

# CECI Connections

## NEWSLETTER

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Colleagues,

In the spirit of embracing our mission of community engagement, on Friday, September 29th faculty, staff, and students from our college partnered with Michigan Cares for Tourism (MC4T) and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to participate in our 2nd annual CECI Community 'Give Back' Event. Organized by our own College Advisory and Communications Committee (CACC), the theme of 'Coming Together' was a great success as we continue to seek ways to build community amongst our colleagues.



The task for the group was to support the DNR in helping build 330 'Reel In and Recycle' tubes to help keep monofilament fishing line out of Michigan waterways. The completed tubes will be added to those previously completed by MC4T volunteers and placed at over

1,100 boat launches and fishing spots throughout the state.

The monofilament fishing line is not biodegradable so any broken or unused lines dropped into or near the water can have significant impact on the health of the wildlife in those lakes, rivers, etc. According to MC4T, over 100,000 wildlife die each year from remnants of fishing gear. By placing these tubes near key boat launches and fishing spots, the hope is that the line can be collected in these tubes and disposed of safely by DNR staff to help protect our fragile environment.

Over 45 volunteers from across all our units helped build these tubes working in small teams to complete the task in record time. The morning was filled with fun, story sharing, collegiality, and team building. The event follows our project last fall at Oakhill Cemetery and was another great example of how CECI gives back to the community.

~Sherril



[Reel In & Recycle Video](#)

[Event Photos](#)

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## CECI Dean's Office Communications Transition

Our new Dean's Office Assistant, Rafael Juarez-Yuen, will now be handling communications, social media, Dean's monitor, and newsletters. If you have any items you would like posted or communicated out, feel free to submit it through the [CECI Happenings Form](#).

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*Celebrations*

## Tenure and Promotion Reception

Attached are photos of Dean Soman celebrating our college faculty at the Tenure and Promotion Reception.

[More Event Photos](#)



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## We had a Successful "Rock the Campus" Advising Event



Students were invited to the "Rock the Campus" event, where they could paint a rock with academic advisors and chat with them about their academic experiences.

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## Recognitions

### Faculty/Staff, Alumni, and Students

**Neal Buckwalter:** Associate Professor of Public Administration and Master of Public Administration Director, has received the 2023 [Outstanding Educator Award by GVSU Alumni Relations](#).

**Gregg Isenhoff:** Adjunct Faculty in the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies, was awarded the Homeland Security Investigations Executive Associate Annual Directors Award for partnerships with his work in the Special Agent Cadet Program. Gregg started the partnership with Kent Career Technical Center Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Investigations, collaborating with Special Agent Jeremy Piercynski.

**Chasity Bailey-Fakhoury:** Associate Professor of Educational Foundations and Director of Engagement for Educational and Community Innovation was awarded the [Community Impact Award at the Women's Commission Fall Luncheon](#).

**Carrie Buist and Adrian Copeland:** Carrie Buist, associate professor in the School of



Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies (SCCJLS), co-edited a book that was recently published. In addition to her work as a co-editor, Carrie and Adrian Copeland, assistant professor in SCCJLS, co-authored a chapter within the book. The titled book, "The (Mis)Representation of Queer Lives in True Crime," was published by Routledge.

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## Publications/Presentations

**Lorie Tuma:** Assistant Professor of Hospitality & Tourism Management was featured in Episode 3, of the podcast "*Which Way to the Beach*", featuring her personal jet ski story, and those of other females that have experienced, and lead national riding organizations. [You can listen to the podcast here.](#)

**John Lipford:** Affiliate Professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management, was interviewed by National Geographic for a story about cannabis tourism. The article is titled, "[As Amsterdam bows out, what will be the new capital of cannabis tourism?](#)"

**Clay Pelon:** Director of the Center for Educational Partnerships, presented the work of the Grand Valley Student Reporting Labs (GVSRL) and was showcased on the main stage during the 2023 NETA Conference and CPB Public Media Thought Leader Forum. GVSRL is a pilot project that supports local teachers and students teaching their stories with a process that creates content suitable to air on local and national public media broadcasts, including the PBC Newshour. This effort was started by CECI's Center for Educational Partnerships and in collaboration with the School of Communications, GVSU Charter Schools Office, and WGVU Public Media.

The GVSRL pilot is the only reporting labs program involving faculty and college students. Currently, students from CECI and CLAS are participating. Clay was invited to share about the program to the 500 attendees and the 1,500 viewers from PBS stations across the country.



## Community Engagement

## CECI Downtown Walking Tour

On a sunny Saturday in September, a group of faculty and staff and a group of our international students enjoyed walking tours of downtown Grand Rapids, visiting important landmarks and hidden gems that revealed the local history, architecture, and culture. The tours were guided by Candice Smith of Tours Around Michigan. The next Sunday, a group of our international students had lunch at the annual Grand Valley American Indian Lodge Pow Wow at Riverside Park. This excursion was guided by Associate Dean Mark Hoffman and Associate Professor Rui Niu-Cooper.



## Global Awareness Collaborative Colloquium Events

Each semester, the Global Awareness Collaborative Colloquium (GACC) highlights a different geographic area of the world. The purpose of the GACC is to get everyone talking, thinking, and learning about the economic, cultural, societal, and political interactions with a group of people living far away. The inaugural GACCs for 2023-24 are Czechia in Fall and Ghana in Winter.

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**Check for more events and updates**

**Sept 28**

**Study Abroad in Czech Republic**  
UPH / HCPA 1410

A first group of students is participating in the new study abroad program in Prague and the Czech Republic and sharing stories and photos from their exciting journey and experiences in Prague and beyond.

**Nov 6**

**"Moravian Rhapsody"**  
A Presentation by Salvatore Alaimo  
12PM - 2:30PM Davis Center UClub

Salvatore Alaimo shares his firsthand experience and research of the Moravians of America, the well-known Moravian, describing a story and living in America with the USA. A panel will discuss their own experiences of living abroad in the Czech Republic and America.

**Nov 15**

**US Premiere of "Oboe Concerto"**  
by Vladimir Weiser  
7:30PM / 1 hour 45 minutes / Tickets: \$100

1st Premiere of Oboe Concerto by Vladimir Weiser, Oboe: Michael Beckerman (1997-2010). Performed by the Grand Valley Orchestra conducted by Dr. Joel Scher.

**Nov 20**

**"Music and Politics: Postcard from New York-TRIO from Terezin"**  
Presentation by Michael Beckerman  
11AM - 11:30AM / Website

Michael Beckerman's CD and book "Music and Politics of Music in New York: Terezin, the American Jewish Music School, 1943-1945" and "Music and Politics in the Terezin Camps".

**"Moravian Music"**

**Three Documentary Short Films**



## Schedule of Events



## Teach-In - Power, Privilege, and Difficult Dialogues

This is the 11th Teach-In, entitled [\*Power, Privilege and Difficult Dialogues\*](#). The purpose of Teach-In is for mutual education among students, faculty and staff and is intended to address topics related to inequality and systems of oppression, as well as social justice and liberation. The broad learning objectives of *Power, Privilege, and Difficult Dialogues* are to raise awareness, inform, create dialogue, and motivate action. **Proposals are due Wednesday, October 18, 2023.**

### CREATE YOUR TEACH-IN

**Deadline: Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

- 1 IDEATE** Select a topic that you are interested in! Some examples may include, racism, gender justice, ableism, mental health, etc.
- 2 DESIGN** Make sure to design your Teach-In session to be practical, participatory and action-oriented.
- 3 COLLAB** Collaborate with at least one other person (student, faculty, or staff). Note that each team must have a faculty or staff member. Then, write and submit your proposal.
- 4 FINALIZE** Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis by the Teach-In Committee. The Committee may provide feedback for further adjustments before finalization.
- 5 PRESENT** Present your topic in person or virtually: Wednesday, November 8 - Pew Campus Thursday, November 9 - Allendale Campus

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## Governance

### Graduate Council

You can find the September 22, 2023, Meeting Notes at this [link](#).

## College Governance

### CECI Governance Committees

All agendas and minutes are posted on our [website](#).

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## Faculty Governance Committee

The Faculty Governance Committee has **two proposals (Voting Policies/Procedures and FG Committee Name Change)** that will be voted on during the week of October 9 (see [CECI Committee webpage](#) September 15 minutes).

If you have feedback regarding these two proposals, please reach out to your unit representative. We will have time for discussion at our **October 6 Fully Faculty meeting (9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in 136E DeVos) - mark your calendar to attend.**

### Future Meetings:

#### **Full Faculty Governance Meetings (all invited):**

Friday, October 6 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - 136E DeVos

Tuesday, November 14 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - 136E DeVos

#### **Faculty Governance Committee Meetings (open meetings):**

10/13, 11/10, 12/8/ from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. via [Zoom](#)

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## College Advisory and Communications Committee (CACC)

### **Improving Communication**

Many individuals expressed the need for improved communication and transparency around University awards. We are developing Frequently Asked Questions for the CECI [Awards website](#). Unit heads were notified of the new recommendations for nominating and submitting packets.

### **CECI Chat**

Staff and faculty are seeking ways to connect through messaging during the WorkDay Transition. CACC is looking into using and promoting a messaging system: Zoom, Blackboard Ultra, Teams. We are considering the pros and cons of the systems we have available to us.

We are celebrating ONE YEAR OF CECI Connections Newsletter. Wow! Thank you to everyone, especially Rita Cooper, for bringing this all together.

### **Creating Connection**

CACC has coordinated many opportunities to connect with others this semester and next. Check out the list of [proposed activities](#). We plan to provide a report on the outcome of these as the year progresses.

- Look for more information about the Shopping Tour: Ethnic Grocery Stores on October 14th!

- One exciting event that will occur each semester is the Global Awareness Collaborative Colloquium. This fall, we are featuring the Czech Republic. [See the evolving schedule.](#)

At the College Kick-Off Meeting, staff expressed interest in tailgating at a GVSU Football game. We are looking for an event host. **Please reach out to your CACC representative if you are interested.**

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## College Personnel Committee (CPC)

### Screencast of Personnel Processes for Regular Faculty

Tenure-track and tenured faculty may be interested in [a short screencast that is sent to all new regular faculty](#). It contains an overview of the personnel process at GVSU - from annual review to tenure and promotion and was recently shared in the 9/11/2023 edition of 'Lakers Ready'. The CPC encourages you to review it if you haven't already, and to contact your CPC representative if you have any questions about the personnel process.

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## CECI Technology Committee

### Big Byte Webinars

The CECI Technology Committee is excited to announce its first Big Bytes webinar on October 18. Save the date to know what artificial intelligence is and how it can be leveraged in educational teaching and learning. Check out the Tech Committee's [website](#) for past webinars.

### Technology Committee Meeting

The Technology Committee hosted its first CECI Technology meeting on September 20. Read the [meeting notes](#) and watch the [recording](#) here. Join the next CECI Technology meeting on October 18 after the Big Bytes webinar.

### Schedule a Discussion Call with Technology Teaching Specialist GA

Our new technology Teaching Specialist Graduate Assistant, Pooja Gadige, is enthusiastic to assist, support, and collaborate with faculty in creating immersive learning experiences for students using educational technologies. Watch Pooja talk about her journey to GVSU in this [video](#). She welcomes everyone to [schedule a quick virtual call](#) with her to brainstorm and discuss any project ideas, questions, or concerns about technologies such as Blackboard Ultra, or anything that the faculty needs help with using digital tools for teaching courses. Check out our past projects [here](#) to get an idea of our spectrum of activities.

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*Important Dates*



## **FALL PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**August 28** - Fall Personnel Portfolios due to Unit Heads

**October 27** - Unit Head submits appropriate fall personnel documents to Dean

**October 31** - Dean forwards fall personnel documents to CPC

**November 17** - CPC submits fall personnel recommendations to Dean

**December 15** - Dean submits fall personnel recommendations to Provost

**January 31** - Provost makes fall personnel decisions and notifies all appropriate people

## **SABBATICALS**

**September 1** - Sabbatical Leave Proposals due no later than 11:59 p.m.

**September 23** - Revised sabbatical leave proposals are due

**September 30** - Unit sabbatical recommendations due

**November 15** - University Sabbatical Review Committee recommendations are due

**December 15** - College Dean sabbatical recommendations are due

**January 31** - Provost sabbatical decisions are due

## **WINTER PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

October - Candidates for winter personnel actions can apply in writing to the Dean

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# *Resources*

- [Acronyms](#)
- [CECI Connections Guide](#)
- [CECI Newsletter Repository](#)
- [Experts Guide](#)
- [Organizational Chart](#)
- [Student Support Flowchart](#)

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## CECI Experts Directory

Please consider updating or adding information the CECI Experts Directory by sending the following information to [cecidean@gvsu.edu](mailto:cecidean@gvsu.edu) with the subject "Expert Directory".

1. Name
2. Title (As you want it to appear)
3. Field or Fields you identify with (e.g., Criminology, Educational Counseling, Hospitality & Tourism Management)

4. Areas of Expertise (Specific areas or interest in your teaching, service, or scholarship)

5. Do you maintain a professional profile in:

- LinkedIn
- Google Scholar
- ScholarWorks
- Other (Please specify)



WGUV is currently restructuring their morning programming and has put our segment on a temporary hold.



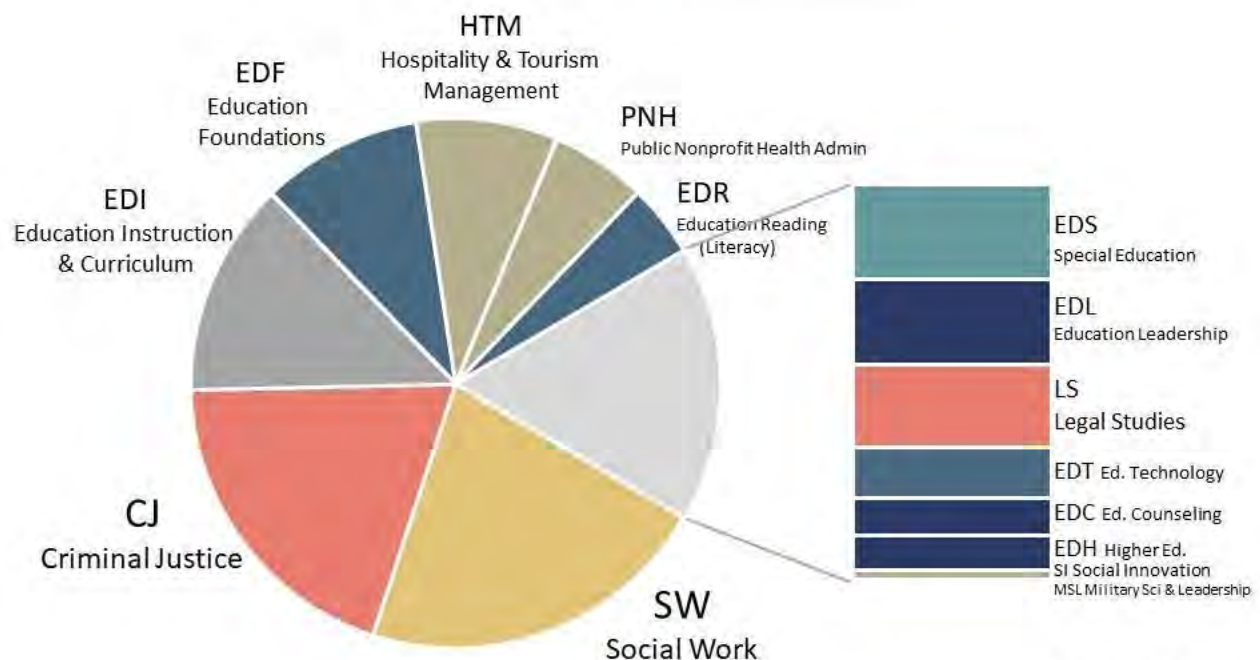
The [CECI Happenings](#) is an informational form that can be submitted by any faculty, staff, or student to promote an event, publication, etc. for our social platforms and newsletter.





## CECI Student Census Visualizations

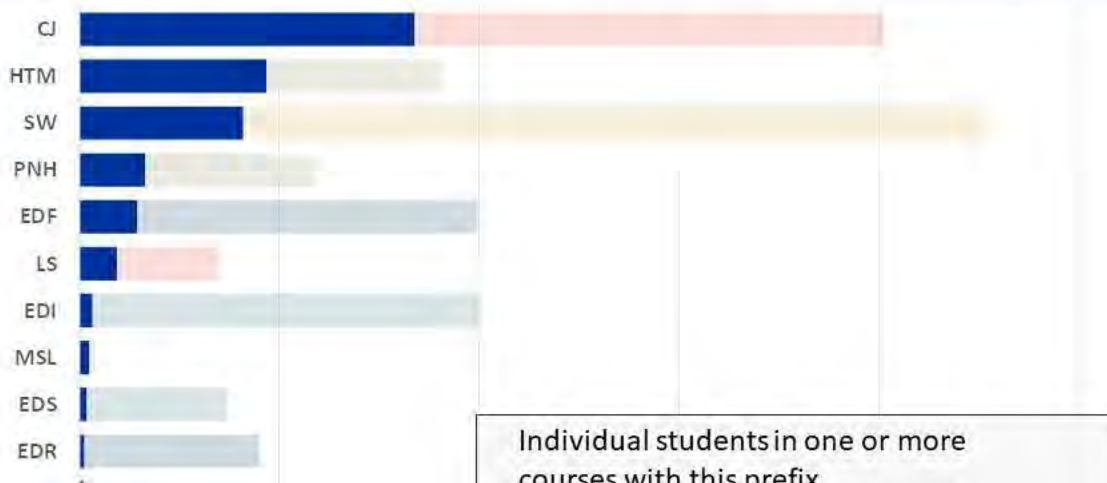
### Registration (Student Credit Hours) by Course Prefix



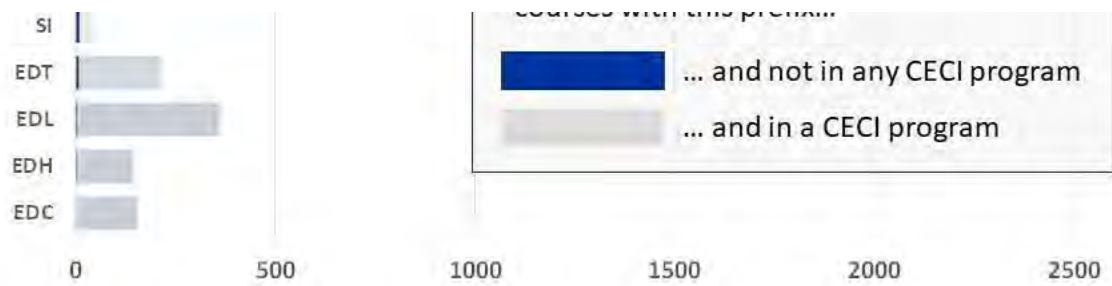
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### Service Effort

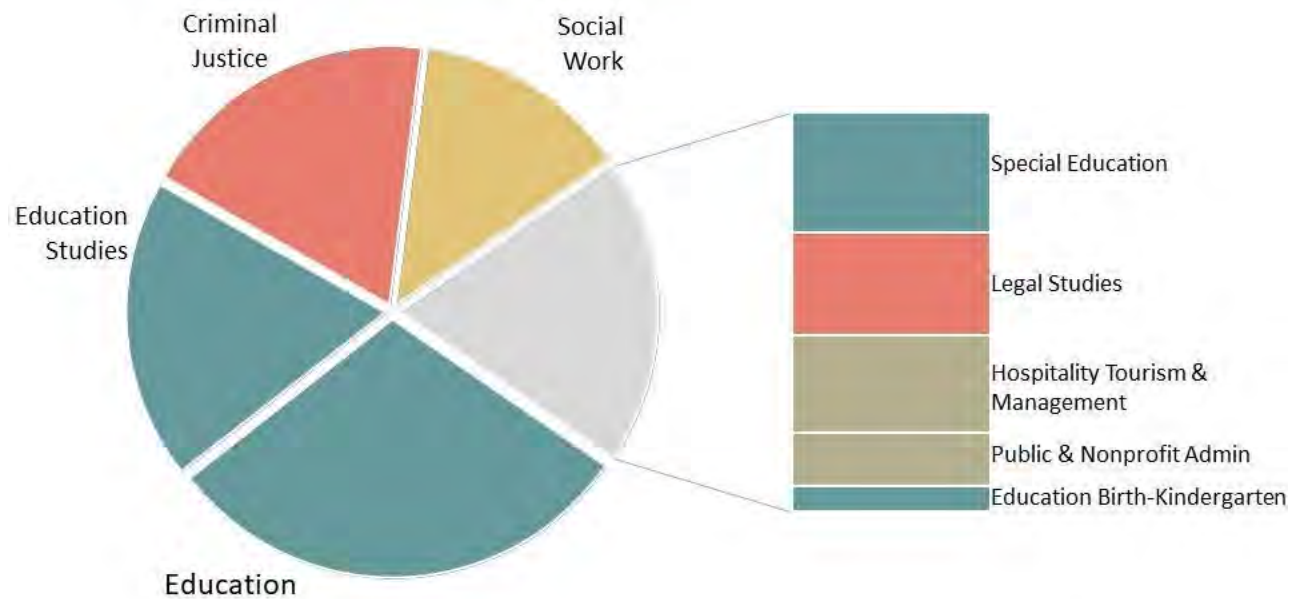
Individual Students from other Colleges taking CECI courses





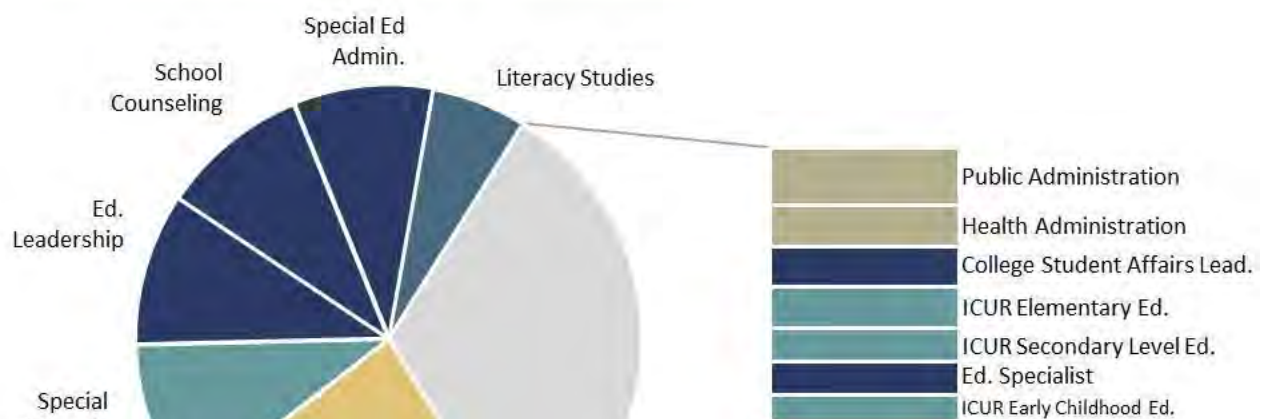


## Undergraduate Student Head Count by Major



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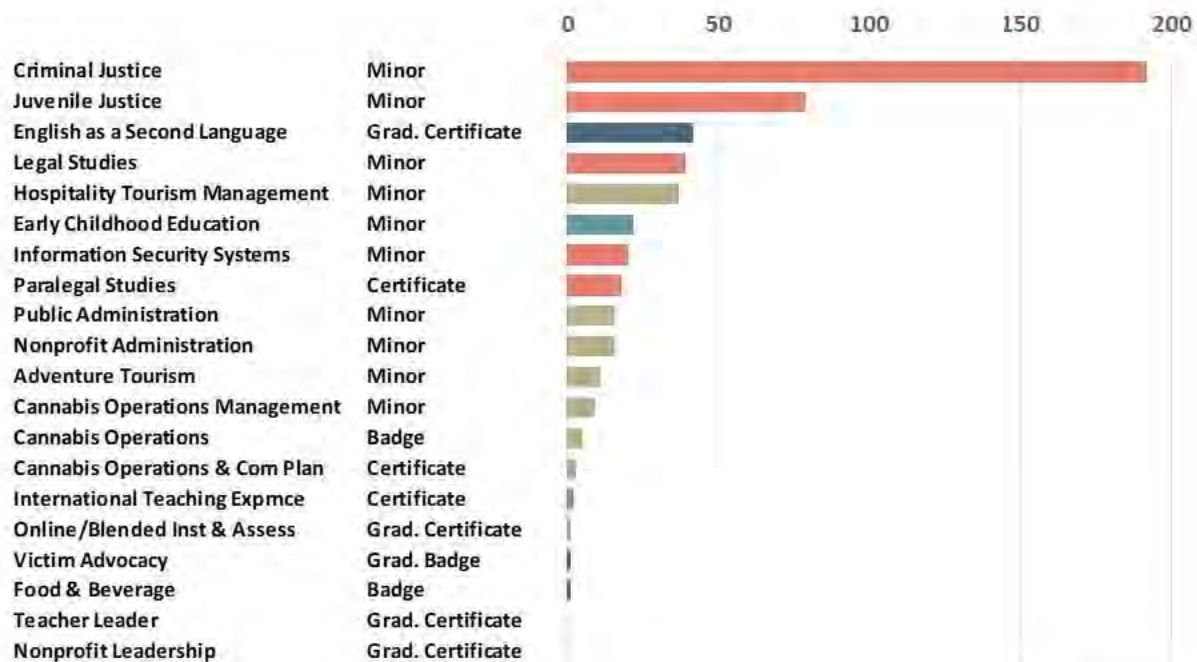
## Graduate Student Head Count by Program





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## Minors and Microcredential Student Headcount



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Want to talk and relax?



**Grab a friend and join us at the CECI Social!**

November 14 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the DEV Exhibition Hall

**October 7** - [Fall Laker Open House](#) (formerly known as Laker Experience Day)\*

**October 12** - [Fall Career and Internship Fair](#), DeVos Place Convention Center

**October 13** - [Fall Laker Open House](#)\*

**October 14** - Ethnic Grocery Shopping Spree sponsored by CACC from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**October 17** - [Study Abroad Fair](#) from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Kirkhof Center 2250 (Grand River Room)

**October 23-24** - Fall Break

**October 25-29** - [GVSU Homecoming](#)

**November 1** - [Majors Fair](#) from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Grand River Room of the Kirkhof

**November 4** - [Fall Laker Open House](#)\*

**November 7** - The HTM Speaker Series with [Deborah Gardner](#) will be held virtually via Zoom from 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Contact [Lori Tuma](#) for more information.

**November 14** - Faculty Governance at DEV 136E from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**November 16** - [Calm the Chaos: Honoring All Voices in Public Education](#) from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Seidman Center

**November 22-24** - Thanksgiving Recess

**December 9** - [Commencement](#), VanAndel Arena, Downtown Grand Rapids

*\*Academic Exploration Fair (8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.). with Open House (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) in the Grand River Room of the Kirkhof Center*

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Thanks to all those who contributed to the October edition of CECI Connections: Dean Sherril Soman, Paul Stansbie, Mark Hoffman, Rita Cooper, Breeann Mann, Jamie Langlois, Clayton Pelon, Mei Mah, Jacquelynn Doyon-Martin, Greg Warsen, and Pooja Gadinge.

If you have any questions or suggestions, or want to share your newsworthy information with us, please use the link below.

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