# Student Spotlight

**By: Ashleigh Zerbst**

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<th>Name</th>
<th>How long have you been a part of ESP?</th>
<th>Why do you love working for ESP?</th>
<th>What is your Favorite Color?</th>
<th>What is your favorite thing to do at ESP?</th>
<th>Where is your hometown?</th>
<th>What is your Major?</th>
<th>What is your favorite thing to do on campus?</th>
<th>What is something unique about you?</th>
<th>What is your Favorite Plant?</th>
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<td>Mackenzie</td>
<td>3 years</td>
<td>I love ESP and being able to work with the advisors and peer mentors is such a joy.</td>
<td>Orange</td>
<td>I love being able to work and talk with other students. I also really enjoy researching great ideas and putting together the newsletter.</td>
<td>Ionia, Michigan</td>
<td>Hospitality Tourism Management</td>
<td>I love hanging out with my friends and partaking in events put on by Students for Life.</td>
<td>I am the best vegetable slicer around!</td>
<td>Lily</td>
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<td>Saulo</td>
<td>1 year</td>
<td>I love the atmosphere and the advisors are so cool.</td>
<td>Blue</td>
<td>Make reminder calls and chatting with the students.</td>
<td>Niles, Michigan</td>
<td>Psychology for OT</td>
<td>I like to go to the Christian groups on campus and play tennis at the courts.</td>
<td>I can tap my head and circularly rub my belly at the same time.</td>
<td>Stinking Titan Arum</td>
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<td>Natosha</td>
<td>2 Years</td>
<td>Interacting with all the students.</td>
<td>Pink</td>
<td>Bonding with all the students and organizing.</td>
<td>Grayling, Michigan</td>
<td>Psychology</td>
<td>Attend all the art performances.</td>
<td>I can play 7 different instruments.</td>
<td>Gerbera Daisy</td>
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<td>Ashleigh</td>
<td>4 Years</td>
<td>I love talking with people who are in all walks of life and sharing with them.</td>
<td>Baby Yellow</td>
<td>I love interacting with all the students and editing the newsletter and making postcards.</td>
<td>Dollar Bay, Michigan</td>
<td>Integrated Science</td>
<td>I love hanging out with my friends and going to watch movies in Kirkof.</td>
<td>I can bake really well and I know how to make the traditional yooper pasty.</td>
<td>Daisy's</td>
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FAFSA Workshop Announcement!
By: Victoria Powers

ESP is hosting their annual FAFSA Workshop on Friday, February 10th from 4 to 6 pm in 113 Henry Hall. This is the perfect opportunity for you to complete your 2012-2013 FAFSA and ensure it is submitted before the priority deadline. ESP staff will be on hand to help you with any questions you have! Here’s what you need to bring:

* Your W2’s or your last pay stub
* Your parent/s’ W2’s or their last pay stub/s
* Your FAFSA pin (we can look it up if you don’t have it)
* Your social security number

Why is it important to get your FAFSA done on time and correctly? The federal government has limited the amount of free money they give to colleges. The students who submit their FAFSA before the priority deadline are guaranteed to be evaluated for the MAXIMUM in free money possible! Need another benefit of attending this workshop? How about free food! ESP will be providing pizza and pop for every ESP student who comes in to complete their 2012-2013 FAFSA.

Be sure your there!
Crafty Valentine’s Ideas “On The Cheap”  
By: Marnie Parris-Bingle

**Love Story Candle**  
Take a Mason Jar and any favorite story, cut hearts on both sides of paper and insert into jar. Tie with twine, put candle in jar and you have a personal message to a friend or loved one!

**Valentines Treat Bag - Monkey (I'm Bananas for you)** This is a super cute treat for any age. All you need is plastic baggies, cardstock for monkey and banner, and runt candies.

**Dove Heart Chocolate Cookies** Make a batch of peanut butter blossom cookies; follow this link for recipe http://allrecipes.com/recipe/jif-peanut-butter-blossoms/detail.aspx  
And put a DOVE Candy heart in the middle and you have a fun Valentines peanut butter and chocolate treat!

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**ESP Serves Wounded Veterans**  
By: Melissa Selby-Theut

ESP honors its commitment to improving the lives of students it serves, their families, and those in larger community regularly through its partnership with Grand Rapids Community College. The TRiPS (TRiO Partners in Service) program provides students from GVSU and GRCC the opportunity to volunteer at a different local social service organization each month throughout the academic year. This January, we were fortunate enough to visit the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. We have visited the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans each year since TRiPS was founded, and it’s always a favorite!

With the INCREDIBLE work of the ESP peer mentors, ESP was able to collect enough donations to feed nearly 100 wounded and disabled military veterans. Good food can only be made better by a cutthroat game of B-I-N-G-O, so our students went to work calling numbers, passing out money, and checking cards. Hundreds of dollars in prizes and lots of laughs later, we left feeling fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve those who served our country.

If you’re interested in volunteering for work experience, resume building, networking, or that warm-and-fuzzy feeling that you get when you’ve done something good, consider signing up for the next TRiP! In February we’ll be serving persons afflicted with cancer, and in March we’ll be working with the homeless in Grand Rapids’ Heartside neighborhood. We’ll round the year out with our annual TRiP to Baxter Community Center in April, where we will serve the poor by revitalizing the building and surrounding community. Be sure to check your e mail for details!
Events
By: Mackenzie Kindel

February 3: Euchre Tournament Rd 1, Peer Marquette 8-11:45pm
February 4: Euchre Tournament Rd 2, Peer Marquette 7-11:45pm
February 7: Managing Personal Finances, KC Room 2215 4-5 pm
February 3,4,10,11: GVSU Opera Theatre—The Light In The Piazza 7:30-10pm
February 13-19: Showing Alice in Wonderland, KC, Big Screen Theatre
February 15: Etiquette Dinner, Alumni House 6-8pm
February 17: Presidents’ Ball, DeVos Place 5:30pm
February 20-26: Showing Swing Vote, KC, Big Screen Theatre
February 21: Getting a Good Night’s Sleep, Niemeyer 6-7pm
February 23: GVSU Winter Career Fair, DeVos Place 1-5pm

St. Valentine

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