



**GRAND VALLEY
STATE UNIVERSITY**

**FREDERIK MEIJER
HONORS COLLEGE**

Graduate Profiles

Class of Winter 2025 and Summer 2025



Mariam Abdel-Moemen

Major: *Finance and Marketing*

Research and Presentations

Peter C Cook Leadership presentation on the History of Palestine

Leadership Activities

Peter C Cook Leadership Academy Candidate

Vice President of Marketing for IPO

Financial Officer for Muslim Student Association

Teacher's Assistant in Middle East Beyond the Headlines

Activities and Awards

Excellence-in-a-Discipline Award in Marketing

IPO (Investment Portfolio Organization)

MSA (Muslim Students Association)

PIH (Partners in Health)

Internship/Practicum Experience

Portfolio Management Intern at Steelcase

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Raising over \$2,000 in donations for Gaza through a campus bake sale and henna stand

Plans after Graduation

Pricing Specialist at Steelcase

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Middle East Beyond the Headlines Honors class field trip to Dearborn



Minna Abdel-Moemen

Major: *Finance*

Research and Presentations

Peter C. Cooks Leadership Academy Presentation on Palestine

Leadership Activities

Peter C. Cooks Leadership Academy Candidate

President of GVSU Law Society

Membership officer for GVSU Muslim Student Association

Advocacy Lead GVSU Partners in Health

Teachers Assistant for Middle East Beyond the Headlines

Honors Sequence

Activities and Awards

GVSU Laker of the Year Award

Internship/Practicum Experience

Steelcase Financial Planning and Analysis Intern

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Organizing an on campus bake sale which raised over \$2,000 for relief and aid in Gaza Palestine.

Plans after Graduation

Attend Law School

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Middle East Beyond the Headlines Honors Sequence trip to Dearborn Michigan.



Owen Appel

Major: *Supply Chain Management*

Research and Presentations

Honors project on "New Technologies in Last-Mile Logistics Examined Through the Triple Bottom Line"

Leadership Activities

President of the Seidman Supply Chain Management Association

Student Leader at Laker Catholic

Candidate in the Peter C. Cook Leadership Academy

Activities and Awards

Winner of the 2023 Wayne State / General Motors Supply Chain Case Competition
Excellence-in-a-Discipline in Supply Chain Management

Internship/Practicum Experience

Retail Operations Intern at SpartanNash
Transportation Claims Intern II at SpartanNash
Supply Chain Mentorship Program at Gordon Food Service
Metals ERP Consulting Intern at Crowe

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Winning one of the largest and most prestigious supply chain case competitions in North America.

Plans after Graduation

I will be working at Bissell in their supply chain leadership development (BOLD) program.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The friends I made and Bible studies I led at Laker Catholic.



Lauryn Babb

Major: *Statistics and Psychology*

Leadership Activities

Lab Manager at the GVSU Decide Lab

Activities and Awards

Member of Psi Chi, International Honors Society for Psychology

Member of Mu Sigma Rho, International Honors Society for Statistics

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Study Abroad at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy

Internship/Practicum Experience

Data Analytics Intern at GVSU Career Center

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Graduating.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Studying Abroad.



Sara Bagley

Major: *Writing with a minor in Advertising & Public Relations*

Leadership Activities

Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Nonfiction Reader for GVSU literary journal fishladder

Activities and Awards

Account Associate for GrandPR

Promotional Team for GVPRSSA

Internship/Practicum Experience

Account Associate for GrandPR

Ghostwriting Intern for Blockhead City

Account Associate for TheDavidBrand

Marketing Intern for The International Research Foundation for English Language Education

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Being invited and inducted as a junior to the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Received a Distinction in Writing from the GVSU Writing Program.

Completed a collection of creative writing for my senior honors project.

Plans after Graduation

Pursuing a career in music/entertainment public relations and continuing to work in journalism with a focus on community events and impact.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Gaining a public relations internship during only my second semester at GVSU and learning on the job.



Jaqueline Belkin

Major: *Biomedical Sciences*

Research and Presentations

I designed and implemented studies using photoelicitation to explore gender differences in coping mechanisms among college students. Collaborating with statistical professionals, I analyzed data, identified trends, and prepared a research manuscript for publication. This experience enhanced my skills in research design, data analysis, and academic writing on mental health.

Leadership Activities

As President of Women in STEM (2022-2024), I fostered inclusivity through mentorship programs and networking events. As a Pre-Med Mentor and Mental Health Ambassador, I supported students academically and emotionally. My leadership extends to research, volunteering, and teaching, earning recognition for creating engaging learning environments and advocating for community well-being.

Activities and Awards

Dean's list all semesters

Structured Learning Assistant of the month November 2023, September 2024

Internship/Practicum Experience

Internship at Oncologist.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Being an SLA facilitator and president of women in stem.

Plans after Graduation

Applying to medical school.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My research.



Adam Berendt

Major: *Information Systems with a minor in General Business*



Elizabeth Bilyk

Major: *Statistics*

Research and Presentations

Worked with Grady's Garden on data analysis for final stats project

Worked with Muskegon Public Transit data to analyze survey results present findings to the Public Transportation Board of Muskegon.

Leadership Activities

Worked as a TA for HNR 201 two times

Was president and vice president for His House Christian Fellowship

Activities and Awards

Assisted in Hurricane and flood relief in Florida and Kentucky during my spring breaks

Received the collegiality and best use of External Data award at Data Fest 2025

Internship/Practicum Experience

Umbrella Underwriting Internship at Auto Owners

Commercial Auto Actuarial Internship at Auto Owners

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Branching out of my comfort zone and getting to know more people.

Plans after Graduation

I have a full-time job at Auto Owners in Commercial Auto Actuarial.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Participating in data fest this year and getting to use my knowledge with a real dataset, as well as getting to better know my coworkers from the Stats department.



Rebekah Bleyenberg

Major: *Studio Art*

Research and Presentations

Presenter at the National Student Advertising Competition

Leadership Activities

I was the Design Lead at my internship at Project Grand Path

Activities and Awards

Excellence in a Discipline Award - Studio Art

Member of the AIGA design club

AAF member and in the National Student Advertising Competition

Internship/Practicum Experience

Project Grand Path Design Intern

BizStream Creative Intern

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

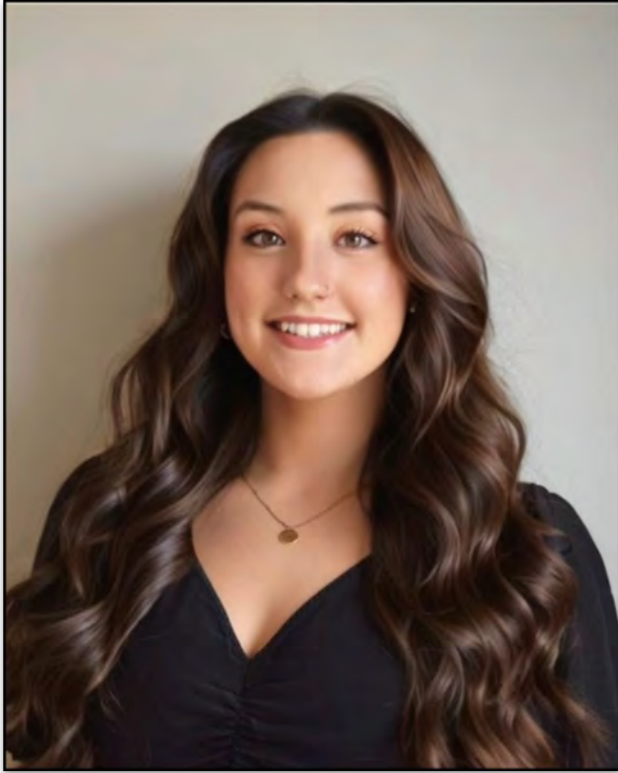
The Excellence in a Discipline Award - but I don't think the award is the accomplishment. The accomplishment is that for the past four years I have been excited about pushing myself to do the best work I could and have grown more than I could have imagined.

Plans after Graduation

I hope to find a job in the West Michigan area.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

I have loved learning in a creative environment with other students and being able to learn not just from the professors but from each other. We were all in it together.



Jordyn Bodell

Major: *Biomedical Sciences*

Research and Presentations

"Exploring Biomarkers for Traumatic Brain Injury:

Encouraging Developments in Diagnostic Testing and Clinical Applications" (Research Paper)

Journal Article Presentation on Anti-Mullerian Hormone as a Biomarker for Ovarian Reserve (Oral Presentation)

"Empathy in Crisis: Understanding the Decline and Reclaiming Moral Engagement" (Literature review and oral presentation)

Leadership Activities

Board member for TEDx Grand Valley State University

President of the "Women in Medicine and Science" club for 2.5 years

Activities and Award

Awarded "I Am Grand Valley" Award x2, Thompson Scholar

Member of Delight Ministries, Mu Epsilon Delta, and Biomedical Science book club seminar

Member & President of Women in Medicine and Science

Board Member of TEDx Grand Valley State University

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Participant in the "Peace, Conflict, & Reconciliation" Program in Northern Ireland/UK

Evaluated peacebuilding strategies in post-conflict communities, focusing on the psychological and neurological impacts of trauma.

Collaborated with local and international peers to develop solutions for promoting social integration, social justice, and community healing after extensive conflict.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment has been building meaningful and lasting connections with both my peers and educators. These relationships have provided countless sources of support, valuable insights, and opportunities for growth, both academically and personally.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I will be pursuing a Master's in Surgical Neurophysiology at the University of Connecticut.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My favorite memories come from my time studying abroad in Northern Ireland as part of a program focused on peace, conflict, and reconciliation. I'm incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to immerse myself in a new culture and explore complex social issues and peace-driven solutions.



Whitney Boerman

Major: *Accounting*

Leadership Activities

Treasurer, Vice President, and President of the GVSU Equestrian Team (each for one year)

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Getting into the Accounting Combined Degree program.

Plans after Graduation

Grad school.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Being President of the Equestrian Team my sophomore year. Youngest President the club has ever had.



Logan Boolman

Major: *Exercise Science*

Research and Presentations

Research and thesis on "varied bouts of exercise intensity and its effects on episodic memory in college students: Assessing the transient hypofrontality hypothesis."

Leadership Activities

Sprint coordinator for the GVSU Cross Country and Track Club 2021-2024

Activities and Awards

Sprint coordinator for the GVSU Cross Country and Track Club 2021-2024

Internship/Practicum Experience

Internship at D1 Training - Grand Rapids

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

All my education and experiences, like being the sprint coordinator for the GVSU cross country and track club,-> Lab Practicum research that turned into my honors thesis-> Internship at D1 Training, led me to obtain my Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) certification from the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).

Plans after Graduation

Applying to the University of Miami, FL for M.S.Ed. Applied Physiology.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Most significant was the journey. Through all the experiences I had at university, it was mostly the professors and experiences that made me who I am today, that led me down the path to my next step in my academic journey.



Emily Brom

Major: *Nursing*

Research and Presentations

Senior honors project: poster/literature review discussing the impact of the Mediterranean diet on inflammation and disease activity in adults with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)

KCON community health capstone: group literature review/presentation educating GRPS students about dangers of underage drinking and promoting healthy choices

Leadership Activities

Student Nurses' Association (SNA) student mentor: 2023-2024

FMHC welcome week mentor 2022

Mu Epsilon Delta (MED) pre-professional fraternity membership/recruitment chair: 2022

Activities and Awards

Student Association (SNA) member: 2022-present

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing member: fall 2024-present

Internship/Practicum Experience

KCON immersion/leadership clinical rotation at Cherry Health Grand Rapids: women's health specialty, winter 2025

Nurse extern (job/internship) at Trinity Health St. Mary's, winter 2024-present"

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at GVSU was achieving academic and professional success as a senior KCON student. I completed research for Student Scholars Day, was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society, mentored nursing students, maintained a 3.9 GPA, and gained clinical experience through my job/internship at St. Mary's Hospital.

Plans after Graduation

My plan after graduation is to begin working as a registered nurse at St. Mary's hospital in the inpatient orthopedic/trauma department, upon passing my NCLEX.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most memorable experience was mentoring new KCON students. Supporting and guiding them through nursing school challenges was incredibly rewarding. Additionally, it highlighted my personal growth while strengthening my leadership and communication skills for my future nursing career.



Makenzie Brown

Major: *Nursing*

Internship/Practicum Experience

Leadership for nursing at U of M Health West in the PCU

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

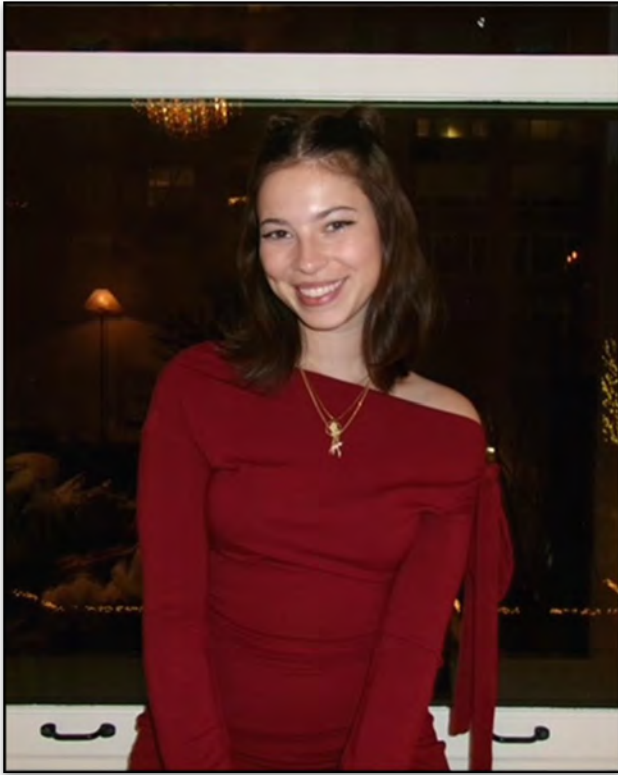
I was able to make it into my dream job right out of school due to the experiences I had with the Kirkhof College of Nursing.

Plans after Graduation

I will be working in a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, which is my dream job.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

During my nursing program, I made lifelong friendships and found an incredible group of people that supported each other throughout the whole program.



Sophia Brya

Major: *Nursing*

Research and Presentations

Capstone Presentation on helping Refugees families in Kent County Michigan.

Presentation on my journey with Crohn's Disease to spread awareness to multiple nursing cohorts at GVSU

Leadership Activities

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America

Camp Oasis Counselor

GVSU Student Nursing Association Member

GVSU American Cancer Society, Service and Survivorship Chair

Activities and Awards

GVSU Corewell Health West Nurse Scholar

Laker Abroad Scholarship

GVSU Laker Merit

Study Abroad/Away Experience

I studied culture and history in Vietnam.

Internship/Practicum Experience

Helen Devos Children's Hospital NICU/PICU, Trinity Health Emergency Department, Bethany Refugee Services, Corewell Health Zeeland Hospital Medical-Surgical Unit, Pine Rest Psychiatric Hospital Child/Adolescent Unit, U of M Health West, Childbirth Center, Helen Devos Children's Hospital Oncology Unit, Trinity Health Hospital Ortho Unit, and Mary Free Bed Hospital Older Adult Unit

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment was traveling outside of the US (to Vietnam) and exploring a culture that was different from mine. I learned a lot about myself on the trip.

Plans after Graduation

I plan on working as a Registered Nurse at Helen Devos Children's Hospital in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Traveling to Vietnam.



Skyler Burden

Major: *Computer Science*

Research and Presentations

Research with Professor Erik Fredericks to create a procedurally generated rogue-like videogame. Research focus on procedural generation techniques and fuzz testing criteria. Research paper entered and approved in ASEE call for papers.

Internship/Practicum Experience

Internship on the Embedded Systems team at Gentex Corporation. Brought outdated code libraries up to process and created baseline bootloader and application for assigned project.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Creating a roguelike videogame from scratch with Professor Erik Fredericks to research game development and procedural generation techniques. Getting paper approved by ASEE and traveling with Professor Fredericks to watch presentations at an ASEE conference.

Plans after Graduation

Move to Grandville and begin professional career at a technology-based company in the Grand Rapids area.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Internship at Gentex Corporation. Outstanding professional environment that fostered personal and professional growth, greatly preparing me for my future career.



Olivia Camara

Major: *Biomedical Sciences*

Research and Presentations

Research with Dr. Baxter - Effect of Polar Mutations in SPI-6 of *Salmonella enterica* serovar Typhimurium on Biofilm Formation and Fitness (poster at SSD at GVSU and at WMRUGS at Van Andel)

Leadership Activities

Co-President of Premed Club

Activities and Awards

Faculty Scholarship
Award for Excellence
Dean's list every semester
BMS graduate of distinction
Certificate in Medical and Health Humanities

Internship/Practicum Experience

Camp counselor at Cranbrook Summer Camps, Hospitality Intern at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, Michigan, Event Coordinator at Campus View Housing, and Game Night Intern with Grand Rapids Griffins Hockey and Rise Volleyball teams.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

The friends and connections I've made along the way.

Plans after Graduation

Attend medical school at MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Research with Dr. Baxter



Carolina Campanelli

Major: *Hospitality Tourism Management*

Activities and Awards

Grand Valley Faculty Scholarship

Grand Valley Award for Excellence

Dean's List every semester

Campus Activity Board

Hospitality and Tourism Management Club

Internship/Practicum Experience

Camp counselor at Cranbrook Summer Camps, Hospitality

Intern at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, Michigan,

Event Coordinator at Campus View Housing, and Game

Night Intern with Grand Rapids Griffins Hockey and Rise Volleyball teams.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Being invited to become a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Plans after Graduation

This summer I am going to be an Assistant Director at Cranbrook Kingswood Day Camp, where I was a counselor for three summers. After that, I am currently planning on pursuing a career in event coordinating in the Grand Rapids area.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My internship with the Grand Rapids Griffins and Rise is my favorite job I have ever had, and I will definitely remember the experience for the rest of my life! Additionally, I am very proud of earning the opportunity to be a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.



Autumn Campbell

Major: *Biology*

Leadership Activities

Honors Student Council Welcome Days Committee
GVSU Pre-Veterinary Club E-Board Member

Activities and Awards

Thompson Scholar
Blood Donor

Internship/Practicum Experience

Overnight Veterinary Assistant at Emergency Veterinary Care Center

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at GVSU was serving on the Welcome Days Committee of the Honors Student Council. In this role, I helped create a positive first experience for incoming freshmen by connecting them with their peers and providing valuable resources they may not have otherwise received.

Plans after Graduation

I am currently applying to attend a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

During my time at GVSU, my most significant achievement was providing critical care to pets in an emergency setting as a veterinary assistant.



Gabriella Capanda

Major: *Biomedical Science with minors in Chemistry and German*

Leadership Activities

VP Membership and Fundraising, Alpha Phi Omega 2023-2025

Honors Student Mentor

Activities and Awards

Member, Alpha Phi Omega

Study Abroad/Away Experience

I studied abroad in Cyprus for Fall 2023 semester.

Internship/Practicum Experience

Medical Assistant, Pine Rest in 2022.

Medical Assistant, University of Michigan - Health West 2024-Present

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Working part-time, volunteering, and being a part of extracurriculars while maintaining good grades.

Plans after Graduation

Apply for Physician Assistant School to start next year, Fall of 2026!

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Studying abroad in Cyprus. I met people from all over the country and the world and am so grateful for the experience and the opportunities that I was presented with to further my education and livelihood.



Madison Cesarz

Major: *Writing with a minor in Anthropology*

Research and Presentations

Consulting Students with ADHD in the Writing Center: How to Identify, Accommodate and Provide Clarity for the Student (2023 East Central Writing Center Association [ECWCA] Conference)

Where Are We Now?: Shaping Embedded Consulting Practice to First-Year Writing Needs (2024 National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing [NCPTW] conference)

Leadership Activities

Lead Writing Consultant and the Fred Meijer Center for Writing and Michigan Authors

Section Leader in the Laker Marching Band

Vice President in Kappa Kappa Psi

Activities and Awards

Editor-in-Chief of InWriting: The Writing Department Newsletter

Fiction Editor at fishladder: A Student Journal of Art and Writing

Managed the Writing Center Instagram

Second Place in Fiction in the Oldenburg Writing Contest (2024)

Completed the Distinction in Writing Program

Internship/Practicum Experience

Editorial Intern at DZANC Books

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment that I achieved while at Grand Valley was reviving and maintaining the Writing Center's Instagram account.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to do some freelance writing and editing work while taking a gap year, then apply to grad schools to pursue an MFA in creative writing.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Working as a writing consultant at the writing center has hands down been the most memorable experience.



Addison Cheeseman

Major: *Allied Health Sciences with a minor in Psychology*

Leadership Activities

Mentor Resident Assistant

President of Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity

Fundraising Coordinator of the Pre-Physical Therapy club

Activities and Awards

Dean's list (Fall 2021-Winter 2025)

Go-to Resident Assistant award

Study Abroad/Away Experience

A three-week faculty led study abroad program focusing on the psychology of peace, conflict, and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Immersing myself in GVSU's community while gaining valuable experiences that will aid my career in physical therapy.

Plans after Graduation

To continue my education in Grand Valley State University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Immersing myself in a new culture, gaining a new perspective, and making new connections through studying abroad in Northern Ireland.



Alexandra Chifu

Major: *Anthropology with minors in History and German.*

Research and Presentations

Honors Senior Project - Interviewed three veterans and created transcripts and summaries for each that were published in the online GVSU Veterans History Project archive

Leadership Activities

Served on German Club executive board

Activities and Awards

Richard E. Flanders University Club Scholarship - Recognizes commitment to the discipline of anthropology through interest, laboratory, academic and/or field work.

Internship and Practicum Experience

Interned at Bethany Christian Services

Worked as a research assistant for GVSU Veterans History Project

Completed Ethnographic Field School on the Grand Rapids Festival of the Arts

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Becoming a more well-rounded person.

Plans after Graduation

Career in human & public service.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Becoming a more well-rounded person.



Elena Chiu

Major: *Film and Video with a minor in Sociology*

Research and Presentations

I presented my senior thesis paper at Student Scholars Day 2024.

Leadership Activities

I was the vice president of the Women in Cinema club and co-facilitator of Ace of Clubs at the LGBT Resource Center.

Activities and Awards

I was the 3rd place winner in 2022 for the Oldenburg writing contest under the essay written by a freshman category. ("Circumstantial Disability: Reflecting on my Food Allergies in the Context of College and the Social Model of Disability")

Internship/Practicum Experience

I worked with the Film and Video Alumni Network to produce a podcast that talks about the film industry and gives advice to current students. As part of my fellowship, I continued to work with the Alumni Network to expand our Alumni Profile Book.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at Grand Valley has been finding a community of people I love and want to work with forever.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to stay in Michigan and work with local editing companies and independent filmmakers.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Presenting my senior thesis project at Student Scholars Day was one of the most memorable because it allowed me to showcase the project I had spent a year working on and also connect with peers and faculty who shared similar experiences.



Natalie Colfer

Major: *Environmental and Sustainability Studies with minors in Psychology and Applied Statistics*

Research and Presentations

Practicum/Senior Project (Summer 2024):

Research paper title - "Urban Agriculture: Its Potential Role in Sustainably Reducing Food Insecurity and Improving Local Economies in Grand Rapids, Michigan".

Stakeholder Analysis of GVSU Food Systems (Fall 2024) - Conducted stakeholder interviews.

Co-facilitated stakeholder workshops on GVSU food systems. Developed a report on findings and recommendations.

Leadership Activities

Alto Saxophone Section Leader - Laker Marching Band (24-25 school year)

Activities and Awards

Niemeyer Award recipient (2025)

Sustainability Champion Award recipient (2025)

ENS Academic Achievement Award recipient (2025)

Nichols Sustainability Scholarship recipient (2024)

Internship/Practicum Experience

Community Outreach Intern at Fulton Street Market (Summer 2023)

Research paper title - "Urban Agriculture: Its Potential Role in Sustainably Reducing Food Insecurity and Improving Local Economies in Grand Rapids, Michigan".

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

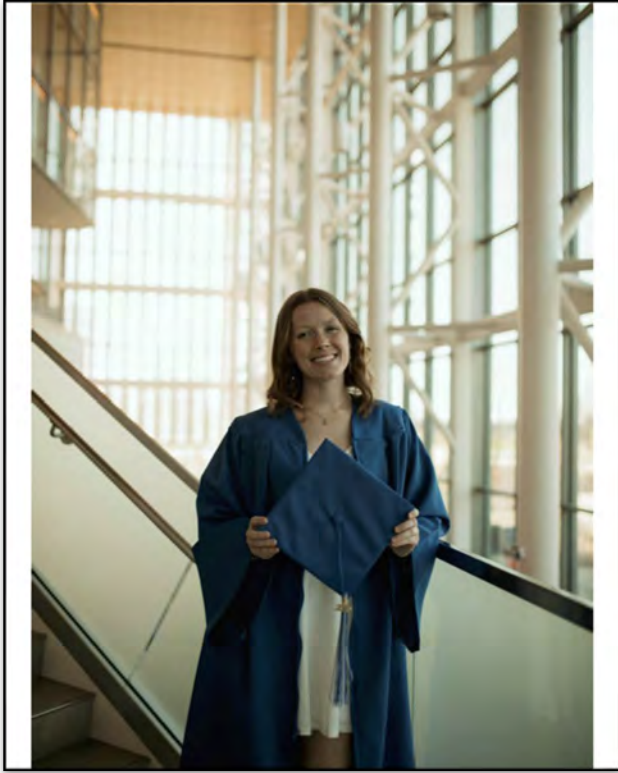
My greatest accomplishment has been pushing myself out of my comfort zone and getting involved across campus. As a result of these efforts, I was given the Niemeyer Award, which I consider a great honor.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to participate in the Americorps Forest Corps program, where I will work on varying restoration projects in national forests across the west side of the country. The service term is June 2025-April 2026.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My most memorable experience(s) at GVSU have been those shared with the Laker Marching Band. The energy felt during every game-but especially the first game of each season-can only be described as electric. It is a feeling I have not experienced anywhere else, and I will remember it forever.



Leah Converse

Major: *Exercise Sciences*

Research and Presentations

SSD Poster 2025 Caffeine, Resistance Exercise, and the Cardiovascular Effects: A Review of the Literature
Research with Dr. Glass on the effects of slosh tube training and muscular instability, presented at SSD in 2023.

Leadership Activities

Pre-Physical Therapy Club: Social Coordinator, Vice President, and President.

Cross Country & Track Club: Vice President.

FMHC Honors Council: Welcome Days Committee Member & Vice President of Welcome Activities.

Activities and Awards

Dean's List recognition every semester of undergrad.

Thompson Scholar recipient every semester.

Internship/Practicum Experience

Intern at Hulst Jepsen Physical Therapy in Rockford, MI in Fall 2024.

Fieldwork student at D1 training in Grand Rapids, MI in Fall 2023.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Be able to step out of my comfort zone and form meaningful connections with students and faculty members through the leadership positions I've had the opportunity to hold.

Plans after Graduation

Attend GVSU's Doctorate of Physical Therapy program.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most significant experience I've had is being the President of the Pre-Physical Therapy club my final year of my undergraduate degree.



Caitlin Cooper

Major: *Writing with minors in Biology and Psychology*

Research and Presentations

Caitlin Cooper, Gary Greer. Utility assessment of handheld photography for measuring coarse elements of tree geometry. Presentation at SSD 2024.

Caitlin Cooper, Gary Greer. Assessing the Accuracy of Tree Geometry Measurements from Photos Taken with Common Handheld Cameras. Poster at Botany 2024.

Activities and Awards

Phi Kappa Phi

Omicron Delta Kappa

Psi Chi

Volunteer in the GVSU Herbarium

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at GVSU is starting research with Dr. Gary Greer. Through this, I found interests I had never thought to pursue, and a career I'm excited to continue my academic journey for.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to continue my education by attending graduate school for Botany. After obtaining a PhD, I hope to continue the research I fell in love doing while at GVSU.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My most significant moment at GVSU was presenting my own poster at the national Botany 2024 conference this past summer.



Olivia Creighton

Major: *Psychology*

Research and Presentations

Senior Project: Provider Perspectives on Non-Traditional Forms of Therapy for Individuals with Mental Disabilities

Leadership Activities

E-Board member of Tri Sigma, volunteer committee head of Pre-Occupational Therapy Club

Activities and Awards

Tri Sigma, Psychology club, Pre-Occupational Therapy Club

Internship/Practicum Experience

RBT at Waypoints

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Publishing a research project

Plans after Graduation

I plan on getting my master's in applied Behavior Analysis at Ball State University's Online Program and continue working as an RBT in Grand Rapids

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The memories and friendships I made in Tri Sigma

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Margaret Cubitt

Major: *Cell and Molecular Biology with a minor in Psychology*

Research and Presentations

Student Summer Scholar, presented at The Allied Genetics Conference & The 66th Annual Drosophila Research Conference

Leadership Activities

Vice President for Genetic Counseling Organization &
Vice President for Students Demand Action Club

Activities and Awards

Summer Student Scholarship Koze Fellow

Internship/Practicum Experience

Corewell Health Medical Genetics Pre-Genetic Counseling Internship

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Getting first-hand experience in the future career I am pursuing.

Plans after Graduation

I am going to be a language and culture assistant in Spain next year then attend graduate school for genetic counseling.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Traveling across the country to present my research.



John Dannug

Major: *Electrical Engineering and Music*

Leadership Activities

Filipinx American Student Association, Secretary

Asian Student Union, Vice President

Vietnamese Student Association, Media Chair

Activities and Awards

Excellence in a Discipline, Electrical Engineering

DoD SMART Scholarship

Dean's List

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Exchange Program at International Christian University (Tokyo, Japan), Fall 2022

Internship/Practicum Experience

US Army Ground Vehicle Systems Center, Engineering Co-op

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Recorded and released a 10-track jazz album with my GV jazz quartet in 2023.

Plans after Graduation

Working as an engineer and continuing to write and perform music.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My study abroad experience in Tokyo.



Anne Davey

Major: *English with a minor in Writing*

Leadership Activities

Vice President of Operations of Alpha Sigma Tau Chapter, President of Alpha Sigma Tau

Activities and Awards

I Am Grand Valley: Winter 2023 and Winter 2024

Greek Life New Member of the Year: Winter 2023

Dean's List: Fall 2022, Winter 2023, Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Fall 2024

Order of Omega- Greek Academic Honors Society

Omicron Delta Kappa- Leadership Honors Society

Sigma Tau Delta- English Honors Society

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I have been pushed to be the best version of myself in some of the most challenging yet rewarding leadership positions. My greatest accomplishment was being able to serve as Chapter President for my sorority and get to make a lasting impact on an organization that gave me so much.

Plans after Graduation

My plans after graduation are to take time to graduate after completing my degree in 3 years and then attend law school to become an attorney.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most significant achievement to me was my invitation and acceptance to Sigma Tau Delta, a National English Honors Society that recognizes students who go above and beyond.



Ellis Davison

Major: *Exercise Science*

Research and Presentations

Research Paper: Honors Impact on Student Success

Research project: Ammonia Inhalant effects on Power Output using Countermovement Jumps

Leadership Activities

Swim Coach for Jenison Club Team JAWs

Internship/Practicum Experience

Intern at Trinity Health Sports Performance and Rehab

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My honors senior project: Honors Impact on Student Success

Plans after Graduation

Prepare for PT school application while completing my internship.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The various hands-on lab experiences



Elizabeth De La Cruz

Major: *Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Chemistry*

Research and Presentations

Summer 2024 research, restructured the second half of CHM 242 at GVSU with Prof. Nick Olle.

Leadership Activities

Mathematic tutor

Tour guide at GVSU

Activities and Awards

Chemistry stockroom work

1 year of tennis

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I have changed a lot as a person since starting college. But one thing that hasn't changed is my love for learning. My greatest accomplishment is confirming my passion to learn.

Plans after Graduation

I have received an offer for a program with the Mayo Clinic over the summer. I hope this leads to more as I am excited to start utilizing my knowledge.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Chemistry stockroom work



Aubree DeKryger

Major: *Communication Science & Disorders with a minor in Psychology*

Leadership Activities

Honors College Mentor

Honors College TA (2 Semesters)

Algebra Tutor

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship E-board member and Bible study leader

Activities and Awards

Dean's List recognition for all semesters

Mary Free Bed volunteer

Children's Healing Center volunteer

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley was being accepted into the Communication Sciences and Disorders program during my Sophomore year and being accepted into the Speech Language Pathology Master's program at Grand Valley as a senior.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I plan to start grad school at Grand Valley in the fall. I am planning to get a job working with children in a hospital or private practice after grad school.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most memorable thing was being accepted into the Speech Language Pathology Master's program at Grand Valley.



Savannah Delaney

Major: *Nursing*

Research and Presentations

For my honors capstone, I have conducted research on Alzheimer's prevention and treatment and developed a comprehensive self-care guide for individuals affected by the disease, including caregivers. This resource offers evidence-based insights to support both caregivers and families in providing effective care.

Activities and Awards

I have been part of the Student Nurses' Association throughout my time with the Kirkhof College of Nursing. I was also a part of the GVSU Laker Marching Band during my freshman year.

Internship/Practicum Experience

Clinical nursing rotations in Hospice, Low-income housing, Medical/surgical floors, Adult foster cares, Labor and delivery, pediatric oncology, Surgical Intensive Care Unit, Home Healthcare, and Mental health institutions.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at GVSU was being hired at the University of Michigan Health-West in the Progressive Care Unit. This role provided financial support for my tuition, a head start in my nursing career, and invaluable knowledge from experienced nurses, helping me grow both professionally and personally in the field.

Plans after Graduation

I have accepted a position as a Registered Nurse at the University of Michigan Health-West in the Progressive Care Unit (Critical Care), in hopes of soon transitioning into intensive care.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My most memorable moment was performing CPR on a patient for the first time during my ICU clinical rotation. When my patient lost their pulse, I provided compressions, and it was an experience I will never forget. This moment reinforced my passion for nursing and my commitment to my patients.



Jagger Denhof

Major: *Computer Science with a minor in Mathematics*

Research and Presentations

WMRUGS Research Conference 2024

GVSU Student Scholars Day 2024

Bioconductor 2024

Reach Higher Showcase 2024

Leadership Activities

TA for honors 201

Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship
Ambassador

Activities and Awards

Dean's list all semesters

Internship/Practicum Experience

UFP Industries Inc

DeBruine Lab

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Trained 60+ million parameter models on GVSUs HPC for single-cell transcriptomics data.

Plans after Graduation

Never stop learning.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Developing a model for single cell data.



Nicole Denz

Major: *Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Chemistry*

Research and Presentations

I have conducted research in Dr. Matthew Hart's lab at GV, where we have worked to synthesize diphenyl ureas to act as possible antibiotics against tuberculosis. I have also worked in Dr. Kevin Theis's lab at Wayne State's School of Medicine helping to characterize anaerobic bacteria within the vaginal microbiome.

Leadership Activities

I have served the Laker Marching Band as a Drum Major, Section Leader, and Council President.

Activities and Awards

Biomedical Sciences Graduate of Distinction
Dean's List for all semesters
Director's Award Laker Marching Band
Homecoming Royal Court
GV Award for Excellence

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment has been serving the Laker Marching Band as Drum Major. This position proposes many ambitious challenges, and it has been such an enjoyable experience. It has been a wonderful way to connect with and support my peers and show laker pride.

Plans after Graduation

I will be attending medical school this upcoming fall and plan to specialize in surgery.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Whistling off the Laker Marching Band to start pre-game at our first game.



Kristina Duoibes

Major: *Advertising & Public Relations with a minor in Marketing*

Leadership Activities

CEO of GrandPR

Activities and Awards

GrandPR and GVPRSSA General Membership and E-Board Member

Study Abroad/Away Experience

John Cabot University, Rome, Italy

Internship/Practicum Experience

External Communications Intern at SpartanNash

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I am most proud of my leadership work within GrandPR, a student-run integrated communications firm, where I have had the privilege to experience high impact learning and key professional development that will carry me through my early career.

Plans after Graduation

I will be working as a Public Relations and Social Media Coordinator at SpartanNash after graduation.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Being CEO at GrandPR will be most memorable because of the impact I was able to make on the campus community, client work and the AdPR program.



Colton Dysart

Major: *Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Chemistry*

Research and Presentations

I have conducted research at GVSU in the Lantz laboratory and Van Andel Institute in the Department of Epigenetics in the Triche laboratory. My research has been presented at Student Scholars Day (2024 and 2025) and the West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science Research Conference (2024).

Leadership Activities

For the last two years, I have worked as an SLA facilitator and Peer Mentor for CHM 109, 115, and 231. For these final two semesters, I have also been a research ambassador for the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship.

Activities and Awards

Biomedical Sciences Graduate of Distinction (2025)

Dean's List (2021-2025)

General Chemistry Award (2022).

Internship/Practicum Experience

Research Intern at Van Andel Institute, SLA Facilitator and Peer Mentor, Chemistry Tutor.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at GVSU was being involved in different research labs, which has heavily influenced my career goals. A close second was seeing a moose in the wild.

Plans after Graduation

I will be applying to medical school this spring with interests in pediatrics and oncology. During my gap year, I will work at Van Andel Institute full time as a Research Technician in the Triche laboratory, continuing my research on the epigenetic alterations in Multiple Myeloma patients.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Conducting research with Dr. Lantz at GVSU and in the Triche laboratory at Van Andel Institute.



Katherine Ebner

Major: *International Relations with a minor in Public Administration*

Research and Presentations

Assisted in Professor Polly Diven's research on women and foreign policy decision making.

Activities and Awards

Member of the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Studied abroad in Meppel, Netherlands, studying geography, urban planning, and Dutch culture.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment has been graduating Summa Cum Laude and making life-long friends.

Plans after Graduation

I am planning to take a gap year and then possibly begin a master's program abroad with an emphasis on policy research.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My study abroad experience was life-changing, and it has inspired me to travel and work abroad in the future.



Gabriel Ecenbarger

Major: *Biomedical Sciences*

Leadership Activities

Ultimate Frisbee President and Captain

HNR 201 TA

Junior Olympic Water Polo Coach (18u and 16u)

Activities and Awards

Dean's list: Fall 2021-Fall 2024

Ultimate Frisbee Club

Water Polo Club

Internship/Practicum Experience

Certified Nursing Assistant at Mary Free Bed

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Maintaining a 4.0 GPA

Plans after Graduation

I plan to attend medical school and become a sports medicine physician.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Ultimate Frisbee President and Captain



Maeve Emenaker

Major: *Nursing*

Activities and Awards

Throughout most of my time in the Kirkhof College of Nursing, I have been the Diversity Chair for the Student Nurses' Association.

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Dublin, Ireland; May-August 2023

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at Grand Valley has been graduating with no debt! I have worked continuously while maintaining my academic standing, allowing me to graduate with no debt through scholarships.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I am planning to pass my NCLEX in order to start as a registered nurse in the August cohort for the Neonatal ICU at Helen Devos Children's Hospital. Between graduation and starting work, I am traveling to Ireland for a post-graduation celebratory trip.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Studying abroad was definitely my most memorable experience. I loved the country and the people, and I am returning to Ireland post-graduation for a short period of time before beginning my job as a nurse.



Brian Farrell

Major: *Electrical Engineering*

Research and Presentations

Pope's Place Special Needs Swing

Photovoltaic Coating Research

Leadership Activities

Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society - Financial Officer

GVSU Solar Racing Team – President

Activities and Awards

GVSU Resident Assistant

CSWA - Mechanical Design Certification

EMC Badge - Electromagnetic Compatibility Certificate

FCC Amateur Radio Technician License

Internship/Practicum Experience

1 Year experience as a full-time electrical consultant engineer.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Hand-created and designed speaker system working on a dual-audio output

Plans after Graduation

Working as an RF Antenna Engineer or Aerospace Engineer Design Consultant.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Internship



Mitchell Fedewa

Major: *Biochemistry and Green Chemistry*

Research and Presentations:

Environmental chemistry research analyzing mercury in Chironomidae larvae and sediment within two western Michigan lakes with Dr. Ryan Otter

Presentations at the Entomological Society of America North Central Branch Meeting Winter 2025, AWRI's 2024 internship presentation, GVSU's 2024 Reach Higher Showcase, GVSU Student Scholar's Day (2023 & 2025)

Leadership Activities

Chemistry Stockroom Student Manager

President and co-founder of Campus Cleanup Crew

Financial Officer (2024-2025) and Membership Officer (2023-2024) GVSU Chemistry Club

Activities and Awards:

GVSU Green Chemistry Award

GVSU General Chemistry Award

GVSU I Am Grand Valley Award

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Study away program called the Water in the West

Internship/Practicum Experience

Spent a summer interning at the Robert B. Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI)

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Founding and running the environmental cleanup service organization Campus Cleanup Crew.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to spend a number of years working in chemical industry, hopefully as an environmental scientist and then potentially moving into a master's program for environmental science.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My internship experience at AWRI is unforgettable and developed me as a scientist more than any class ever could have. Also witnessing my club grow and cause an impact on campus has been amazing.



Joshua Fernando

Major: *Biology*

Research and Presentations

Diverse research experience:

1. wildlife biology

Massasauga Rattlesnake Project Research intern

2. Exercise Science

Sedentary behavior intervention study called "The Impact of Low Intensity Pedaling versus Non-Pedaling on Gaming Performance"

(Student Scholars Day)

-> working on publishing this as Scientific paper

Leadership Activities

GVSU basketball team manager and practice player (freshman year), basketball camp coach

Activities and Awards

Grand Valley state Track and Field Athlete, Small group journal club and discussion of scientific literature, Biology tutor, interviewed potential candidates for a faculty research position in the biology department

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Ecology Project International Intern to Yellowstone National Park

Internship/Practicum Experience

Bird Strike Project survey to assess whether Grand Valley state's buildings are prone to bird strikes

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Presenting my own research project at Student Scholars Day.

Plans after Graduation

Gap year to work as Physical Therapist Aid and then Graduate school to pursue a Doctorate in Physical Therapy

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Competing as a Track Athlete at GVSU.



Melissa Field

Major: *Social Work with a minor in Criminal Justice*

Leadership Activities

Volunteered with Arbor Circle's Total Trek Quest program to teach young boys about healthy lifestyles and drug prevention while preparing them for a 5K at the end of the 9-week program.

Was an HNR 201 TA. I facilitated reflection and discussion with my small group about important topics.

Activities and Awards

Dean's list 2021-2025

Internship/Practicum Experience

Interned with the Ionia County Juvenile Court. I facilitated shoplifting prevention seminars and school visits with youth. I also observed home visits with youth and families, probate court proceedings, and other important activities that are involved with juvenile probation.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Maintaining high academic achievement while balancing activities such as work, service learning, an internship, etc.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to attend GVSU's Master of Social Work program starting in the Fall of 2025.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most significant is my internship experience. I have learned a lot about the social work profession and how I want to proceed with my degree. I also learned a lot about myself and have grown as a person throughout that experience this year.



Angelina Firmalan

Major: *Writing with a minor in Anthropology*

Research and Presentations

Presenter at the 2025 East Central Writing Center Association annual conference

Presenter at the 2024 National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing

Presenter at the 2024 Michigan Writing Center Association annual conference

Presenter at the 2023 Michigan Center Association Writing Center annual conference

Presenter at the 2023 East Central Writing Center Association annual conference

Leadership Activities

Lead Writing Consultant

Editor-in-Chief of fishladder

Co-director of the Student Reading Series

Activities and Awards

Thomas M. Seykora Award for Outstanding Contribution 2025

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Writing in Action Study Abroad Program 2024

Internship/Practicum Experience

Marketing Intern at Hallmark Health Care Solutions

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Being able to build community and see confidence in young writers grow through my roles as a Lead Writing Consultant, Editor-in-Chief of fishladder, and Co-Director of the Student Reading Series

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I plan to spend the first part of my summer backpacking along the trails of Isle Royale.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Becoming Editor-in-Chief of fishladder



Claire Flynn

Major: *Communication Science & Disorders with a minor in Spanish*

Leadership Activities

Honors Student Council, Welcome Days Committee 2023-2024

Activities and Awards

National Student Speech-Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA), Campus Ministries, Mary Free Bed College Student Volunteer

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Spain: Language & Culture, Seville, Spain Summer 2023

Campus Ministries Spring Break 2024: Managua, Nicaragua

Internship/Practicum Experience

Volunteered at Renew Therapeutic Riding Center and Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital.

Worked as a rehabilitation technician at Butterworth and Blodgett hospitals.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at Grand Valley State University has been gaining diverse experience in speech-language pathology through volunteer work, campus involvement, and professional opportunities, allowing me to grow both personally and professionally.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation I will be attending Western Michigan University to earn my master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My study abroad experiences in Spain and Nicaragua truly transformed my life. Not only did I improve my Spanish-speaking skills, but I gained a greater understanding of what I'm capable of.



Koby Fraaza

Major: *Biomedical Sciences and Microbiology with a minor in Biology*

Research and Presentations

Independent research on ftn gene expression in E.coli from high to low iron conditions. And evaluating the impact of glucose concentration on endothelial cell progression through the cell cycle with Prof. Kurjiaka.

Leadership Activities

Bible study leader for the cross-country team

Activities and Awards

2x Commissioners Award

Cross country All-American

Microbiology Excellence in Discipline Award

Internship/Practicum Experience

Work as a Direct Care Worker at Olivia's Gift.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

The team results for cross country and track

Plans after Graduation

Current plan is to attend medical school

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The cross country All-American



Kassandra Gaytan

Major: *Nursing*

Research and Presentations

A comprehensive literature review "Professional Nursing Organizations: Perceived Benefits and Barriers to Engagement"

Presented at Kirkhof College of Nursing Student Showcase, The Oncology Nursing Society Greater Grand Rapids Chapter Annual Conference, and the Midwest Nursing Research Society Annual Conference

Leadership Activities

Student Nurses Association Member

Women in Medicine and Science Membership Officer

Activities and Awards

Awarded as a Corewell Health West Nurse Scholar
University Innovation Fellow through Stanford University

Internship/Practicum Experience

Emergency and Trauma Nurse Extern at Trinity Health Grand Rapids

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at Grand Valley was being able to be involved on campus, work after classes, and complete the nursing program.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I will work as an Oncology Registered Nurse!

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most memorable experience that I had at Grand Valley was being selected to have the opportunity to learn more about design-thinking and innovation at Stanford University's d.school with other students from around the world.



Eve Geschiere

Major: *International Business and Management with a Minor in Spanish*

Leadership Activities

Seidman Mentor, Honors College Mentor

Activities and Awards

Member of the international fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi
Excellence-in-a-discipline award

Study Abroad/Away Experience

I studied abroad in Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 in Bilbao Spain at the University of Deusto.

Internship/Practicum Experience

Marketing and Business Development intern at Advanced Clinical and Feasibility intern at Advanced Clinical

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

The lasting connections that I formed with mentors and peers.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I plan to pursue a career in the medical technology industry in sales or marketing.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Living abroad in Spain for a year. I enhanced so many skills and broadened my perspectives.



Ashtyn Gluck

Major: *Environmental and Sustainability Studies with minors in Geospatial Technology and Sustainable Urban & Regional Planning*

Research and Presentations

I presented a presentation at the Association of American Geographers East Lakes conference in October 2024 titled GIS Career Exploration StoryMaps. I was second author on a presentation titled Analyzing Methane Emissions in Lake Michigan Estuaries Using DIY Samplers and Remote Sensing presented at the American Geophysical Union conference.

Leadership Activities

I am the membership officer of the Association of Student Geographers club. I am also a Senior Leader on the GVSU Track & Field team.

Activities and Awards

I am on the varsity Track & Field team at GVSU. I also received the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award and the Excellence-in-a-Discipline Award from the Environmental and Sustainability Studies department.

Study Abroad/Away Experience

I participated in the Water in the West Program in the summer of 2023 where we spent 4 weeks traveling between Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Internship/Practicum Experience

I was a GIS Intern for the Michigan STEM Network from November 2023 to December 2024. I am currently an intern for the Annis Water Resources Institute and started in April 2024.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment is that I have maintained a cumulative 4.0 GPA while also competing as a student athlete! However, throughout my time at Grand Valley I have also created lifelong friendships which I will continue to treasure.

Plans after Graduation

This summer I will be working as a NASA DEVELOP intern then I will be continuing my education at Auburn University where I will be pursuing a Masters in Geography and Environmental Science.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My time as a student athlete has been extremely memorable. I have competed in many states throughout my time on the team and enjoyed experiencing trips and fun races with my teammates!



Nadia Gniatczyk

Major: *Biomedical Sciences*

Leadership Activities

Delta Zeta Sorority- Fundraiser chair

Women's Club Lacrosse- Public relations officer, Risk manager, and Captain

Honors College Mentor

Pre-med mentor

Activities and Awards

I Am Grand Valley Award

Graduate of Distinction Award

1st team All-League for club lacrosse

Dean's List

Club Lacrosse

Delta Zeta sorority

Volunteer work: kids food basket, buddy-up tennis, and learn-to-be tutor

Internship/Practicum Experience

Working as a nursing assistant on the cardiac progressive care unit at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak

ABA technician at Gateway Pediatric Therapy

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Receiving the graduate of distinction award for the biomedical science department.

Plans after Graduation

Taking a gap year before applying to medical schools. During the gap year, I am looking into doing research at University of Michigan.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My experience being on the club lacrosse team. This experience not only challenged me physically but mentally. I have met lifelong friends while getting valuable experience of leading a team.



Joseph Greendyk

Major: *Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences*

Research and Presentations

Senior Project: Using Rapid Bioassessment to Analyze the Health of Rum Creek in Rockford, MI.

Leadership Activities

Science Olympiad Coach at a local high school
Team Coach at Let's Play Soccer, Jenison

Activities and Awards

Excellence in a Discipline: Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences

Dean's List

Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Club

PADI Open Water Diver Certification

Internship/Practicum Experience

Annis Water Resources Institute Summer Intern.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Though not necessarily a concrete accomplishment, I'm most proud of the massive improvements I've made in my identification skills of aquatic flora and fauna, both as a valuable career tool and for personal enrichment.

Plans after Graduation

This Summer: Seasonal Fisheries Technician at the Illinois Natural History Surveying; Pierce Cedar Creek Environmental Research Grant project assessing freshwater mussel communities in the Thornapple River
Beyond: Graduate School

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The AWRI summer internship, as I had a blast gaining field experience and meeting many new friends.



Audrey Grunwaldt

Major: *Writing with a minor in Advertising & Public Relations*

Leadership Activities

Research Consultant

Eboard for TheOliveTree

Activities and Awards

In Wordsmiths club.

Published in RunningOutofInk journal.

I am a Writer and reviewer for the GVSU InWriting Newsletter.

I was a Reader for Fishladder 2025.

Dean's list all three years.

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Scotland: Writing in Action, Summer 2025

Internship/Practicum Experience

Interned for CUSE, writing intern

Interning in Scotland for Nonprofit

Public Relations Eboard Officer for TheOlivetree

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I have been able to make connections with those in my classes and with professors. I feel like I have grown as a person with my social, professional, and academic experiences.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to start an entry level job at a publishing house.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Getting to know my peers and professors.



Isabella Grunwaldt

Major: *Political Science and Public & Nonprofit Administration with a minor in Spanish*

Research and Presentations

Presented at the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) Annual Conference in Detroit last semester about the Positive Options signage on the Lakerline buses and why they legally should not be there.

Leadership Activities

Honors College mentor, Cook Leadership Academy Fellow and Lead Fellow, GVSU Votes Democracy Fellow.

Activities and Awards

Award for Excellence in a Discipline for Political Science and Public, Nonprofit, and Health Administration. Achieved the All In Student Voting Honor Roll award while a Democracy Fellow with Campus Vote Project.

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Studied abroad in Seville, Spain.

Internship/Practicum Experience

Interned with the District Office of Hillary Scholten and interned for Disability Advocates of Kent County.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I have been able to obtain a full experience at GVSU. Almost everything I set my mind to, I had the resources and support to do it. My greatest accomplishment though has been making and keeping my best friends from freshman year.

Plans after Graduation

I will continue on to the MPA program through GVSU! From there I hope to work in either the Policy or Nonprofit space to advocate for women's rights, comprehensive sex education, and/or climate action.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

I believe the friends I have made will stick with me after graduation, and that is incredibly meaningful to me. Academically though, the most memorable thing would probably be speaking at the NWSA conference about taking down crisis pregnancy center advertisements from the Lakerline bus system.



Amanda Gustanski

Major: *Biochemistry*

Leadership Activities

Director of ritual in Alpha Sigma Tau sorority

President of pre-optometry club

Honors college mentor for two years

TA for HNR 201

Activities and Awards

Pre-Optometry club

Member of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority

Order of the Omega member

Omicron Delta Kappa member

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at Grand Valley was my acceptance to the Michigan College of Optometry.

Plans after Graduation

I will attend Michigan College of Optometry to earn my O.D in 2029.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Some of my most memorable experiences at grand valley were through my sorority. This organization allowed me to meet new people and attend a variety of events.



Lajla Hadzimujic

Major: *Nursing*

Research and Presentations

For my Honors Senior Project, I wrote a paper on the Stari Most (Old Bridge) of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the significance of its destruction during the Bosnian War. To go along with the paper, I completed an acrylic painting of the Stari Most.

Leadership Activities

Member of the Peter C. Cook Leadership Academy.

Activities and Awards

I am a member of the Pre-Nursing Association and the Student Nurses' Association. I am a recipient of the Corewell Health West GVSU Nurse Scholarship, GV Award for Excellence Scholarship, and State Competitive Scholarships.

Internship/Practicum Experience

Throughout the nursing program, I have had many clinical rotations at Butterworth, Blodgett, and Helen DeVos hospitals.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishments at Grand Valley were getting into the Kirkhof College of Nursing program on the first try and receiving the Corewell Health West GVSU Nurse Scholarship.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to work for the Progressive Care Unit at Blodgett Hospital.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My most memorable experience was completing my leadership rotation at Helen DeVos's NICU. During this rotation, I became more confident in my nursing skills and my future transition from a student to nurse.



Magdalyn Hallead

Major: *Allied Health Sciences*

Research and Presentations

Structural Issues in Healthcare: Consequences of Body Mass Index (BMI) and Diagnostic Overshadowing

Leadership Activities

Student Body Vice President 2023-2024

Student Senate Executive Vice President 2023-2024

Laker Marching Band Section Leader 2023-2024

Student Senate 2022-2024

Omicron Delta Kappa

Cook Leadership Academy

Activities and Awards

Laker Marching Band Drumline

President Mantella's Council; Student Representative 2023-2024

Thompson Scholars

Pre-PA Club

Grand Rapids Gold Drumline

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Managing working full-time, participating in student activities, and being a full-time student at the same time! It was tough, but very worthwhile.

Plans after Graduation

Attend graduate school for a master's in healthcare administration

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Restructuring the Student Senate and rewriting the governing documents. I helped lead the way for a new generation of leaders at Grand Valley.



Ethan Helsel

Major: *Information Systems with a minor in Business General*

Research and Presentations

Information Systems Capstone poster presentation.

Internship/Practicum Experience

I completed two internships at Owens Corning. Both times, I worked as a Global Information Systems Intern and successfully completed both of my projects.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at GVSU would be successfully completing two internship projects.

Plans after Graduation

I am excited to begin my full-time career at Owens Corning, where I will be participating in their 18-month development program.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

I found my internships to be the most memorable because they allowed me to apply what I learned at Grand Valley to real-world projects that challenged me to grow both professionally and personally.



Isaiah Hendrick

Major: *Computer Engineering with a minor in Mathematics*

Research and Presentations

Master's project - development of hardware accelerated FPGA HDL code for optimizing execution times of mathematical algorithm.

Activities and Awards

Member of Tau Beta Pi, Padnos College of Engineering Project Day participant (Fall 2022, Winter 2024), Dean's List (multiple semesters).

Study Abroad/Away Experience

CIS Machine Learning / Data Science Study Abroad (Switzerland)

Internship/Practicum Experience

Three semesters of co-op experience at Phase 1 Engineering, located in Holland, MI.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment is attaining a combined Master's Degree in Applied Computer Science and Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering, while maintaining a high GPA.

Plans after Graduation

I am currently looking for a career in embedded software development / systems engineering.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Studying abroad in Switzerland was an amazing opportunity; I was able to meet some great friends, experience a completely new atmosphere in Europe, and explore nature, all while learning topics related to my degree.



Melanie Hernandez

Major: *Psychology with a minor in Spanish*

Research and Presentations

Belinski, J. & Hernandez, M. Associations about people in young children: A distractibility study.

Poster presented at the Student Scholarship Day, April 10, 2024.

Estrada, T., Hernandez, M., Penn, D., & Velez-Ortiz, M.

Creating Honors Familia at Grand Valley State University. Conference of the National Society for Minorities in Honors. October 18, 2024.

Leadership Activities

Peter C. Cook Leadership Academy

President and Treasurer of Honors Familia

Membership Officer of Honors Affinity Alliance

Activities and Awards

Sigma Delta Pi Member

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Spring 2024 in Seville, Spain

Internship/Practicum Experience

Registered Behavior Technician at Clinic for Children with Autism

Long-term volunteer at a clinic for children with terminal illnesses

Long-term term volunteer as a youth mentor for refugee children.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment has been my growth as an individual on the interpersonal, academic, and professional levels.

Plans after Graduation

Attending grad school for Clinical Psychology.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

One of the most unforgettable experiences of my life was the opportunity to study abroad. It opened my eyes to new perspectives I never imagined and sparked my passion to explore more of the world.



Jackson Hicks

Major: *English with a minor in Writing*

Research and Presentations

Intonation and Gender in Customer Service Settings (SSD)

Rewriting the Humanities in Eco-Crisis: How AI and Tech

Dominance Limits Our Collective Creativity (SSD)

The Climate Crisis is Your Problem, But It's Not Your Fault
(Teach-In)

Leadership Activities

Resident Assistant for 8 semesters, in Niemeyer-Calder, Secchia, South Apartments, and Vansteeland.

Teaching Assistant in HNR 201: Live, Learn, Lead

E-Board for The Olive Tree club

Activities and Awards

Gilbert R. and Patricia K. Davis Merit English Scholarship

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I was published twice for poetry and short fiction in the Grand Valley Art Journal the Fishladder.

Plans after Graduation

Pursue a Masters in Fine Arts in Writing to pursue a career in Higher Education, and work on creative pursuits in literature.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The work done creating community as a Resident Assistant



Brianna Hipple

Major: *Exercise Science & Pre-Grad Health Professions*

Research and Presentations

Research Participant in two studies about GAIT analysis and Hip Internal Rotation with Dr. Chapin and effect of pre-exercise treatments on jump height with Dr. Glass.

Leadership Activities

Honors College Mentor
Young PIs Summer Scholar Program Mentor
President of GVSU Stars for Make-A-Wish
Secretary of GVSU Stars for Make-A-Wish

Activities and Awards

I am Grand Valley Award
Dean's List
Volunteer with MomsBloom
Volunteer with The Care Team Home Health and Hospice Care
Member of Pre-Physical Therapy Club
Volunteer with Mary Free Bed

Internship/Practicum Experience

Exercise Science Internship with Holland Home in the Body Shop
Exercise Science Fieldwork at IKUS Life Enrichment Services
Honors Senior Project that spotlighted West Michigan service organizations

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley was learning that my passion lies in my volunteer work. I got to be exposed to many volunteer opportunities while at GVSU and I was awarded for my leadership contributions within GVSU Stars for Make-A-Wish, which was a very rewarding honor.

Plans after Graduation

My plans after graduation are to attend Central Michigan University in May 2025 for Doctorate of Physical Therapy school.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most significant is my President role in GVSU Stars for Make-A-Wish. This club has taught me about how to be a great leader through volunteer work in the community. This role has also given me the platform to share with my family and friends how great Make-A-Wish Michigan is.



Alaina Hogan

Major: *Mathematics & Dance*

Research and Presentations

Evaluating Preconditioner Performance for Quantum Many-Body Systems (GVSU)

Presented at Summer Scholars Showcase, GLSIAM, SSD
Movement and Mathematics: Calculating Differences Between Dancers and Non-Dancers (GVSU)

Presented at NCUWM, SSD (x2), Department of Mathematics Student Research Presentations (x2)
Power Sum Element of the G_2 Skein Algebra (MSU)

Presented at JMM, YMC, SUMMR

Leadership Activities

Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship
Ambassador, Fall 2024-Present

Dance Department Mentor, Fall 2022-Winter 2024

Honors College Mentor, Fall 2022-Winter 2023

Activities and Awards

Glenn A. Niemeyer Award, 2025

Excellence-in-a-Discipline Award in Mathematics, 2025

Kindschi Fellow, 2025

Alayont Fellow, 2024

Student Summer Scholar - Stiner Scholar, 2024

Dean's List, 2020-Present

Excellence-in-a-Discipline Award in Dance, 2024

Outstanding Sophomore in Mathematics, 2022

Nichols Sustainability Scholarship, 2022

Mathematics Tutor, 2022-Present

Momentum, 2021-2024

Internship/Practicum Experience

Completed internship at Grand Valley State University as a Student Researcher, 2024

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Advocating for more inclusion in undergraduate research within underrepresented disciplines, such as dance. My dream was for a dance choreography research project to be performed at SSD, which I worked to accomplish this year. Thus, my greatest accomplishment is bringing about the first dance research project to appear in SSD.

Plans after Graduation

I will be attending graduate school at Purdue University with the goal of achieving a PhD in Computer Science. My research area will be in numerical linear algebra and scientific computing.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most memorable thing was presenting our dance research project Student Scholar's Day (SSD). The years of advocating paid off, and I was able to achieve my goal of building bridges between the dance program and OURS.



GraceAna Hoorn

Major: *Social Work with minors in Psychology & Juvenile Justice*

Research and Presentations

Assessing Students' Perspective on Grand Valley State University's DEI Initiatives (HNR)

Perceptions of Authentic and Assigned Sources of Minority Dissent

Authentic Dissent is Superior to a Devil's Advocate in Inspiring Divergent Thinking

Inspiring Divergent Thinking: Authentic Dissent is Superior to Devil's Advocate

Examining the Issue: Comparing Authentic and Assigned Minority Influence (SSD)

Leadership Activities

I & E Student Engagement Cohort: GVSU Inclusion and Equity Institute

Activities and Awards

Dean's List

Laker Familia

Internship/Practicum Experience

Family Futures: Intake Intern

Kent Prosecutor's Victim Witness Unit: Practicum

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment was presenting multiple research projects at two different MPA conferences in Chicago. It was amazing to be able to present my research, which I worked hard on. Moreover, it was nice to pursue my passion for research as an undergraduate student.

Plans after Graduation

After graduating, I plan on obtaining my master's in social work from Grand Valley.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My practicum experience with the prosecutor's office was the most memorable thing I have done. This experience gave me first-hand experience in assisting and advocating for crime victims. It was an eye-opening experience that helped me grow as a professional and an individual.



Jackson Irwin

Major: *Psychology with a minor in Sociology*

Research and Presentations

All of my presentations have been done for school.

Leadership Activities

I was on the E-Board for Grand Valley STAGE for two years as their financial officer.

Activities and Awards

I was on the production team for STAGE's first musical, Legally Blonde.

Study Abroad/Away Experience

I went to Northern Ireland during the summer of 2024.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Getting able to present a large-scale musical to the GV community.

Plans after Graduation

I plan on taking a semester off to focus on work and then will come back to GV to pursue my master's in social work.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

I absolutely loved my trip to Northern Ireland. It was really nice to get to experience another culture and make friends with the people who came with me.



Alexandra Jorns

Major: *Environmental and Sustainability Studies with a minor in Geospatial Technology*

Research and Presentations

U.S. Mental Maps of Northern Lower Peninsula
Michiganders: Mapping Perceptions of the U.S. South
Using GIS To Analyze Changes in Algae Levels in Lakes in
Ottawa County, MI

Leadership Activities

Worked with students through the study abroad office by encouraging and providing information on internships abroad

Activities and Awards

Dean's List all 4 years

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Internship Abroad in Barcelona, Spain

Internship/Practicum Experience

GIS Analyst at Grand Traverse County Road Commission
Research and Consultant at Sustainability Worldwide Center 2025 in Barcelona"

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Building my confidence and independence while surrounding myself with staff and new friends who help me grow not only as a student, but on personal level.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Creating a community that helps each other succeed and get through life.



Josie Kasmauskis

Major: *Applied Food & Nutrition with a minor in Spanish*

Research and Presentations

Presentation: "Generational Gaps: When Your Audience is in a Different Digital World" October 2024

GLC-SOPHE 2024 Fall Conference, Houghton Lake, MI

Presentation: "Finding Rest in the Grind" May 2024

2024 Annual MSFAA Conference, Grand Rapids, MI

Leadership Activities

La Tertulia (Spanish Club) Vice President and Events Coordinator

Food and Nutrition Association President

Activities and Awards

GVSU Recreation & Wellness Director's Award

Study Abroad/Away Experience

10 weeks in Santiago, Chile at the Universidad Andrés Bello

Internship/Practicum Experience

Food service practicum experience at Corewell Health Butterworth Hospital

Community nutrition practicum experience at the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan

Clinical nutrition practicum experience at the Trinity Health Muskegon Hospital

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley has been informing and influencing over 4,171 students through inspirational wellness presentations, programs, and 1-on-1 interactions as a Wellness Information Team peer educator on campus.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation I will continue in GVSU's Clinical Dietetics Combined Degree Program to finish my master's degree in order to be able to sit for the Registered Dietitian exam.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most memorable was studying abroad in Santiago, Chile. This was the most incredible experience where I learned about the thrill of adventure, deepened my Spanish language skills, and shrunk my perceived size of the world while expanding my perspectives.



Aubrey Keas

Major: *Allied Health Sciences*

Research and Presentations

Acupuncture Effect on Infertility: A Systematic Review, written for AHS 301

Access to Healthcare Among College Students: Identifying Barrier, poster created for AHS 495

Leadership Activities

Resident Assistant - GVSU Housing & Residence Life, Executive Board Member for Women in Medicine and Science, and Teaching Assistant for HNR 201

Activities and Awards

Dean's List: Fall 2022 to present

Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society Member

Active member of GVSU Pre-PA Club

Long-Term Volunteer at Crash's Landing (Cat Rescue)

Internship/Practicum Experience

Gained patient care hours by working as a Patient Care Technician at University of Michigan Health-West on the Progressive Care Unit

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Getting accepted into GVSU's PA program!

Plans after Graduation

I will be attending GVSU's PA program this fall.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My most significant experience is getting accepted into Grand Valley's PA program since it is a very competitive program.



Emily Kerr

Major: *Biomedical Sciences and Pre-Professional Preparation with a minor in Chemistry*

Research and Presentations

How Sexism Affects Women in Medical training and Medical Occupations in the U.S. and U.K. (published in GVSU Scholar Works)

Leadership Activities

Vice President of Future Female Physicians

Activities and Awards

Volunteer at Michele's Rescue
Medical Technician at Sunset Senior Communities
Dean's List for 4 semesters

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Cofounding Future Female Physicians with Aly Furstenau and finding an Eboard to continue the organization.

Plans after Graduation

Medical School

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Starting a club for female pre-medical and health majors to create a community at GVSU.



Sydney Kierzek

Major: *Biochemistry*

Research and Presentations

CRISPR Gene Editing in Canine Parvovirus
Isothermal Titration Calorimetry - Junior Seminar
Seal Bond Polymer Chemistry Research and Development Internship
Phthalates: Regulation, Mechanism, and Endocrine Disruption - Senior Seminar

Leadership Activities

Laker Marching Band Drumline (Cymbal) Section leader

Activities and Awards

Laker Marching Band - Drumline 2021-2023, Best Marching Technique - 2021
Oldenburg Writing Contest Winner for Undergraduate Poetry - 2021
GVSU Ski and Snowboard Club - 2024-2025
GVSU Yarn Arts Club
Momentum Dance
Volunteered at Regional Science Olympiad
Writing Consultant at GVSU Writing Center

Internship/Practicum Experience

Seal Bond Polymer Chemistry Research and Development Internship

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Learning and application of the beautiful language of Chemistry.

Plans after Graduation

Earn my Juris Doctorate and use my talents in Biochemistry and Writing to make a substantial impact in both science and legal communities.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My time on Drumline in the GVSU Laker Marching Band.



Austin Kiser

Major: *Exercise Science*

Research and Presentations

Researched how caffeine pre workout effects anaerobic power output

Leadership Activities

Honor 201 TA for two semesters

Internship/Practicum Experience

Fieldwork/internship at Coachmen Strength and Conditioning

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Graduating

Plans after Graduation

Look for a job as a strength and conditioning coach or personal trainer.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My internship.



Jessica Koerke

Major: *Education and history with a minor in Political Science-Teaching*

Leadership Activities

President of YDSA/SDS

Activities and Awards

Member of Phi Kappa Phi

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Studied in Japan during the summer semester of 2023

Internship/Practicum Experience

Student teacher apprentice for Fall 2024 and student teacher intern for Winter 2025

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Completion of education program

Plans after Graduation

If accepted, I will be teaching in Japan with the JET program. Otherwise, I will find a teaching job in the state of Michigan

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Study abroad experience or student teaching



Brooke Kolar

Major: *Cardiovascular Sonography*

Research and Presentations

Cardiovascular Sonography Case Study Conference
Applied Ultrasound Physics Research and Presentations

Leadership Activities

Cardiovascular Sonography Student Organization (CSSO)
Financial Officer

Activities and Awards

GV award for excellence
Dean's list for several semesters

Internship/Practicum Experience

Adult Echo and Vascular Ultrasound clinical experiences at Corewell Health, Bronson Methodist, and University of Michigan Hospitals

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

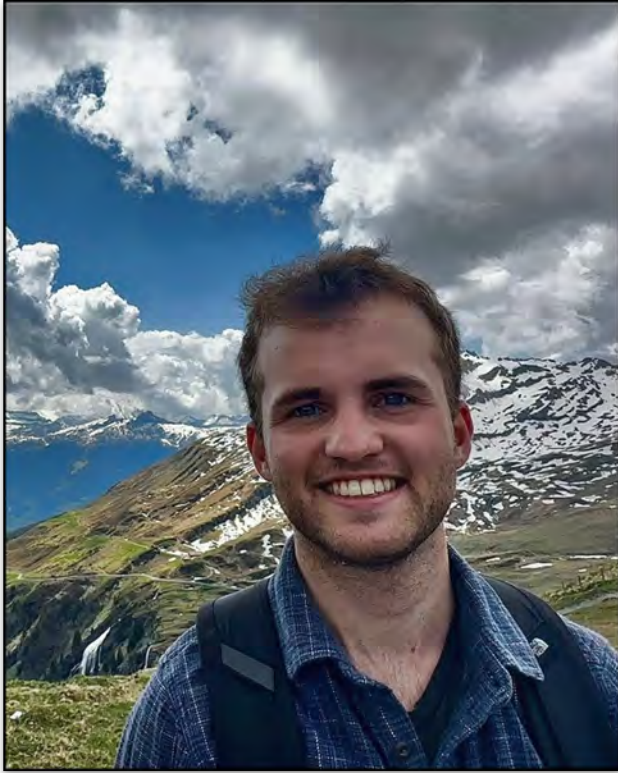
My greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley would be getting into the Cardiovascular Sonography program. It is a very selective program, and I was fortunate enough to be accepted into it.

Plans after Graduation

I will be starting my career at Bronson Methodist Hospital as an Echo Vascular Sonographer.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most memorable part of my education was my time in the CVS program. It was a challenging but rewarding experience that cultivated a love for my profession, and I made life-long friends with my cohort.



Matthew Koren

Major: *Pedagogical Content Knowledge PreK-6th and Educational Studies with a minor in Applied Linguistics-Teaching*

Research and Presentations

I presented about the Honors Program at the Mid-East Honors Association.

Leadership Activities

Honors student council: Welcome Days Committee
Cook Leadership Academy

Activities and Awards

Excellence in A Discipline 2023-2024

Study Abroad/Away Experience

The Netherlands English Education in Maastricht

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Finding a way to be involved in the honors college and connecting with so many people while maintaining good grades.

Plans after Graduation

Find a lower elementary teaching job somewhere close to Grand Rapids and eventually go back to get a masters in something education related

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Winning the excellence-in-a-discipline award validated all of the hard work I have put into my studies.



Aeron Biancent Lahoylahoy

Major: *Computer Engineering*

Research and Presentations

Currently doing research and development on communication security and AI object detection for Dornerkworks.

Activities and Awards

Founding member of GVSU FASA (Filipinx-American Student Association)

Internship/Practicum Experience

Four three-month rotations as an Embedded Software Test Engineer at Gentex.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My project was chosen to be on design day in multiple classes.

Plans after Graduation

I am planning on taking a one-month break before I start full time as a Software Test Engineer at Gentex.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most memorable is being a founding member for GVSU FASA (Filipinx-American Student Association).



Paris Lawson

Major: *International Relations with minors in Human Rights and Legal Studies*

Research and Presentations

Research paper and presentation on Voter Rights and Voter suppression from a legal lens.

Leadership Activities

Student Body Vice President of GVSU

Member of the GVSU Inclusion & Equity Student Cohort

Sat on Presidents Council for two years

Activities and Awards

Dean's List, Grand Valley State University

I Am Grand Valley Award

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Study abroad, Universidad Autónoma, Barcelona, Spain; Summer 2023

Studies focus on Spanish Culture and Language and International Economics

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at GVSU was successfully passing legislation through the Student Senate to install health vending machines on campus. These machines provide essential resources like Narcan, pregnancy tests, emergency contraception, condoms, and over-the-counter medications, ensuring students have access to critical health products.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation I hope to go to law school, I am not sure where yet as I have not heard back.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My most memorable experience at GVSU was serving as Student Body Vice President. This role allowed me to grow as a leader, build meaningful connections, and strengthen our campus community. Gaining insight into university operations and advocating for students was incredibly rewarding, shaping my passion for governance and student empowerment.



Porter Leigh

Major: *Political Science*

Leadership Activities

HNR 201 TA Winter 2024 and Winter 2025

Activities and Awards

Grand Valley State University marching band Fall 2021

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

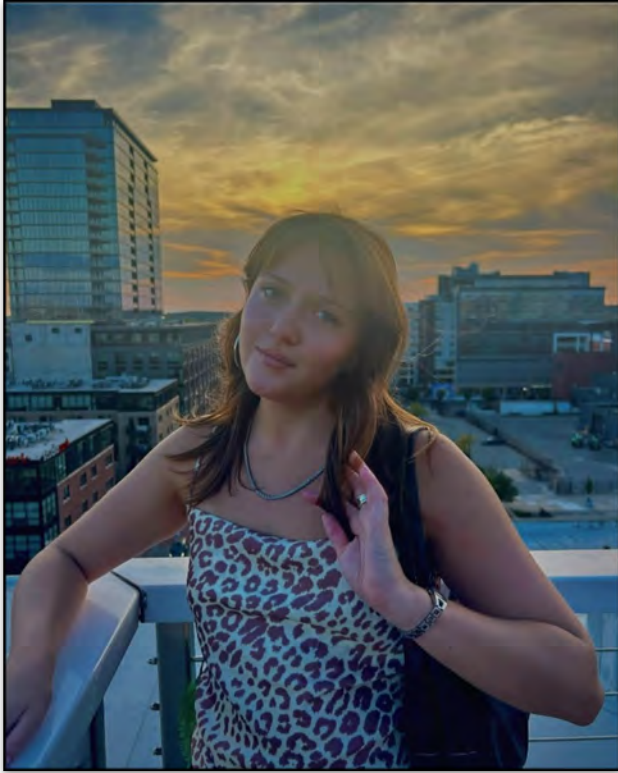
On the Dean's List for 5 semesters

Plans after Graduation

Take a gap year and then go back to school

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My experiences as a TA for HNR 201



Lauren Leineke

Major: *Marketing*

Research and Presentations

Prejudice & Bias in AI

The Livestock Production Industry

Ethical Implications of the BP Oil Spill of 2010"

Leadership Activities

Director of Communications for the Seidman Sustainability Association (SSA)

Mentor for the Study Abroad Mentorship Program

Activities and Awards

Dean's list every semester

Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society Member

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Summer abroad studying in Rome, Italy.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My overall growth as both a student and an individual.

Plans after Graduation

Gain relevant experience in my desired field, then pursue a master's degree, ideally abroad.



Emily Letwinski

Major: *Biomedical Sciences*

Research and Presentations

Senior Project: The Effects of the Food Industry on Public Health and the American Healthcare System

Assisted in research in Dr. Kristen Renkema's Lab:

"Microbial Experience Impacts Immunity"

Leadership Activities

Honors Teaching Assistant

Chemistry Tutor

Vice President for Public Relations, GVSU Student Senate

Board Member, Vice President Student Advisory Board

Campus Ambassador and Volunteer, GVSU Votes Campus Coalition

Activities and Awards

GVSU Award for Excellence

Dean's List recipient x6

I am Grand Valley Award

Member, Mu Epsilon Delta GVSU Chapter

Internship/Practicum Experience

To gain clinical experience during my undergraduate journey, I worked as a nursing technician at the Meijer Heart Center on a cardiac and vascular unit and at the Women's Center on their postpartum unit.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

During my time at Grand Valley, I began volunteering for an organization that provides in-home support for postpartum families. This experience has been an extension of my passion for women's healthcare, and has provided me the meaningful experience of working closely with families and women during their postpartum journey.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to spend my gap year applying to PA schools for programs beginning in 2026. In the meantime I will continue working in healthcare, volunteering in my community, and embarking on a mission trip to a school for deaf youth in Jamaica this summer.



Jillian Liford

Major: *Psychology with a minor in Movement Science*

Research and Presentations

Mindful Sport Performance Enhancement Research Study

Leadership Activities

Thompson Scholar Student Organization President
Campus Links Lead Mentor

Activities and Awards

Telephone Outreach Program- Caller of the Year
I am Grand Valley Award
Thompson Achievers Scholarship Recipient
IM Volleyball Participant
Fredrick Meijer Honors College Welcome Week Mentor
Dean's List 8 semesters

Internship/Practicum Experience

Behavior Technician

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at Grand Valley was completing research in Sport Psychology because it allowed me to get hands-on experience and make great connections in my desired field of work.

Plans after Graduation

I will be pursuing my master's degree in counseling with a specialization in Sport Psychology at Boston University.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My most memorable moments at GV were often when I was working at the Telephone Outreach Program. I learned many new skills and made life-long friends.



Grace Locke

Major: *Writing*

Leadership Activities

President, Secretary, and Public Relations Officer of Kpop Group Evolution

Activities and Awards

Dean's List Fall 2021, Winter 2022, Fall 2023, and Fall 2024

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Writing in Action in Edinburgh, Scotland 2024

Internship/Practicum Experience

Writing Intern with Networking Key Services in Edinburgh, Scotland

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Being a part of the writing community and being part of the dance club Kpop Group Evolution.

Plans after Graduation

Find work in the editing and publishing industry

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Study Abroad



Emma Long

Major: *Biomedical Sciences*

Research and Presentations

I have done 3 years of research under Dr. Laudicina on pelvic morphology and the impact of both external and internal factors. I have presented at Student Scholars Day in 2023, 2024 and will present this year. I also presented at the AABA annual symposium in the obstetric dilemmas conference.

Leadership Activities

I am currently on the executive board of the Future Female Physicians club. I am the founder and president of the Students Demand Action club. I was a TA (teacher's assistant) for Live Learn Lead. I am also a trainer at my current job, Biolife Plasma Services.

Activities and Awards

Excellence in Biomedical Sciences award, Graduate of Distinction (in Biomedical Sciences), Dean's List (Fall 2021-current), Kindschi Undergraduate Research Fellowship in the Sciences recipient, Academic Conference Fund recipient.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment here at GV has been officially getting accepted into medical school for the Fall of 2025. I am so grateful for my family and the amazing friends I have made here who have supported me on this rigorous journey to achieving my dreams!

Plans after Graduation

I am planning to continue my academic career at medical school this fall. I am still in the decision process of which school I am attending, but I am very excited. I ultimately hope to become an OB/GYN.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My research has been most memorable for me. I aspire to be an OB/GYN in my future, and our pelvic girdle research has truly excited me for this future. I traveled to Baltimore to present my research, and I also wrote a manuscript that is in the process of publication.



Brynn Lupo

Major: *Legal Studies with a minor in Political Science*

Leadership Activities

Laker Marching Band Treasurer for the 2024 season

Activities and Awards

Lambda Epsilon Chi Honors Society, Dean's List every semester attended, Laker Marching Band, Law Society

Internship/Practicum Experience

Legal Intern at the Legal Assistance Center

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

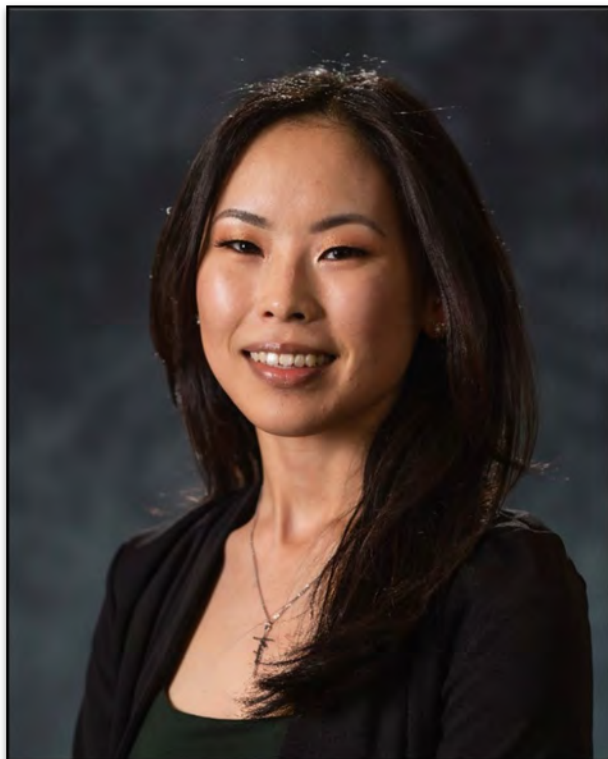
Graduating in three years while maintaining top grades, interning at the Legal Assistance Center, and participating in the LMB.

Plans after Graduation

Attend MSU College of Law this fall to pursue a J.D.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Participating in the Laker Marching Band has been the most memorable experience at Grand Valley because of the opportunities and friends it has brought me.



Annabel Maag

Major: *Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Psychology*

Research and Presentations

Publication: ERK1/2 inhibition alleviates diabetic cardiomyopathy by suppressing fatty acid metabolism was accepted for publication in the Frontiers in Bioscience-Landmark Journal

Presentations:

SSD 2023, 2024, 2025

2024 Van Andel Institute WMRUGS Research Conference.

2024 Michigan State University MID-SURE

February 2023 Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees Meeting

Leadership Activities

Partners in Health Engage Club – President, K-12 Connect Delta Math Tutor

Activities and Awards

GV Laker Scholarship, Johnson STEM Pathway Scholarship from Padnos College of Engineering, Ilene Schooley Biomedical Science Scholarship from Biomedical Science Department, Thompson Working Family Achiever Scholarship, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Student Summer Scholars (S3) Award, S3 Ott-Stiner Endowed Fellowship in Chemistry and Natural Sciences, Dean's List (5/5 semesters)

Internship/Practicum Experience

Job Shadowing: Dr. Andrew Cole, MD Physiatrist (August-October 2024). Dr. Jusith Amparo, DO General Surgeon (August-December 2023). Dr. Rex Fouch, MD Anesthesiologist (August 2023)

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Learning to enjoy learning through research, my classes, and amazing professors!

Plans after Graduation

Continue to apply to medical schools focused on serving Michigan communities.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Partners in Health Engage Club and getting to travel to Washington D.C. to meet staffers that represent different members of congress to discuss global health actions was most memorable.



Aidan MacDonald

Major: *Supply Chain Management*

Leadership Activities

Vice President of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity

Activities and Awards

Outstanding Vice President Award 2023 out of all national Pi Kappa Phi fraternities

Internship/Practicum Experience

Two years as a Ford Motor Company intern working in operations and purchasing teams. Received a job offer for post-graduation.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Branching out and meeting all these amazing people has been my biggest accomplishment. The relationships I've built mean more than any academic success I've ever had.

Plans after Graduation

Will be joining Ford's College Graduate program in June and will be working in a purchasing role for the company.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Locking down my post-graduation job was very significant. I poured a lot of time into the job search, connecting with people in the company, and delivering on intern projects for two summers. It was a lot of work but having it pay off has been a big success of mine.



Bryson Marinich

Major: *Biomedical Sciences*

Research and Presentations

Bryson assisted Dr. Liu with molecular biology research on the DUSP-8 protein consisting of purification of plasmids from bacterial cultures and cell culturing and splitting.

Bryson presented at Student Scholars Day on the topic: Identifying Key Amino Acids within DUSP8 Protein that Determine its Activity.

Leadership Activities

Bryson is a member of the Pre-Med club at GVSU, served as a Teacher's Aide for the live, learn, lead honors course, and is an in-game leader for his E-Sports team.

Activities and Awards

Bryson received the Early Middle College Academic Excellence Award, was a recipient of the Lakeview Foundation Healthcare Scholarship and the GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship and was a GVSU Dean's List Honoree in 2024 & 2025, both of his years attending GVSU.

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Bryson completed the Shadow Doctors in Italy program last summer shadowing and studying at the National Institute for the Study and Treatment of Tumors "Giovanni Pascale Foundation" in Naples, Italy.

Internship/Practicum Experience

Bryson worked as a Clinical Assistant for 400 hours serving and working alongside primary and specialty care providers in SWMI. Bryson shadowed Dr. Robert Nicholson IV, head of Kalamazoo Anesthesiology in the Bronson Operating Room assisting with several surgeries including a rare case of newborns with Mermaid Syndrome.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Bryson's greatest accomplishment while at GVSU is getting early assurance medical school interviews at MSU, CMU, and Wayne State University.

Plans after Graduation

Bryson is applying to medical school and plans to work as a surgical technician or medical assistant during his gap year before starting med school in the fall of 2026.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Bryson's most significant experience was shadowing doctors in Italy. Time was spent in a cancer research lab and in the operating room. This broadened his perspective on global medicine and culture. He also learned how to make an authentic margherita pizza from an Italian chef!



Rachel Maude

Major: *Allied Health Sciences with a minor in Psychology*

Research and Presentations

I researched *Candida albicans*, a yeast-like fungus that is a common human pathogen.

We researched the growth of this fungus using different titrations and strains of *Candida* by injecting larvae.

Leadership Activities

Executive board of GVSU Stars for Make-A-Wish as the Volunteer/Event coordinator. My main goal was planning volunteer and fundraising events for our club!

BMS 309 Cadaver Lab Teaching Assistant and tutor

Activities and Awards

Dean's list

MomsBloom Postpartum Volunteer

MomsBloom Volunteer of the Month

Volunteer with Mary Free Bed Rehab Hospital

Member of Pre- Physician Assistant Club

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Studied abroad with "Doctors in Italy" in Rome, Italy for 5 weeks. I got to explore multiple different countries in Italy while also getting to see a variety of different surgical procedures in one of the top teaching hospitals in the country. Best experience ever.

Internship/Practicum Experience

Shadowed multiple different Physician Assistants in a variety of different medical settings

Work in the emergency department at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I am grateful for the volunteering and community outreach I got to be a part of. Being in Make-A-Wish for four years allowed me to meet so many amazing people and work together to help an amazing cause by raising over \$12,000 since joining the club!

Plans after Graduation

I am going to be applying to Grand Valley's Accelerated Nursing Program to get my Bachelors of Science in Nursing. Throughout the summer, I am going to continue to work in the Emergency Department at Helen DeVos in hopes of continuing my medical career there.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Studying abroad was hands down the most memorable moment for me. It taught me so much about myself, different cultures, our beautiful world, and a perspective on medicine I have never seen before.



Madelyn Maurer

Major: *Cell and Molecular Biology with a minor in Chemistry*

Research and Presentations

Research: Evaluating the Effects of Cholesterol on Breast Cancer (GVSU), FBXW7 and Its Interacting Partners in Endometrial Cancer (WSU), Investigating the Role of ETC Complexes in Muscle Differentiation (VAI), Serotonin and Its Effects on the Chronic Stress Response in Crayfish Following Nonylphenol Exposure (GVSU)

Presentations: WMRUGS, NCUR, SSD, MARTS

Leadership Activities

Site Leader for GVSU Alternative Breaks

Activities and Awards

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, P. Douglas Kindschi Undergraduate Research Fellowship in the Sciences

Internship/Practicum Experience

Completed internships at Van Andel Institute (studying the effect of electron transport chain complex inhibition on muscle differentiation) and Wayne State University/Karmanos Cancer Institute (investigating the tumor suppressor gene FBXW7 in endometrial cancer)

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Being involved in 5 unique research projects covering metabolism, cancer biology, and neurobiology across 3 different institutions.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to pursue a PhD in translational cancer biology.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Presenting my research titled "Effect of Cholesterol on Viability and Proliferation of Breast and Endometrial Cancer Cells" at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Celia McClure-Sikkema

Major: *Social Work with a minor in Psychology*

Research and Presentations

Conducted several research-based Open Door Discussions placing an intersectional lens over the interactions between the 2SLGBT+ community, self-love, social justice, and capitalism.

Leadership Activities

Facilitator of General Queer Alliance
Lead Research Consultant at Knowledge Market

Activities and Awards

Dean's List
GVSU Johnson Leadership Scholarship

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Vietnam 2023 GVSU History trip :)

Internship/Practicum Experience

Interned at Region 4 Offender Success Reentry Services in the Grand Rapids Parole Office during senior year

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest privilege at GV was the opportunity to be shaped and educated by friends, professors, and employers alike. I have learned intimately what it is to listen, make myself heard, and honor my boundaries while giving back to my community.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to spend a year working in my field before applying for graduate schools in pursuit of my master's in social work.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Working and growing at the Milton E. Ford LGBT Resource Center.



Kyle McKee

Major: *Statistics and Mathematics*

Research and Presentations

Comparing two epidemiological models: Applications to Mpx
Guessing games to determine 1 of several secret numbers
Cyclic Rhythms of Acidification and Deoxygenation in a Freshwater Estuary of The Laurentian Great Lakes: A Decadal Scale Analysis

Leadership Activities

Campus Cleanup Crew - Financial Officer
GVSU Run Club - Distance Coordinator
Honors Mentor
SLA Facilitator - STA 215

Activities and Awards

Department Senior Award, Mathematics Dept. GVSU
Excellence in Discipline Award, Statistics Dept. GVSU
Best Insight, GVSU DataFest 2024
Math Department Scholar, GVSU
Collegiality Award, GVSU DataFest 2023
Dean's List, GVSU
Statistics Tutor, GVSU drop-in center
Gertrude Cox Fellowship - NC State University

Study Abroad/Away Experience

CEA Summer 2024 Study Abroad Experience - Prague, Czechia

Internship/Practicum Experience

Annis Water Resources Institute - Undergraduate Research Intern
DataFest (2023-2025)
MTH 496 Senior Thesis - Guessing games to determine 1 of several secret numbers

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Helping students understand statistics better in the statistics tutoring center.

Plans after Graduation

Statistics PhD - North Carolina State University.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Proving our guessing game strategy was an optimal way to "win" our game in my mathematics senior thesis.



Jessica McKeever

Major: *Marketing and Information Systems Management with a minor in Psychology*

Leadership Activities

Honors College Teaching Assistant - Fall 2023

Activities and Awards

Participation in Dance Troupe of GVSU (8 semesters)

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Rome, Italy - Winter 2024, John Cabot University

Internship/Practicum Experience

Marketing Intern at TechSmith Corporation, East Lansing, MI,

Intern at Barry County Commission on Aging (Marketing/Project Planning)

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Participating in multiple club sports / completing a dual degree.

Plans after Graduation

Working in Marketing at TechSmith.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Foreign study.



Erin McLean

Major: *Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Psychology*

Research and Presentations

MS3 grant for research project determining the role of ERK1/2 in the development of diabetic cardiomyopathy

Poster presentation at WMRUGS conference

Oral Presentation at the Michigan Physiological Society Research Conference

Student Scholars Day Poster Presentations (2023 and 2024)

Research Publication in the Frontiers of Bioscience Landmark Journal

Leadership Activities

Current President of the GVSU American Red Cross Club (I have held other executive board positions)

Head of PR of Alzheimer's Awareness Club

Pre-Med Mentor and making an informational Pre-Med Podcast

Activities and Awards

Patient Care Tech at U of M Health-West Hospital

Compassion in Action volunteer at Corewell Health Blodgett Hospital

Caring for Community Student Life Award as part of the Alzheimer's Awareness Club

Tutor at the Tutoring and Reading Center

Member of the Pre-Med Club

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My undergraduate research was published in a journal, and I was listed as first author on it!

Plans after Graduation

I am taking a gap year before starting Medical School to become a doctor. I am unsure what specialty I want to go into but am interested in a lot of different areas of medicine.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Being a part of the American Red Cross Club has given me the opportunity to give back to the community through volunteering and organizing blood drives. It has also developed my leadership and communication skills immensely.



Lexie Medford

Major: *Psychology with a minor in Sociology*

Research and Presentations

Research assistant for my professor and mentor, Laurel Westbrook

Leadership Activities

Fellow Candidate, Cook Leadership Academy

Activities and Awards

Peer Educator, University Counseling Center

Psi Chi member

Dean's List

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Developing and cultivating a lifelong learning mindset with the help of all my wonderful professors and peers!

Plans after Graduation

I am taking a gap year to fully decide which grad program to attend and to get more hands-on and diverse experience in my field.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The Cook Leadership Academy has been most impactful to me! It has facilitated immense self-growth and discovery by providing me with mentorship, support, like-minded community, hands-on learning and experience, and space for self-reflection. I am incredibly grateful for my time in the CLA!



Victoria Miller

Major: *General Management*

Research and Presentations

Presented VR Horizon workrooms to the Seidman board of advisors.

Leadership Activities

President of the Irish dance club
Seidman Peer Mentor

Internship/Practicum Experience

John Ball Hospitality intern with the rentals department.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Hosting 2 Irish dance showcases

Plans after Graduation

Hospitality Intern in the rentals department of John Ball Zoo

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Hosting 2 Irish dance showcases



Ella Miller

Major: *Environmental & Sustainability Studies and French*

Leadership Activities

International Student Orientation Leader
French Tutor

Activities and Awards

Excellence in a Discipline Award in French
Outstanding Academic Achievement in Environmental and Sustainability Studies
Outstanding Student Award in French
Barbara H. Padnos Scholar
Student Environmental Coalition

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Studied abroad in Aix-en-Provence, France during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Internship/Practicum Experience

Sustainable Agriculture Project Intern

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley was the connections I made with other students, faculty, and staff!

Plans after Graduation

I plan to teach English in France through the TAPIF program for the 2025-2026 school year. After that, I hope to go to graduate school for environmental policy.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most significant and memorable part of my time at Grand Valley was my study abroad experience.



Abigail Miller

Major: *Chemistry*

Research and Presentations

GVSU Student Scholars Day 2025

41st Michigan Undergraduate Computational Chemistry Consortium Conference

American Chemical Society Fall Meeting 2024

Argonne National Lab Learning On the Lawn 2024

West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science Research Conference

American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2022

7th Geological Society of Trinidad and Tobago Conference

Leadership Activities

Tutor at the Chemistry Success Center

President of Chemistry Club

Activities and Awards

Excellence-in-a-Discipline Award in Chemistry

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award

ACS Analytical Division Undergraduate Award

ACS Physical Chemistry Division Undergraduate Award

GVSU RISE National Science Foundation S-STEM Scholar

GVSU Goldwater Nominee

Summa cum laude

Internship/Practicum Experience

Department of Energy Summer Undergraduate Laboratory Intern at Argonne National Lab.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Receiving the Excellence-in-a-Discipline Award in Chemistry and Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award.

Plans after Graduation

I will be attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to pursue a PhD in Chemistry.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Participating in research within computational chemistry and finding my passion for my future career.



Elise Moore

Major: *Integrative Studies with a minor in Studio Art*

Research and Presentations

Completed a thesis project concerning the role of artmaking in counterculture movements over time

Activities and Awards

Frequent attendee of the General Queer Alliance club at the Milton E. Ford LGBT Resource center.

Designed, produced and disseminated a publication featuring a series of interviews with local artists

Internship/Practicum Experience

Curatorial and Preparatory Internship with the GVSU Art Museum Department

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Learned to pull a successful screenprint - occasionally more than one.



Ashley Moubray

Major: *Advertising & Public Relations*

Leadership Activities

Vice President of Public Relations - Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) 2024-2025

Activities and Awards

Dean's List, all semesters

MSU Global Public Relations Conference

Internship/Practicum Experience

Global Investor Relations & Corporate Communications Intern - Perrigo Co.
Communications and Writing Intern - GVSU Development

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment here at Grand Valley has been serving as PRSSA's VP of Public Relations.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to move in with my sister downtown and get a job at an agency working in public relations or communications.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Definitely being a part of PRSSA! I've been able to grow my professional network and make so many new friends.



Logan Nommensen

Major: *Computer Science and Cybersecurity*

Research and Presentations

Computer Science Capstone: YouthCenter Mobile Application

Cybersecurity Capstone: Microsoft Purview Organizational Data Classification

HAT Club: Common Hacking Tools & Techniques

HAT Club: A Glimpse Into the Life of a Black-Hat Hacker

HAT Club: Malware Analysis and Creation

HAT Club: Intro to Car Hacking

Leadership Activities

President of Hackers Analyzing Threats Club (2024-2025)

Membership Officer of Computing Club (2024-2025)

Founder and President of Lettuce Club (2021-2024)

Activities and Awards

Excellence-in-a-Discipline Award in Cybersecurity (2024)

Dean's List (all semesters)

Member of the Hackers Analyzing Threats Club (2021-2025), Computing Club (2021-2025), Lettuce Club (2021-2024)

Member of the Laker Marching Band (2021-2024), Pep Band, Concert Band, Wind Symphony, Symphony Orchestra

Internship/Practicum Experience

Completing a Software Engineering Internship at Argonne National Laboratory since May 2024

Completed a Connectivity Solutions Support Internship at Applied Innovation from May 2023 to August 2023

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I am graduating in four years with dual majors, while top of the department in Cybersecurity, and only adding the Computer Science major in my final year

Plans after Graduation

I plan to continue working in software engineering and later transition to a security engineering role.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My most significant memories are with my peers in the Hackers Analyzing Threats Club and Computing Club, and in the several musical ensembles I have performed in, especially the Laker Marching Band.



Carson Noyes

Major: *Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Chemistry*

Research and Presentations

Research on Candida species, presented at Student Summer Scholars Showcase, Student Scholars Day, Michigan Association of Microbiology, and West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science Research Conference

Leadership Activities

Pre-Med chair on Mu Epsilon Delta

Activities and Awards

Volunteered at Allegan County Animal Shelter
Volunteered at Exodus Place

Internship/Practicum Experience

Psych Tech at PineRest

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Accepted to Homer-Stryker School of Medicine.

Plans after Graduation

Getting an MD at Homer-Stryker school of Medicine and becoming an emergency physician.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Getting accepted to Homer-Stryker School of Medicine.



Jeremiah O'Connor

Major: *Exercise Science*

Leadership Activities

Vice President of Fellowship for Alpha Phi Omega

Internship/Practicum Experience

Internship at Hulst Jepsen Physical Therapy

Plans after Graduation

Attend Physical Therapy school at Grand Valley State University.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Receiving my internship at Hulst Jepsen and gaining the experience in the Physical Therapy world from it.



Julia Osmun

Major: *Statistics and Mathematics*

Research and Presentations

Muskegon Area Transit Survey

Guessing games to determine 1 of several secret numbers

Leadership Activities

President of Mathematics & Statistics Club

Treasurer of Book Club

Activities and Awards

Thompson Scholar

Rise Scholar

DataFest 2024 Best Insight Award

DataFest 2025 Collegiality Award

DataFest 2025 Best Use of External Data Award

Department Award in Mathematics

Internship/Practicum Experience

Data Analyst Internship at Amway

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

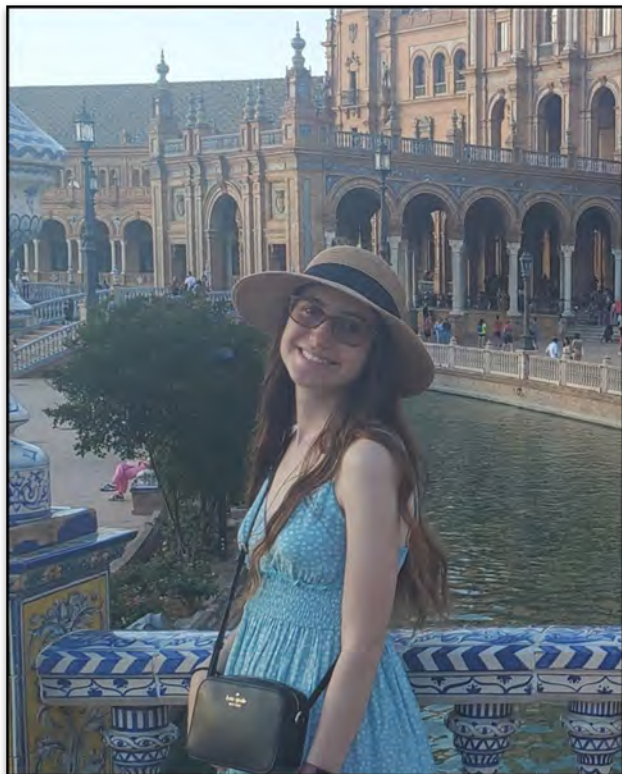
Getting accepted into graduate school.

Plans after Graduation

Pursue PhD in Statistics at Michigan State University

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Participating in DataFest each year.



Nicolette Owen

Major: *Biochemistry and Green Chemistry with a minor in Spanish*

Research and Presentations

GVSU Student Scholars Day 2024 & 2025 and American Chemical Society Spring Meeting 2025

Leadership Activities

La Tertulia - Spanish Club Event Planner and 3-Year President

Tutor at the Chemistry Success Center

Activities and Awards

ACS Analytical Division Undergraduate Award

GVSU Green Chemistry Award

Collaboration in Planning Student Life Award

Phi Kappa Phi Freshman Honoree

Summa cum laude

4-Year Laker Marching Band Member

Chemistry Club Member

Study Abroad/Away Experience

6-Week Spanish Language and Culture Program in Seville, Spain

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Presenting at a national chemistry conference after conducting research for 2 years

Plans after Graduation

I will attend the University of Maryland to pursue a PhD in organic chemistry.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Studying abroad in Spain after learning Spanish for 7 years



Samuel Owen

Major: *Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Chemistry*

Research and Presentations

Worked as a Research Assistant for 3.5 years under Dr. Christopher Lawrence on modeling molten lithium carbonate for the purpose of pollution scrubbing.

Presented at the Midwest Undergraduate Computational Chemistry Consortium Conference.

Presented at Student Scholar's Day.

Leadership Activities

I was a Resident Assistant for 3 years, 2 of which I was a mentor RA for new hires on my staff and in my community.

I was a Teaching Assistant for HNR 201 Live. Learn. Lead.

Activities and Awards

I have been a member of the Dean's List each semester and won the "I am Grand Valley" award twice. I participated in intramural sports and became a member of GV's rock-climbing Mile High Club. I worked part-time at a local veterinary clinic for the last 2 years.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I was accepted into a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine program on my first attempt. Approximately 10% of students who apply to veterinary school are accepted in a given application cycle.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to attend the University of Illinois' College of Veterinary Medicine this fall to earn my Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine degree.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My time working as a Resident Assistant has been the most memorable to me. I have had the opportunity to meet lots of fellow students and peers and help many of them find their path while at Grand Valley.



Gabriella Palombo

Major: *Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Chemistry*

Research and Presentations

Conducted research for Dr. Herrington and Dr. Sweeder's project, which aimed to assess the instructional quality of the most frequently watched chemistry videos on YouTube. The findings were presented at the American Chemical Society Spring 2025 Conference in San Diego and at Student Scholars Day at GVSU.

Leadership Activities

Vice President for the American Red Cross Club, Secretary for the Helping Hands Club, Peer Mentor for Mu Epsilon Delta, Young PI's Summer Scholar Program Mentor, Tutoring and Reading Center Peer Mentor, HNR 201 TA, BIO 355 (Human Genetics) TA

Activities and Awards

Activities: Pre-Med Club, Mu Epsilon Delta, Helping Hands Club, American Red Cross Club, Certified Tutoring and Reading Center Tutor, Michigan ENT and Allergy Medical Assistant, Butterworth Hospital Nurse, Technician

Volunteering: Gilda's Club, Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, Oasis of Hope

Awards: General Chemistry Award, Top Tutor Award, Phi Kappa Phi Honoree

Internship/Practicum Experience

Interned at the Kent County Health Department's Center for Community Health Strategy to develop health education materials for Kent County residents who come from diverse backgrounds in the hopes of improving health outcomes in underserved communities.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley has been conducting research with Dr. Pentecost to identify the topics that introductory chemistry students commonly struggle with and using those insights to create supplemental resources aimed at improving their academic performance.

Plans after Graduation

I will be applying to medical school in June and taking a gap year to gain additional clinical experience with the goal of becoming a physician.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most memorable activity has been serving as a Tutoring and Reading Center appointment tutor for the past three years. During this time, I have had the opportunity to work with hundreds of students, supporting my peers in their journey toward careers in medicine.



Abigail Pawloski

Major: *Accounting and Finance*

Research and Presentations

I completed my senior project on the Implementation of AI in Accounting and Auditing. This was a research paper detailing the benefits and risks associated with the use of AI in this field, well as explored ways to mitigate those risks.

Activities and Awards

Member of Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honors Society

Dean's List Recipient every semester

Doug and Shirley VanDyke Accounting Scholarship Recipient

Internship/Practicum Experience

Accounting internship at Metal Components LLC

Tax Intern at Baker Holtz CPAs

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at Grand Valley was managing school, work, and extracurricular activities to the best of my ability.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation I plan to continue to work at Baker Holtz and obtain my CPA license.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My internships were the most significant to me and gave me many valuable experiences and connections.



Joeshph Pietrogallo

Major: *Natural Resources Management with a minor in Environmental and Sustainability Studies*

Leadership Activities

President of Vertical Earth (GVSU rock climbing club)

Vice President of Soil Judging Club

Activities and Awards

Excellence in a Discipline Award - NRM 2025

Sustainability Champion Award 2025

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I created a Rope Upcycling Event hosted by Vertical Earth where people can take old climbing ropes and turn them into something new.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to join the workforce..

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My time in Vertical Earth has been the most memorable.



Cassandra Platte

Major: *Nursing*

Research and Presentations

Honors final project, focusing on Alzheimer's

Leadership Activities

Co-chair of legislative committee for SNA

Activities and Awards

Student Nursing Association

Internship/Practicum Experience

Mary Free Bed nursing externship

Trinity health oncology leadership

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Getting my nursing degree in 4 years and making a lifetime of memories. Meeting so many people.

Plans after Graduation

I plan on working on a post-surgical unit and plan on getting my master's in nursing.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Getting in the nursing program and completing 160 hours of my nursing leadership on oncology floor being night shift.



Brianna Potter

Major: *Medical Laboratory Science*

Research and Presentations

SSD presentation about patient health literacy levels and the impact on patient health outcomes

Leadership Activities

Volunteer Coordinator for GVSU Swim Club in 2022-2023

Internship/Practicum Experience

Clinical rotations at Butterworth and Zeeland hospital labs for MLS degree

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at GV is getting through my program. There were a lot of moments that were really difficult, but I was able to push through and make it to the clinical portion.

Plans after Graduation

Job lined up as part of the medical technologist southern float pool between Zeeland and Pennock hospital labs.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My clinical experience was the most memorable. I had a fantastic time learning how to function as a part of a laboratory team and I'm excited to start my career in the lab.



Mallory Price

Major: *Mathematics*

Research and Presentations

Edge Covers of Modified Path and Cycle Graphs

Edge Cover Polynomials

Distinguishing Index of Mycielskian Graphs

Classification of Seven-Dimensional Solvable Lie Algebras

Joint Math Meetings (San Francisco, CA)

Nebraska Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics (Lincoln, Nebraska)

Dayton Undergraduate Mathematics Day (Dayton, Ohio)

GVSU Student Scholars Day

GVSU Summer Scholars Showcase

MSU Mid-Michigan Symposium for Undergraduate Research

Leadership Activities

Applied Math Club Financial Officer (Fall 2023 - Winter 2025)

Independent Study Research Assistant

Grader for Calculus II

Activities and Awards

P. Douglas Kindschi Undergraduate Research Fellowship in the Sciences

Dean's List (Fall 2021 - Winter 2025)

American Mathematical Society Membership

Association for Women in Mathematics Membership

Pi Mu Epsilon Membership

Internship/Practicum Experience

Data Analysis for the Kent District Library (MTH 498 Senior Capstone)

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at Grand Valley is my research and being able to present it at conferences in San Francisco CA, Lincoln NE, Dayton OH, Michigan State University, and Eastern Michigan University as well as a few events at GVSU.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to explore different careers in math through internships to see which career path works best for me.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My most memorable experience was traveling to the Joint Math Meetings in San Francisco, CA and having the opportunity to give two talks and a poster presentation at the conference.



Ash Pugh

Major: *Exercise Science*

Leadership Activities

RA on campus
Site Leader for Alternative Breaks
Honors Mentor
Campus Tour guide
Reading tutor for K12 Connect

Activities and Awards

Climbed a mile in a semester at the GVSU climbing center
GVSU Triathlon Club member
GVSU Mediation and Mindfulness Club member
GVSU Boxing Club member

Internship/Practicum Experience

Fieldwork at Corewell Cardiac Rehabilitation Center
Internship at Coachman Strength and Conditioning

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at Grand Valley was the variety of experiences that I took part in. I feel that I fully took advantage of every opportunity presented to me and thoroughly enjoyed challenging myself to learn a variety of new skills and forming connections with others.

Plans after Graduation

Attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison for Physical Therapy.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Some of my most memorable experiences at GVSU were through Alternative Breaks. I went on three different trips, each trip allowing me to learn more about myself, how to volunteer sustainably, and allowing me to grow my sense of community at GV by forming connections with passionate people like me.



Lia Quatro

Major: *Biology with a minor in Psychology*

Research and Presentations

Modified Student Summer Scholar and 2 semesters

The essential role of the Pkn gene in *Drosophila melanogaster*: insights into developmental defects and wing morphology

Presented at Summer showcase, SSD, National *Drosophila* Conference, and WMRUGS

Internship/Practicum Experience

Corewell Medical Genetics- Pre Genetic Counseling Intern

Leadership Activities

Genetic Counseling Org president

Panhellenic VP of Philanthropy and Service

Tri Sigma Philanthropic Initiatives Manager

Tri Sigma Panhellenic delegate

Order of Omega Secretary

Activities and Awards

Volunteering

Children's Healing Center LTU volunteer

Ele's Place Bereavement Facilitator

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Getting to travel to the National *Drosophila* Conference to present my research!

Plans after Graduation

To attend a genetic counseling program!

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most memorable was serving on the Panhellenic executive board as the VP of philanthropy and service.



Reese Riera

Major: *Psychology*

Activities and Awards

IM soccer

GV Stage

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Psychology program in Northern Ireland

Internship/Practicum Experience

Mental Health Worker at Forest View Hospital

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at GVSU was learning so much about myself and the world around me.

Plans after Graduation

I plan on getting my MSW at the University of Denver!

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most memorable experience at GVSU was simply getting to be myself and make silly memories with all of the amazing people I met here.



Melania Rocha

Major: *Accounting*

Research and Presentations

Project: An Evaluation of the Earned Income Tax Credits Effectiveness in Reducing Poverty

Student Presenter at 2024 MKN Heartland McNair Research Conference, September 2024

Student Presenter at 2025 Southern Academy of Legal Studies in Business (SALSB) Annual Conference, February 2025

Leadership Activities

Student Leadership Conference Kansas City, September 2024

Activities and Awards

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Scholar
Laker Marching Band, Color Guard Member

Internship/Practicum Experience

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), Tax Preparer

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Completed an Undergraduate research experience.

Attended NABA Insight Flow Convention & Expo.

Participated in 2 tax seasons, helping underserved community members by preparing tax returns for free as part of VITA.

Plans after Graduation

I am taking a gap year and will apply to graduate school in the fall.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Completed an Undergraduate research experience.



Lilliana Rozycki

Major: *Cardiovascular Sonography*

Research and Presentations

Capstone case study presentation for the cardiovascular sonography community

Applied Ultrasound Physics Research: Alternative Ultrasound Gel Options for Rural Settings

Leadership Activities

Structured Learning Assistance (SLA) Facilitator for BMS 250

Honors Mentor

Activities and Awards

Tutor for GVSU Tutoring Center, GVSU K12 Connect, and Biology Drop-In Center

GV Award for Excellence

Phi Kappa Phi Freshman Honoree

Dean's list

Internship/Practicum Experience

Adult echocardiography clinicals at Corewell, Beacon, and Trinity Health locations

Pediatric echocardiography clinicals at Helen Devos Children's Hospital and Ann and Robert H. Lurie's Children's Hospital in Chicago

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley was being accepted into the Cardiovascular Sonography program. The program is very competitive and has a low acceptance rate, so I was extremely proud of myself when I got in!

Plans after Graduation

I plan to work at a Helen Devos Children's Hospital after graduation as a registered diagnostic cardiac sonographer.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My most memorable experience at GVSU was when I was an SLA facilitator for BMS 250. I loved anatomy and physiology when I first took the class, and I was so grateful I had the opportunity to help teach it to others. It unlocked a passion for teaching in me.



Blake Schaff

Major: *Computer Information Systems with a minor in Business General*

Research and Presentations

Innovation Day 2025 - Community Food Club Website Improvement

Leadership Activities

Team lead for capstone project - Winter 25

Activities and Awards

Dean's List - Fall 21 through Fall 24

Internship/Practicum Experience

IT Audit Intern - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Keeping a high GPA while doing extracurricular activities and gaining work experience.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation I plan to enter the workforce as a systems analyst or database analyst.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Working with Community Food Club to update their systems and allow them to better serve their members.



Emily Seburn

Major: *Cell and Molecular Biology*

Research and Presentations

Deletion of Two Regions of the Light-Response BTB Gene in *Arabidopsis thaliana*" (GVSU Department of Cell and Molecular Biology, Dr. Christians' lab, poster presentation)
Protective Function and Nuclear Localization of Human Arsenite Methyltransferase" (Van Andel Institute Department of Epigenetics, Fondufe-Mittendorf Lab, Oral and Poster Presentations)

Leadership Activities

Membership officer of Dungeons and Dragons Club

President of Dungeons and Dragons Club

Teaching Assistant for HNR 350 "Medical Controversies" with Dr. Fitzpatrick

Activities and Awards

GVSU Department of Cell and Molecular Biology 2023 Outstanding CMB Student Award

GVSU Department of Cell and Molecular Biology 2024 Outstanding CMB Student Award

GVSU Department of Cell and Molecular Biology 2025 Outstanding CMB Student Award

GVSU Department of Cell and Molecular Biology 2025 Excellence in a Discipline Award

Internship/Practicum Experience

Van Andel Institute Undergraduate Student Intern June-August 2024

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment from my time at Grand Valley is the research I performed in Dr. Christians' Lab. We were studying a light-response protein called LRB, and I created multiple plant constructs lacking a region of the LRB gene. These constructs will be used for research for years to come.

Plans after Graduation

In the fall, I will be starting my PhD in biomedical sciences at Loyola University Chicago.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

One of my most memorable experiences was the research presentation I gave at the conclusion of my internship at the Van Andel Institute. It was my first time giving a talk instead of a poster presentation and helped me grow as a scientist in both skill and confidence.



Amanda Skarda

Major: *Nursing*

Research and Presentations

Nursing capstone presentation on prevention of smoking and vaping in Grand Rapids Public Schools

Honors capstone research review on prevention of medication errors in hospital systems

Leadership Activities

Mission trip to do public health aid in Florida; administered Narcan and conducted the national census for homeless populations

Mission trip to help Navajo/Lakota tribes in New Mexico; integrated into their culture/community in order to teach students

Volunteer at a Therapeutic Equestrian Center; did physical therapy exercises with kids who have disabilities

Activities and Awards

Ski and snowboard racer on GVSU's team; raced all 4 years

Student Nurses Association club

Internship/Practicum Experience

Leadership rotation of 160 hours at Blodgett Hospital. This was an individual clinical experience that was only me and a preceptor.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Traveled with one other individual to 19 countries and nearly all 50 states within the last 4 years of being at Grand Valley.

Plans after Graduation

I will work full time as a nurse, either on the labor and delivery floor at Butterworth or the Med-Surgical unit (1E) at Blodgett Hospital. Interviews are still underway, so exact placement is TBD.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Traveling to 19 countries and nearly all 50 states throughout the last 4 years while at GVSU



Trinity Skowronek

Major: *Journalism, Broadcast & Digital Media with a minor in Advertising & Public Relations*

Research and Presentations

Public Relations Campaign for Littlefoot Coffee Roasters

Activities and Awards

Robert Nelson Foundation Award

General Semantics Award

Internship/Practicum Experience

Marketing Intern at The Rockford Pump House, Marketing and Communications Intern at Unknown Nations, and Brand Specialist at WLSX Radio.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Networking my way into Unknown Nations and the work that I do for them.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to continue working at Unknown Nations in the marketing and communications team.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Either the Robert Nelson Foundation Award or the internship at Unknown Nations



Julia Smolinski

Major: *International Relations with a minor in Japanese*

Research and Presentations

Peter C. Cook Leadership Academy Leader Lab - 3/14/25

Leadership Activities

Clarinet Section Leader, GVSU Symphony Orchestra and Wind Symphony

Lead Fellow, Peter C. Cook Leadership Academy

Activities and Awards

Excellence-in-a-Discipline Award for International Relations (2024)

Presidential Scholarship

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Japan Center for Michigan Universities Summer Language Intensive (Summer 2023)

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Achieving the Excellence-in-a-Discipline Award for International Relations while also majoring in Instrumental Music and minoring in Japanese.

Plans after Graduation

Enter the workforce for several years and then seek a post-undergraduate degree

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Studying abroad with the Japan Center for Michigan Universities.



Zachary Sommerdyke

Major: *Psychology*

Leadership Activities

I was a TA for a section of Honors 201 and was responsible for leading group discussions, assisting students in organizing group projects and updating Blackboard as needed.

Activities and Awards

University Band

Wordsmiths

Laker Esports

Psi Chi

Internship/Practicum Experience

I was a part of the PCOM team for an internship at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services. Our team provided screening and testing for perspective autistic and ADHD patients.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley is that despite entering an environment with Covid restrictions as a freshman, I was able to develop the social/school/life balance I wanted while in college and also learning what my future will be for both my continuing education and career.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I will be taking a gap year while continuing to work at Pine Rest, then pursuing a Psy.D degree in counseling.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

What is most significant or memorable to me for my time at Grand Valley is the social aspect. I learned more about myself from a number of perspectives and experiences, which helped me determine who I am and what I want to be.



Alexis Stegeman

Major: *Cardiovascular Sonography*

Research and Presentations

Physics Research Project for Ultrasound Gel Alternatives

Capstone Case Study on Impella Devices

Case Study Paper on Bicuspid Aortic Stenosis

Leadership Activities

President of GVSU Cardiovascular Sonography Student Organization

Member of the GVSU Pre-Radiological and Imaging Sciences Student Organization

Activities and Awards

Dean's List for four semesters: Fall 2022, Winter 2023, Spring/Summer 2024, and Fall 2024.

Internship/Practicum Experience

Cardiovascular Sonography Extern at Trinity Health Muskegon Hospital

Cardiovascular Sonography Intern at all the following: Bronson South Haven Hospital, Trinity Health Muskegon Hospital, Corewell Health Vascular Surgeons Office Grand Rapids

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment would be getting accepted on the first try of applying to the highly competitive GVSU Cardiovascular Sonography program as an incoming transfer student from a community college.

Plans after Graduation

I will be working as a Cardiovascular Sonography at Trinity Health Hospital.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Getting accepted into the highly competitive Grand Valley Cardiovascular Sonography Program.



Madelyn Stembol

Major: *Political Science with a minor in Anthropology*

Research and Presentations

Student Scholars Day 2025 Oral Presentation: The "Man Bites Dog Case of Canada's Immigration System."

Leadership Activities

Cook Leadership Academy

Steering Committee Member of Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Five-week study abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Internship/Practicum Experience

Semester-long internship as a Research Intern for the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies in Washington DC.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley was the personal growth that I experienced. I have transformed into a more active, knowledgeable, and capable member of society. All my experiences have been formative, but the achievement that I'm most proud of is completing this transformational journey and finishing my degree.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I intend to explore entry level positions in research and advocacy, and work for a while before continuing my education in grad school. I would like to pursue a Masters of Migration and Refugee Studies, and work in immigration policy and research.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

For me, the most significant experience was studying abroad. Spending time in Buenos Aires shaped how I view my own country, and the world broadly. It was memorable because it made me a much more aware global citizen, not to mention the fun activities, new friends, and amazing experiences.



Matthew Streeter

Major: *Economics and Statistics*

Leadership Activities

Economics Club, Promotions Officer

Activities and Awards

Student athlete on cross country and track teams for 3 years

Excellence in a Discipline Award Recipient, Economics

Internship/Practicum Experience

Business Intelligence & Research Intern, The Right Place

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Earning the Excellence-in-a-Discipline award in Economics.

Plans after Graduation

Work in the business intelligence field in the Greater Grand Rapids area.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Completing my internship at The Right Place was my most significant GVSU experience. I was able to apply my coursework to projects that encouraged economic development in the Greater Grand Rapids area.



Evan Surman

Major: *Biomedical Sciences*

Research and Presentations

Research on the Biocompatibility of Molybdenum for Biodegradable Cardiovascular Applications, with Maria Kwesiga, M.D., PhD.

Leadership Activities

Volunteer at Meals on Wheels and Corewell Health.

Activities and Awards

Dean's List

Internship/Practicum Experience

Research

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Working clinically at assisted-care homes.

Plans after Graduation

I will be taking a gap year and then going to medical school in the Fall of 2026

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Working clinically.



William Sygrove

Major: *Environmental and Sustainability Studies with a minor in Geospatial Technology*

Research and Presentations

ENS Showcase Winter 2024 and 2025

Research paper on Microplastics and their effects on humans and the environment

Research paper on Geoengineering-A Future solution for Climate Change

Beaver Island: Below the Surface

Leadership Activities

Group Project leadership- ENS

Activities and Awards

ENS academic achievement award

Dean's List

Omicron Delta Kappa

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Study in the Netherlands ENS/GEO-Summer 2024

Beaver Island Field Trip-ENS-Summer 2023

Internship/Practicum Experience

State of Michigan EAGLE Dept.

Internship-Summer 2024

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Completing my degree in 4 years and maintaining club activities, maintaining a balanced life and stress management.

Plans after Graduation

Researching Microplastics and their impacts on environment/humans. Finding solutions for clean water/air and decreasing greenhouse gases. This may include more education. Finding a job is first on the list!

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Enjoying club activities as well as experiential learning opportunities, Beaver Island and the Netherlands GEO classes are very memorable!



Jason Tanis

Major: *Statistics with a minor in Computer Science*

Research and Presentations

Student Scholars Day 2025: "Statistical Consulting Center Report: Score-Keeping Story" (April 9th, 2025)

Leadership Activities

Campus Ministry: The Well Team (2022-2023, 2023-2024)

Activities and Awards

GVSU Statistical Consulting Center: Student Employee (Winter 2024 through Winter 2025)

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Personal and spiritual growth; serving on The Well Team for Campus Ministry
My work in the GVSU Statistical Consulting Center.

Plans after Graduation

I intend to find a job where my major is applied.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Serving with Campus Ministry as a student leader enabled me to grow in my faith, become a better leader, and establish meaningful connections with fellow GVSU students.



Illyanna Taylor

Major: *Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Business General*

Leadership Activities

Phi Mu Chapter President

National Panhellenic Council Vice President of Recruitment

Order of Omega Vice President

Internship/Practicum Experience

Cass County Community Mental Health Psychiatric Shadowing

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Getting to be involved in the Honors College and being able to TA for two semesters and assist in curriculum.

Plans after Graduation

For the next year I plan to work with Phi Mu Fraternity in consulting and growth, helping chapters around the nation, while also applying for Medical School.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Being a leader in the Greek Community has been such a rewarding experience, being trusted to lead such a large group of people in a positive way.



Kaitlin Traboulay

Major: *Allied Health Sciences and Physician Assistant Studies with a minor in Biology*

Leadership Activities

Resident Assistant

Honors 201 Teaching Assistant

Activities and Awards

Dean's List

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley would be the growth of my confidence throughout leadership opportunities provided to me by the Honors College and my RA experience.

Plans after Graduation

I plan on attending a graduate program to become a Physician Assistant, hopefully leading me to a career in orthopedics, trauma, or neurology!

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My most memorable experience at Grand Valley has been working as a Resident Assistant and getting to make an impact on the lives of new students as they begin their first year at this institution!



Sydney Tuggle

Major: *Allied Health Sciences*

Research and Presentations

Research: "Access to Healthcare and its Role in Academic Success", "The Effects of Telehealth on Rural Patients Care Outcomes", and "Balancing the Burden: Stress and Job Satisfaction Among Health Care Professionals"

Leadership Activities

Member of Mu Epsilon Delta 2022-2023

Activities and Awards

Dean's List

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Completing 3 research capstones and making the Dean's List

Plans after Graduation

I plan to continue working as a behavioral technician to further develop my clinical experience and strengthen my patient care skills, while applying to Physician Assistant school to pursue my goal of being a Healthcare provider.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Completing my independent research capstone.



Daniel Turek

Major: *Studio Art*

Leadership Activities

GVSU Laker Catholic 2023 University Apostolate Member

Bible Study Leader for GVSU Laker Catholic

Small Group Retreat Leader for GVSU Laker Catholic

Activities and Awards

GVSU Men's Club Volleyball

GVSU Laker Catholic

Dean's List all semesters

Art and Design Departmental Scholarship

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Rome, Italy Spring/Summer 2023

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Firstly, I'm most proud of becoming a more active follower of Jesus Christ. Secondly, I'm proud of just all the hard work it took to get to graduate. I worked throughout my entire time here, maintained a 3.8 GPA, and was an active member of my Church.

Plans after Graduation

I will continue to work in the Grand Rapids area as I pursue a professional career as an illustrator.



Emma Turner

Major: *Psychology with a minor in Juvenile Justice*

Research and Presentations

Research project on the effects of dance on mood

Activities and Awards

Research project on the effects of dance on mood

Internship/Practicum Experience

Worked as an in-home Applied Behavior Analysis Therapist for young children who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Choreographing multiple dances for GVDT

Plans after Graduation

Attend Oakland University in their Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduate program

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most significant thing was working as an ABA therapist.



Chloe Upton

Major: *Criminal Justice with a minor in Juvenile Justice*

Research and Presentations

Literature synthesis paper: Prison Social Climate

Leadership Activities

President of Alpha Phi sigma (Criminal Justice Honor Society) 2024-2025 Semester

Activities and Awards

Nominated for Outstanding President Award

Internship/Practicum Experience

S.A.F.E. Management (Summer 2024)

US Marshals Service (Summer 2025)

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Organizing an event called Court Room conversations. I had the opportunity to collaborate with various clubs, professors, and a panel of incredible Judges. It was an amazing networking opportunity for students and an opportunity to learn about various topics from the panel of judges.

Plans after Graduation

My dream is to work for the FBI, specifically work for the Human Trafficking unit. However, through my minor (Juvenile Justice) I have been shown various Juvenile careers through my professors that I am also interested in. I am excited for the amazing opportunities upon graduation.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Interning at the U.S Marshals was a memorable opportunity that made a significant impact on my journey. I was able to apply what I learned from Grand Valley and also had the opportunity to learn from incredible professionals about this Federal Field.



Angela Van Horn

Major: *Psychology with minors in Juvenile Justice and Spanish*

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Spring/Summer Semester of 24' in Seville, Spain

Internship/Practicum Experience

1 year internship served at Arbor Circle

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Graduating with honors.

Plans after Graduation

Attending GVSU to pursue an MSW.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Studying Abroad.



Shelby Van Lente

Major: *Psychology with a minor in Philosophy*

Research and Presentations

Senior project was centered around the privilege of combining my philosophy and psychology knowledge with something new, different, and potentially innovative utilizing the medium of video



Emily Voisinet

Major: *Accounting with a minor in International Business*

Research and Presentations

Guide Dogs for the Blind, car service experiences with Professor Velez-Ortiz.

Leadership Activities

Lead fellow for the Cook Leadership Academy, on the student advisory board of the Seidman Mentorship Program, President of Project Blue Heart.

Activities and Awards

Plante Moran Excellence in Accounting

Internship/Practicum Experience

Corewell Health, Corporate Tax Intern
Hungerford, Tax Intern.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Becoming a well-rounded person in and outside of the classroom through always following through and making meaningful connections.

Plans after Graduation

To pursue a Masters of Accounting from Grand Valley on my path to become a Certified Public Accountant.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Getting to partner with my first honors professor to perform research and return as a TA was really amazing. I was able to form a deeper connection with a former professor and help perform significant research that I hope will help those who use guide dogs.



Lillie Waldron

Major: *Biochemistry with a minor in Biology*

Research and Presentations

Chemical biology research on functional amyloids and poly-Q peptides with Dr. Laura Hawk.

Presentations at the American Chemical Society Fall 2024 meeting, the 16th Midwest Conference on Protein Folding, GVSU 2024 Summer Scholar's Showcase, and GVSU Student Scholar's Day (2023, 2024, and 2025).

Leadership Activities

Tutor at the Chemistry Success Center

Vice President and co-founder of Campus Cleanup Crew

Vice President (2024-2025) and Secretary (2023-2024) of GVSU Chemistry Club

CLAS Dean's Student Advisory Committee member

Activities and Awards

Excellence in a Discipline Award for Biochemistry

Outstanding Service Award for the Chemistry Department

MS3 Ott-Stiner Endowed Fellowship in Chemistry and Natural Sciences

Kindschi Undergraduate Research Fellowship in the Sciences

Study Abroad/Away Experience

GVSU Water in the West Program, Summer 2023

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Receiving the Excellence in a Discipline Award for Biochemistry

Plans after Graduation

Attending the University of Utah to pursue my PhD in Biological Chemistry.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My most memorable experience at GVSU was participating in the Water in the West Program.



Kali Wickenheiser

Major: *Social Work*

Leadership Activities

Executive Assistant for the Bachelor of Social Work Student Organization

Mental Health Ambassador

National Association of Social Workers: Michigan Chapter Member

Activities and Awards

Dean's List

Outstanding Educational Program Award for BSWSO's Overdose Prevention & Response Training

Mandated Reporter Training Certification

QPR Suicide Prevention Certification

Internship & Practicum Experience

Kent County Community Action

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment is maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to attend GVSU's Master of Social Work Advanced Standing Program.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My work with the BSWSO, highlighted by the Outstanding Educational Program Award for our Overdose Prevention & Response Training, showcases my dedication to the advancement of knowledge within the community. Being a mental health ambassador is also significant to me because it reduces the stigma around mental health on campus.



Chloe Woods

Major: *Criminal Justice and Psychology*

Leadership Activities

Campus Ministry @ GVSU: Program Team Leader, Intern for Well team x2, Spring Break Leader x2, Serve Team
GVPD: Lead Cadet

Internship/Practicum Experience

Berrien County Sheriff's Department Internship Spring/Summer 24-25

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Being an intern for the Well Team at Campus Ministry or becoming a lead cadet for the Pew Campus.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to work as a dispatcher for the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Being a leader and intern for Campus Ministry has been the most impactful and memorable experience. Through my experiences in this ministry, I grew exponentially in my faith. I'm grateful for the community I found with the people of Campus Ministry.



Charlotte Yeiter

Major: *Psychology with a minor in Business General*

Leadership Activities

GV Scuba Club founder and president

Study Abroad/Away Experience

Semester in Australia

Internship/Practicum Experience

Psychology practicum working at Wedgwood Christian Services.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Founding GV first scuba club!

Plans after Graduation

Moving to Hawaii to pursue a career as a dive master/dive instructor.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Studying abroad in Australia!



Sarah Zaske

Major: *Mathematics with minors in Mathematical Studies and English*

Research and Presentations

Offline Guessing Games with Two Numbers

Presented at Joint Math Meeting 2025

Cospectral Constructions for Generalized Distance Matrix

Presented at Joint Math Meeting 2025

Distinguishing Index of Mycielskian Graphs

Presented at Joint Math Meetings 2024, University of Dayton Undergraduate Mathematics Day 2023, Nebraska

Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics 2024

Leadership Activities

Vice President of the Applied Math Club

Activities and Awards

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Honors Societies | Pi Mu Epsilon, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Tau Delta, Mu Sigma Rho

Association for Women in Mathematics | Awarded Membership by GVSU Math Department

Mathematical Association of America | Student Membership

Department Senior Award in Mathematics

Internship/Practicum Experience

Participated in a Research Experience for Undergraduates at Iowa State University

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at GVSU is participating in research projects that have led to publications and acceptance into a PhD program for mathematics.

Plans after Graduation

I will be attending graduate school to obtain a PhD in mathematics.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The research experiences I had were both the most significant and memorable.



Isabella Zelenak

Major: *Statistics with a minor in Mathematics*

Research and Presentations

Undergraduate Mathematics Research Minesweeper with Errors

Leadership Activities

Honors Student Council:

Programming Chair 22-23

Vice President of Event 23-24

Activities and Awards

Mu Sigma Rho

Internship/Practicum Experience

Actuarial Intern at MassMutual

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Discovering a career path that suits my interests and finding a supportive community.

Plans after Graduation

Working as an Associate Data Analyst at Auto-Owners Insurance.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My time on the Honors Student Council was the most memorable.



Zoe Ziegler

Major: *Biochemistry*

Research and Presentations

Assessing the Sustained Impact of a National QI Collaborative on Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Utilization - University of Nebraska Medical Center, poster at Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting
Structure/function of β -lactamase enzymes and inhibitors - Waller lab GVSU, presented at Midwest Enzyme Chemistry Conference, West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science Research Conference

Leadership Activities

Captain of GVSU women's lacrosse team
Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (OURS) Ambassador

Activities and Awards

Varsity Women's Lacrosse

Patient Care Assistant, Trinity Health

Phi Kappa Phi

NCAA Elite 90 (2023) - This award is given to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative GPA participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 90 championships.

American Chemical Society Division of Biological Chemistry Undergraduate Award in Biochemistry (2024)

Internship/Practicum Experience

Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP) at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Balancing school and sports, forming relationships, and working hard these past four years

Plans after Graduation

Apply to medical school this summer and find a job in my gap year

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Going to the final four with the lacrosse team!