

Welcome Laker!

We are very happy that you have decided to attend Grand Valley State University (GVSU); this is a wonderful place to be. GVSU is a beautiful campus set in a friendly community. It is also an intellectually challenging university committed to your success. On behalf of the LAKER Academic Success Center (LASC), I would like to extend our warmest greetings to you.

The Purpose of the Laker Academic Success Center is to Empower student athletes to ACHIEVE academic excellence, DEVELOP self-awareness, and EXCEL in life after sports. As an extension of the Athletic Department, the LAKER Academic Success Center is located in the field house.

Being a new student, you are probably wondering what life at GVSU will be like for you and what kind of experiences you will have when you first arrive. Our role at the Laker Academic Success Center is to provide academic advising, resource and referral information, and to assist you in your transition to Grand Valley State University. We feel the following statement will help you as you proceed through your college career. Learn, Achieve, Keep Everyday Responsibilities.

You have the opportunity to grow each and every day. Which areas will you choose to grow? Where will you direct your focus? Remember: You are the architect of your life experience, not a manager of your circumstances. Please know that we at the LAKER Academic Success Center are here to help you build an exciting, challenging, and rewarding college experience. Whether you are seeking resources, academic assistance, or a place to hang out and study, feel free to stop by the LAKER. Academic Success Center.

Once again, on behalf of the LAKER Academic Success Center staff, we welcome you to GVSU. We, at the center, hope to meet your needs and provide you with a place where you will find encouragement and support for your career at Grand Valley State University. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely,

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