



FREDERIK MEIJER HONORS COLLEGE



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"I am a physics, chemistry, and biomedical science tutor. Those classes had a huge impact on my learning and how I think as a student. Being able to help other students get through those classes is rewarding and makes you feel really good."

IRADA CHOUDHURI // CLASS OF 2017 // BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES MAJOR //
STATISTICS MINOR // HOMETOWN: GRANDVILLE, MI

LIVE. LEARN. LEAD. LAKER.

The Meijer Honors College at Grand Valley State University offers academically motivated students like you a distinctive learning community and extraordinary opportunities to engage, develop, and grow as a student, leader, and individual.

The honors experience will differentiate you when you apply for jobs, fellowships, or graduate school. It will enrich your college experience and energize your life. By offering the advantages of a small college atmosphere with the resources and affordability of a major university, students in the Meijer Honors College are uniquely prepared to live, learn, and lead. That's the Laker Effect. And we can't wait for you to be a part of it.

DECIDEDLY DIFFERENT DELIVERY



The unique approach of our honors courses — integrated, active, and often team-taught — creates a special atmosphere where you are challenged to take charge of your education. With help from engaged peers and faculty members, you'll dig deeply into a subject through multiple perspectives, participate in collaborative problem-solving, and develop the critical-thinking and writing skills you'll need to thrive in today's world. And since so many honors students choose to live where they learn, faculty offices are usually nearby, providing even more support and opportunity.

“The 17:1 ratio of students to teachers in the classroom means something to professors who want to have a closer mentor/mentee relationship with students, who want to advise them and shape them in various ways. I think that’s very attractive for students coming in here.”

CRAIG BENJAMIN // PROFESSOR OF HISTORY //
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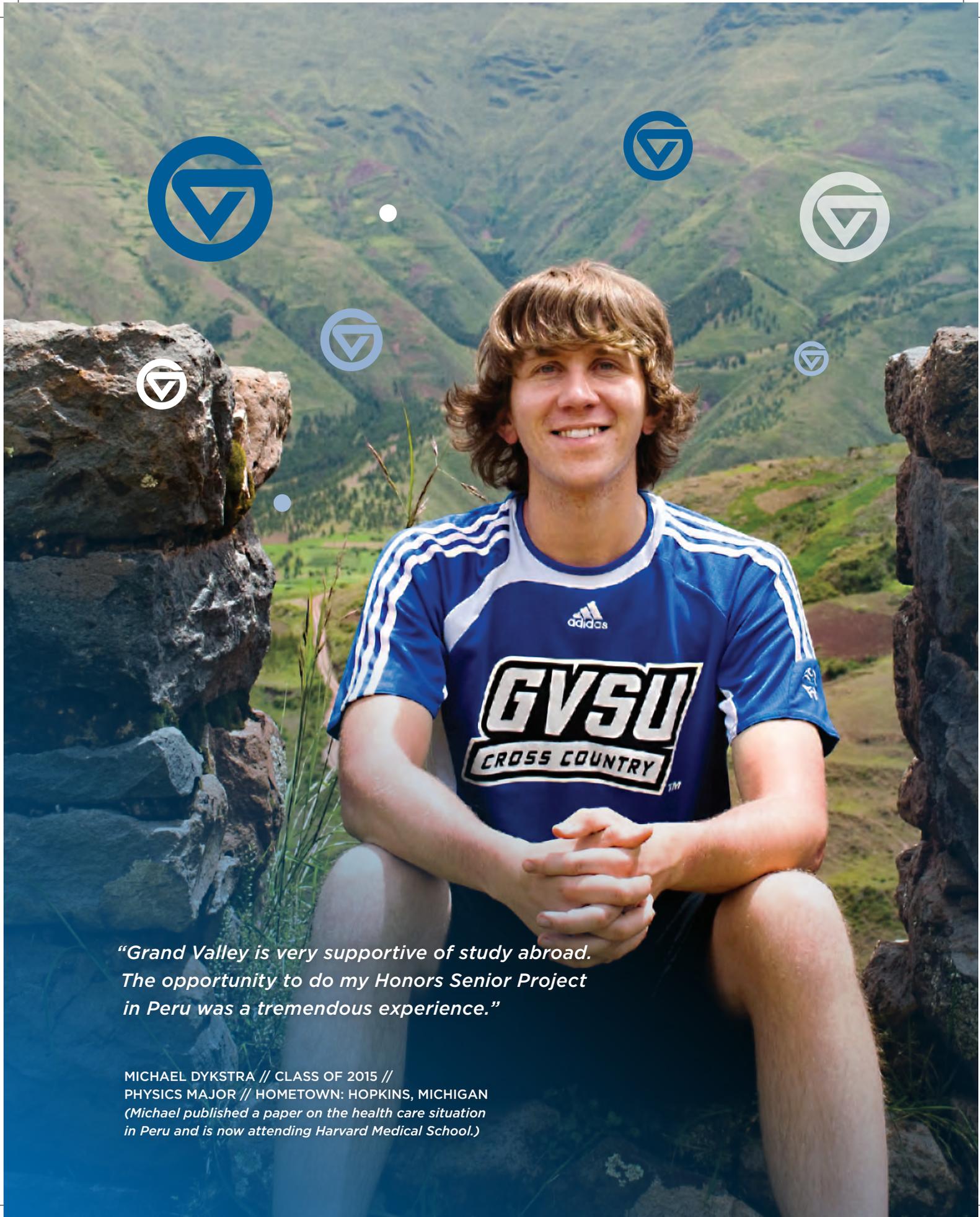
Field games during Honors Welcome Days.

BE A PART OF A COMMUNITY

The Meijer Honors College is a learning community where all participants are focused on learning and leading in an atmosphere that is supportive, enriching, and fun.

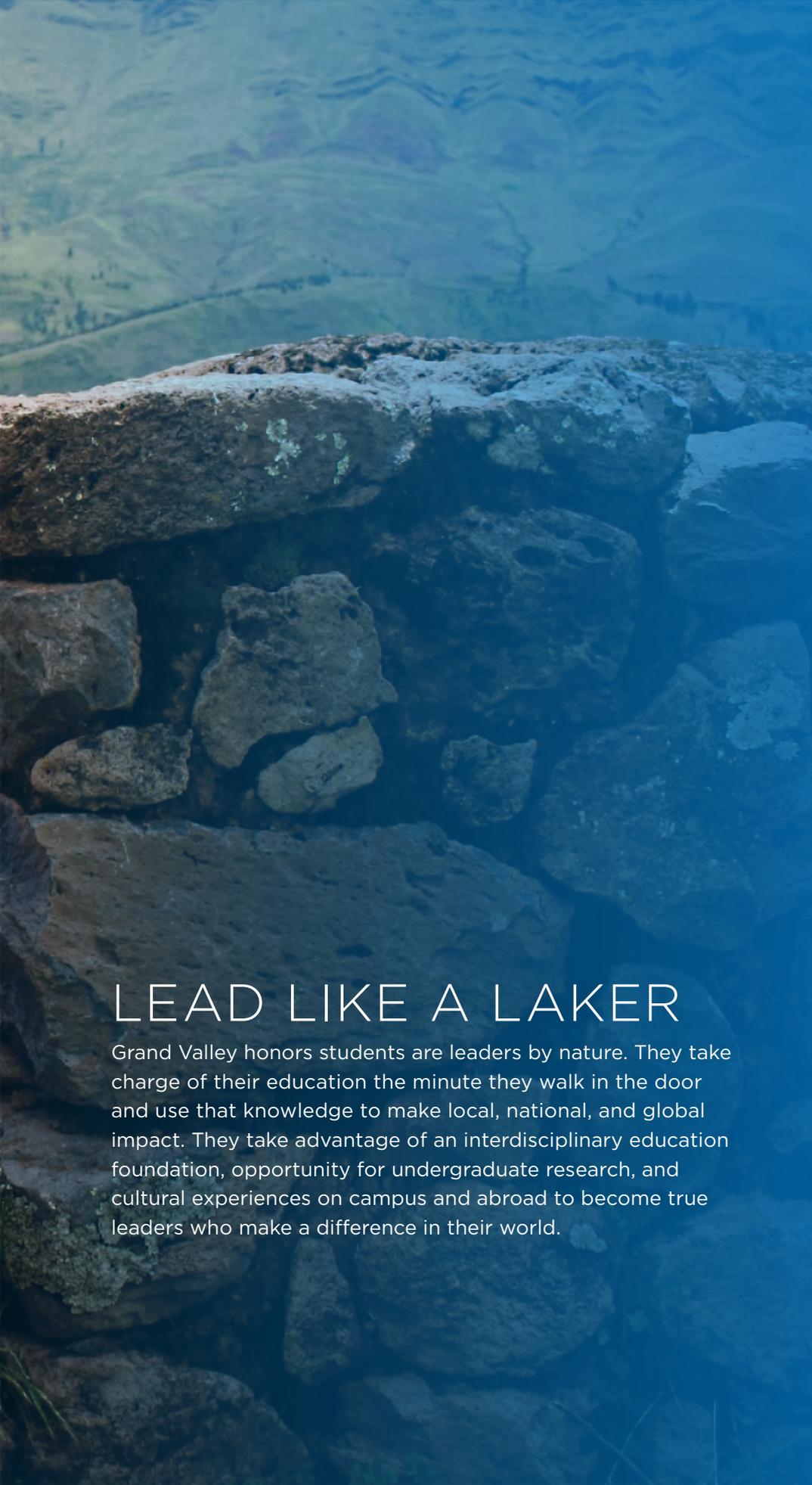
You'll work hard, but you'll do it as part of an active and tight-knit honors community. You can choose to live with other honors students in state-of-the-art housing that promotes community and deepens it through the months and years. The new Holton-Hooker Learning and Living Center is designed specifically to help first-year students connect, and the Niemeyer Learning and Living Center is a building with well-appointed apartments for students at all stages — it will help keep you connected to the friends you make in Honors (not to mention faculty and staff).





“Grand Valley is very supportive of study abroad. The opportunity to do my Honors Senior Project in Peru was a tremendous experience.”

MICHAEL DYKSTRA // CLASS OF 2015 //
PHYSICS MAJOR // HOMETOWN: HOPKINS, MICHIGAN
(Michael published a paper on the health care situation in Peru and is now attending Harvard Medical School.)



LEAD LIKE A LAKER

Grand Valley honors students are leaders by nature. They take charge of their education the minute they walk in the door and use that knowledge to make local, national, and global impact. They take advantage of an interdisciplinary education foundation, opportunity for undergraduate research, and cultural experiences on campus and abroad to become true leaders who make a difference in their world.

MEIJER HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED BY NATIONALLY RENOWNED ORGANIZATIONS LIKE:

- Accenture
- Amazon
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- Cargill®
- Deloitte
- Disney Parks and Resorts
- Ernst and Young
- GE Aviation
- Herman Miller
- Johnson Controls
- Steelcase™
- Stryker®
- U.S. Department of Justice

MEIJER HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES OFTEN GO ON TO PRESTIGIOUS GRADUATE SCHOOLS LIKE:

- Columbia University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- Michigan State University
- New York University
- Texas A&M University
- The George Washington University
- The University of Arizona
- University of Michigan
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin – Madison

THE HONORS ADVANTAGE

Honors works well with any major at GVSU. In fact, students in every field graduate in good time, and Meijer Honors College graduates quickly see that the challenge, community, and support they experienced at Grand Valley provided them with a true competitive advantage in their careers as well as skills an understanding that enrich their whole lives. That's a return on investment that cannot be measured in earnings potential or professional status.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Many Meijer Honors College students are eligible to apply for any of the university's merit or needs-based scholarships. In addition, thanks to the generosity of Frederik Meijer, Arend D. and Nancy Lubbers, and others, some Meijer Honors College students also are eligible for special academic scholarships, with some receiving full-tuition funding.

gvsu.edu/scholarships

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

You must be accepted to Grand Valley before you can apply to the Meijer Honors College. Admission to honors is competitive, so you should be prepared to provide solid evidence of your aspirations and work ethic. The normal expectation is an SAT score of 1320 or above (or ACT of 28 or above), but more important are your demonstrations of strong academic motivation and ability to achieve on a high level. The application, which is normally completed online, will ask you to demonstrate these through completing a self-assessment, listing your academic and leadership accomplishments, writing a strong essay, and submitting a significant analytical or creative paper that you wrote in high school.

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We offer more than 200 sustainability-related courses and run an aggressive recycling program.

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