

# PREPROFESSIONAL NEWSLETTER

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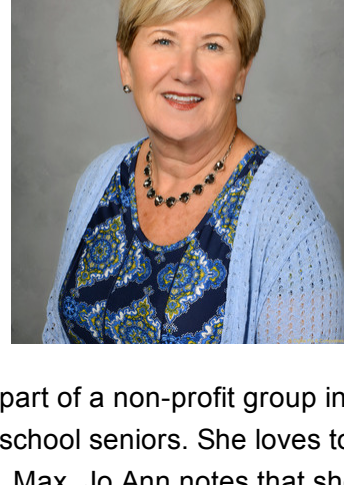
## Happy New Year!

Welcome back to Grand Valley for the Winter 2021 semester! All of us at CLAS are excited to have you back and are eager to help and assist you in any way we can.

To begin the new year, we are welcoming back a familiar face - Jo Ann Litton! Jo Ann worked at Grand Valley for 35 years in Admissions and Financial Aid, before moving to CLAS Advising in 2009. Jo Ann retired in July 2018, but is back helping us as we enter the busy months ahead.

In her free time, Jo Ann is very active in her sorority and is part of a non-profit group in Grand Rapids that awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors. She loves to swim, hang out with her grandchildren, and Golden/red lab, Max. Jo Ann notes that she is, "happy to use my connections and expertise to help GVSU students!"

Welcome back, Jo Ann and thank you for all you do!



## How to Connect

We use a scheduling system called **Navigate**. You can find resources about scheduling online and attending virtual appointments by going to the [Navigate Resources page](#).

We will be operating virtually for the foreseeable future but that doesn't mean that we aren't still just a phone call, email, or Zoom session away!

In fact, you can even stop by our virtual front desk by visiting our [CLAS Advising Reception Zoom Link](#). This will take you to a video session (via Zoom) with our front desk staff. As always, you can reach us by phone at (616) 331-8585 or by email at [advstu@gvsu.edu](mailto:advstu@gvsu.edu).

**Our front desk is open from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.**

To connect with your advisor, you can [schedule an appointment](#), or reach out to them [via email](#).

We are here to help and look forward to lots of great interactions with you!

## Get Involved: Student Orgs

### Student Organizations and Clubs

Student organizations are valuable for professional development and offer new ways to get involved. Below is information for pre-professionals clubs and common clubs for pre-professional students.



#### Pre-Professional Clubs & Meetings:

- [Pre-Dental](#): Every other Wednesday at 9pm - *Next Meeting: Feb. 3rd*
- [Pre-Medical](#): Every other Tuesday at 8 pm - *Next Meeting: Feb. 9th*
- [Pre-Veterinary](#): Weekly on Wednesdays at 7pm - *Next Meeting: Feb. 3rd*
- [Pre-Pharmacy](#): Every other Tuesday at 9pm - *Next Meeting: Feb 2nd*
- [Pre-Optometry](#): Every other Tuesday at 9pm - *Next Meeting: Feb 2nd*
- [Pre-Chiropractic](#): Sign up for email updates this semester via LakerLink!
- [Pre-MD/PhD](#): Every 4th Tuesday, right after Pre-MED Club at 8:45 pm
- [Pre-Students of Osteopathic Medicine Association \(SOMA\)](#): Sign up for updates via Laker Link!

#### Examples of Other GVSU Clubs:

- [Alternative Breaks](#)
- [Biology Club](#)
- [Habitat for Humanity](#)
- [Humane Society](#)
- [Hunger and Homelessness](#)
- [Kids in Motion](#)
- [Manual Dexterity Club](#)
- [Smile 4 Kids](#)

#### What is Laker Link?

[Laker Link](#) is an online platform that allows you to connect with over 400+ organizations at GVSU. You can create an account using your GVSU information and begin exploring the Grand Valley community and beyond.

### Test Prep Course: Reminder!

Registration is now open for the 2021 Test Prep Course for students preparing for the MCAT, DAT, OAT and PCAT. The class will meet synchronously online on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. with the remainder of the coursework done online asynchronously. The class will begin January 28 and run through late March/early April, depending on the test for which you are preparing.

Click [HERE](#) to register! Due to COVID-19 restrictions, debit or credit card is the preferred method of payment. Payment is required at the time of registration, unless you are applying for a scholarship. See information below regarding scholarships.

Each night will be a review session on a subject covered on the professional school entrance exams; subjects include the following and are taught by GVSU faculty who continue to receive positive evaluations:

- Biology
- Math/Quantitative Analysis
- Critical Analysis/Reasoning/Reading Comprehension
- General Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Sociology
- Perceptual Ability Test (for DAT testers only)
- Physics
- Psychology

The course fee is \$60 for DAT, PCAT, and OAT test takers; and \$80 for MCAT test takers (the higher fee is due to additional sessions). Capacity is limited so please register early!

Please contact Alexis Schewe ([scheweal@gvsu.edu](mailto:scheweal@gvsu.edu)) with any questions!

### CAMPUS LIFE NIGHT LIVE

### Campus Life Night Live Event & Flipgrid

On Sunday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m., [Campus Life Night Live](#) will kick off the annual exploration of involvement opportunities but will look slightly different this winter. A prerecorded event will highlight student organizations and include awesome giveaways. Following, participants will be invited to view short videos/advertisements from all student organizations through Flipgrid and these will remain available for students to view throughout the semester.

## Upcoming Events

**TEST PREP COURSE NIGHT #1**

Begins Jan. 28th  
Registration Required Prior

**EAP APPLICATION REVIEWS**

Jan. 29th 1-4pm &  
Feb 1st 1-4pm  
(genius link)

**GRE WORKSHOP BEGINS**

Feb 3rd  
Via Blackboard Site

**SUTURE CLINIC**

Sat. Feb. 13th

**MOCK MMI FOR EAP**

March 8th & 9th  
Invitation Only  
More info to come!

**BREAK DATES**

March 10th and April 1st

**HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE PANEL**

March 16th at 4pm

**HEALTH PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR WEEK**

April 5th - 9th  
More info to come!

**PRACTICE MCAT, DAT, & GRE**

April 10th  
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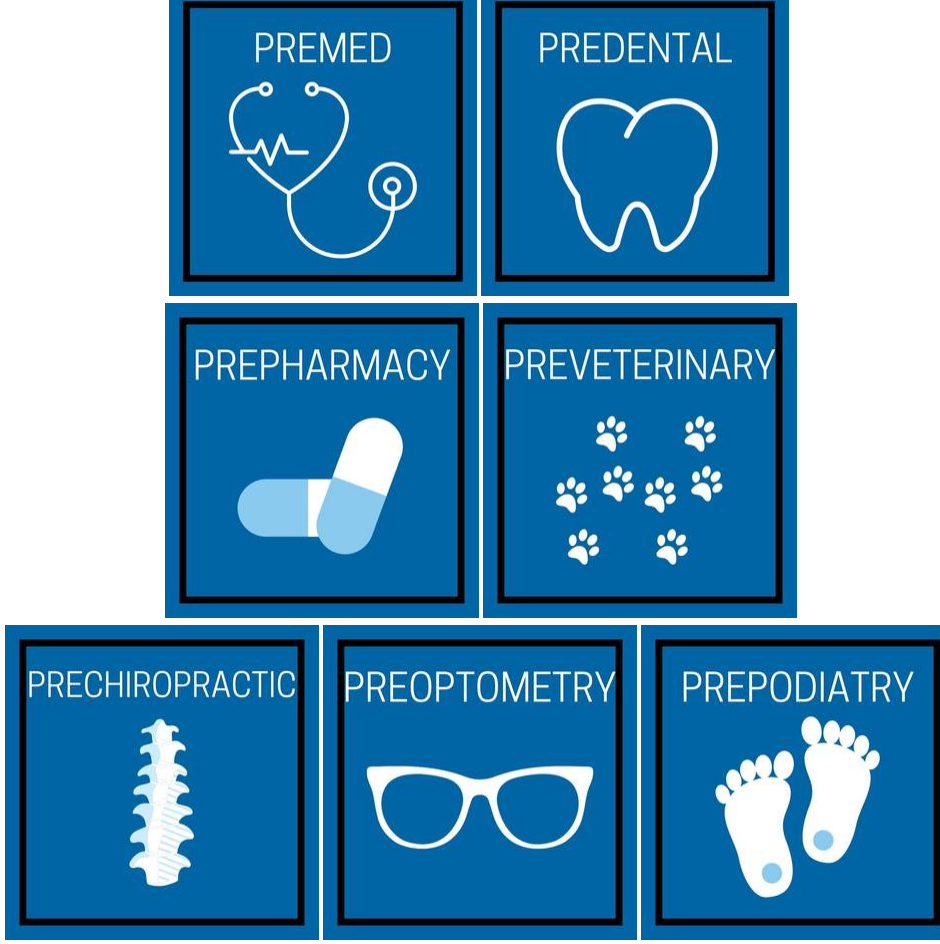
### Looking for more opportunities in healthcare?

Check out our list of organizations that offer volunteer and paid opportunities. Virtual volunteer and healthcare options available.

[Healthcare Volunteering & Experience](#)

## Google Groups

**Don't forget to sign up for the Google Group relating to your pre-professional area. These are a great way to stay informed on the latest in your field and connect with one another!**



## Schedule an Appointment

### WAYS TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

1. Via Navigate - our online scheduling system
2. Call our office at: 616-331-8585
3. Visit our virtual front desk via Zoom
4. Emailing us at: [advstu@gvsu.edu](mailto:advstu@gvsu.edu)

### Additional Resources & COVID-19 Information

Explore [additional](#) CLAS Advising Resources.

For updates on the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [Lakers Together](#).

Don't forget to follow us on social media!



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