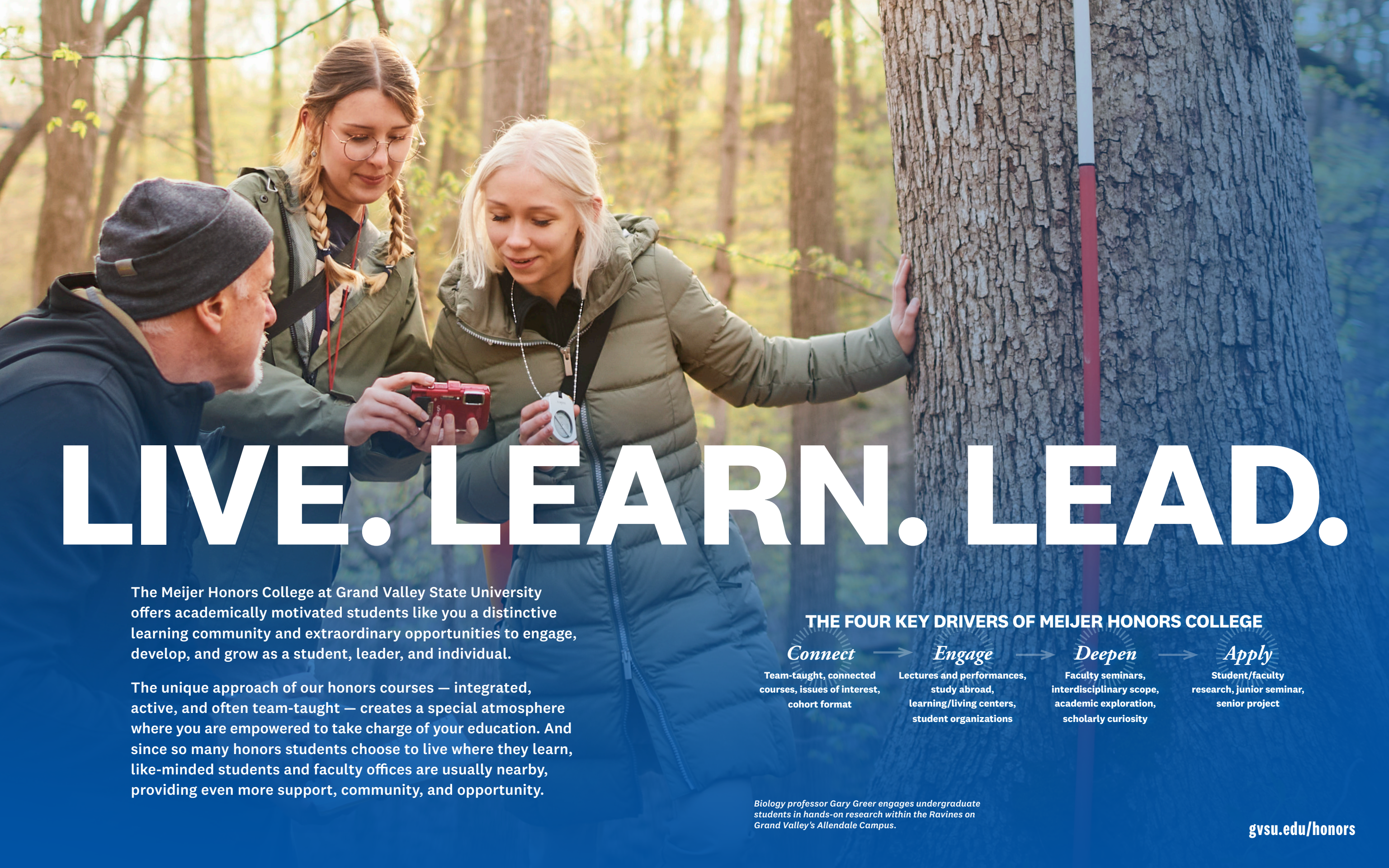




FREDERIK MEIJER HONORS COLLEGE



GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
2024-2025



LIVE. LEARN. LEAD.

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 unique approach of our honors courses — integrated, active, and often team-taught — creates a special atmosphere where you are empowered to take charge of your education. And since so many honors students choose to live where they learn, like-minded students and faculty offices are usually nearby, providing even more support, community, and opportunity.

THE FOUR KEY DRIVERS OF MEIJER HONORS COLLEGE



Biology professor Gary Greer engages undergraduate students in hands-on research within the Ravines on Grand Valley's Allendale Campus.

A COHORT EXPERIENCE

Meijer Honors College is a learning/living community where all participants are focused on learning and leading in an atmosphere that is supportive, enriching, and fun. It starts your first year, where all honors students take two integrated team-taught courses each semester. The same 24 students stay together in those courses with the same teachers all year long, leading to deep and meaningful learning and relationships.

Students can choose to live together in housing that transitions from the traditional campus living arrangements of Holton-Hooker Learning and Living Center, as a first-year student, to a more focused and independent experience in the Glenn A. Niemeyer Learning and Living Center, as they become more immersed in the honors program in subsequent years.

**SMALL COHORT
OF 24 STUDENTS
YOUR FIRST YEAR**

**DEDICATED
HONORS HOUSING**

**HONORS FACULTY
MEMBERS WHO
KNOW YOU
BY NAME**

Honors students can participate in the Water in the West program, an immersive learning experience focused on water issues in the southwestern U.S.



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A SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

“What I love about teaching is learning. That is what makes it addictive. I see my students as professionals in development, but also as huge sources of wisdom.”

MELBA VÉLEZ-ORTIZ PH.D.
PROFESSOR/COMMUNICATIONS/MEIJER HONORS COLLEGE

Because Grand Valley honors students are mentored from the very start by some of Grand Valley’s top faculty members, they are quickly immersed in research and other faculty-led projects and interactions that enrich their learning and prepare them for future academic and professional success.

Professor Melba Vélez-Ortiz is one of the many teachers who chose Grand Valley because of the opportunities presented by the Meijer Honors College to work directly with undergraduate students. It’s relationships like the ones she experiences with her students that inspire her to inspire them. Together they make the Meijer Honors College a place of shared learning and continual growth.

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

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

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

- 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 Tennessee
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin – Madison

SCHOLARSHIPS

Grand Valley offers merit, donor, and departmental scholarship opportunities. Merit based scholarships require high academic achievement and are automatically awarded to admitted students based on information they provided in their admission application. Admitted students can submit applications to more than 500+ donor and departmental scholarships through our scholarship-matching tool, myScholarships. These scholarships vary and may be based on interests, academic performance, special talents, major, and more. Thanks to the generosity of Frederik Meijer, Arend D. and Nancy Lubbers, and others, some Meijer Honors College students are eligible to apply for honors college specific scholarships through myScholarships. All applicants are strongly encouraged to file a FAFSA for maximum consideration for scholarship aid.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You must first be accepted to Grand Valley before applying to the Meijer Honors College. We employ a holistic application process, which means we consider the whole student, not just static indicators. In the application, we look for demonstrations of strong academic motivation and the desire for a full university experience. The application asks you to show these by completing a self-assessment and submitting a significant writing sample that helps us get to know you as a scholar and thinker. All motivated students are encouraged to apply. If you think you'd like to be part of our learning and living community, please contact us!

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Honors graduates walk with the honors sash and medallion to recognize their achievement.

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At Grand Valley State University, we empower learners in their pursuits, professions, and purpose. The university enriches society through excellent teaching, active scholarship, advancement of equity, and public service.

CERTIFIABLY RESPONSIBLE

We were named one of the Sierra Club's Coolest Schools for our commitment to sustainability. And we're at the top of the club's list in Michigan for our care of the environment.

We offer 250+ sustainability-related courses and run an aggressive recycling program.

All our new and remodeled buildings meet LEED® standards. Even the paper this was printed on contains fiber from certified, responsibly managed forests and was printed locally.

Please recycle this book. Or, better yet, pass it on.

Grand Valley State University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution. It encourages diversity and provides equal opportunity in education, employment, all of its programs, and the use of its facilities. It is committed to protecting the constitutional and statutory civil rights of persons connected with the university. Grand Valley is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 to ensure that none of its education programs and activities discriminate on the basis of sex/gender. Inquiries regarding the application of Title IX may be referred to the Title IX coordinator, 4015 Zumberge Hall, titleix@gvsu.edu, (616) 331-9530, 8/24

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