).

Start Your Climb to the GV Technology Summit Here!

## Complete Your Windows 11 Upgrade Before Fall!

GVSU began the transition to Windows 11 in January 2025, and upgrades will continue throughout the summer. All university-managed devices must be upgraded before the Fall semester begins to avoid access or compatibility issues.



If you've been notified but haven't completed the upgrade, please do so within 60 days of your assigned start date to keep your device secure and running smoothly.

### Need Help?

- Check out the [Windows 11 FAQ](#), updated regularly with answers to common questions.
- Watch the [overview video](#) to see what's new and improved.
- Sign up for [training sessions](#) available to all faculty and staff.

Visit the [Windows 11 @ GVSU website](#) for the full rollout schedule, upgrade instructions, and support resources. With questions, contact IT Services at [it@gvsu.edu](mailto:it@gvsu.edu) or submit a ticket through the [Service Portal](#).

## CDW-G and Staples are Now Available as a Punchout in Workday!

### Need computer accessories fast?

You can now shop directly from the CDW-G and Staples catalog through Workday's punchout system! Both offer a wide selection of approved technology products—from cables to peripherals—all at competitive prices.

In Workday, simply create a requisition and connect to the supplier website to start shopping. Enjoy a streamlined purchasing experience and quick access to the tools you need—all in one convenient place.

Looking for commonly used tech items? Be sure to check the Technology Acquisition website for items that are [regularly kept in stock](#).

## GVSU IT Highlights

Here are a few more IT highlights we didn't want you to miss!

### Miloš Topić to Receive 2025 Global CIO 100 Award

Congratulations to Miloš Topić, Vice President and Chief Digital Officer, on being named a [2025 Global CIO 100 Award recipient](#). This prestigious award recognizes top technology leaders worldwide for their innovation, vision, and impact. Miloš will be honored in October at the awards ceremony in Nashville—thank you for your leadership across IT and the university!

### Nominate a Colleague for an IT Service Award

Each year, GVSU IT recognizes outstanding team members in Service Excellence, Innovation, and Leadership. Nominations are open through July 31, 2025, and can be submitted by anyone across the university. The IT Community Advocates (ITCA) will review submissions and announce recipients at the fall Service Awards event. Know someone in IT who goes above and beyond? [Submit your nomination today and explore more about ITCA and the awards](#).



### Meet Greg Vedders Security Principal Lead, Information Technology

Greg Vedders serves as Security Principal Lead on GVSU's Information Security team, working to protect the university's digital landscape. From monitoring threats and investigating security incidents to managing tools and processes, Greg plays a crucial role in keeping systems safe. He also collaborates with colleagues across campus to strengthen security efforts and raise awareness.

With over nine years at GVSU and nearly 30 years of experience in higher education, Greg brings deep expertise in IT operations and teaching, having served as an adjunct instructor at both Aquinas College and GVSU. He earned his bachelor's degree in Geography from Aquinas College and enjoys exploring new technologies and trends that shape the future of cybersecurity and IT.

What Greg enjoys most about his work is solving complex challenges and helping keep the campus community safe. He appreciates being in a field that's always evolving and full of opportunities to learn.

Outside of work, Greg is passionate about photography, experimenting with new tech in his home lab, discovering interesting places around Michigan, and spending quality time with his family.

### Need IT Assistance?

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