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Dear Colleagues,

This month you have a special opportunity to shape the culture and direction of our institution by volunteering to serve on our faculty and staff governance committees. We are electing twenty faculty representatives at the university-level and nine at the college-level. Staff can serve on the College Advisory and Communication Committee and the Staff Executive Committee.

You can find a list and description of all open seats, plus the nomination form, at <https://www.gvsu.edu/ceci/winter-2023-election-information-184.htm>.

These committees are responsible for making important recommendations on curriculum, tenure and promotion, academic policies, community engagement, awards, student life, library resources, and many other issues. A diversity of voices and expertise will ensure that decisions made by our committees are well considered, fair and equitable, in the best interest of our students, and sustainable for our institution. While committee work can be tedious, serving can provide you with an opportunity to better understand the complexities of the college and university, and to network with colleagues from across departments.

If you are not already serving on a committee, I encourage you to nominate yourself for a position. Please do not be intimidated by the process. The prospect of losing in an election may be unpleasant. And most of us are not natural politicians. But you will eventually get a chance to make a positive impact on CECI and GVSU if you are willing to step forward and offer to serve.



Celebrations

Newest CECI Staff Member

Shelly Page has joined the Office of Certification and Accreditation as a Secondary Placement Specialist. Shelly has extensive experience as a classroom teacher, program administrator, teaching team leader, and trainer. Her role within the department is to work with our PK-12 partners and higher education institutions to arrange educator practicums/clinical field experiences for our Secondary programs.



2023-2024 Additional Sabbatical Recipients

Cray Mulder, SSW

Robin Smith-Colton, SSW

Recognitions

Faculty/Staff, Alumni, and Students

David VanderSloot (MPA '08), director of Conference Planning and Hospitality Services at GVSU, was interviewed by Michigan Meetings and Events Magazine for [a story about sustainability practices in meetings and events](#).

Sadek Law PLC founder, **Attorney Nichole Sadek (CJ '12)**, has found her niche in helping the unsung heroes of the world, small businesses. [Read more about her journey from career aspirations of becoming a criminal profiler to owning her own law firm](#).

Kathryn Lamberies (M.Ed. '05) received the 2022-23 Regional Teacher of the Year from the Michigan Department of Education!

Kathryn is an English, social studies and reading teacher at Roscommon Middle School in the Roscommon Area Public Schools.

Not only is she an outstanding educator for Region 2, she will also be a finalist for the 2022-23 Michigan Teacher of the Year!



Officer Joel Reimink (CJ and GVSU Police Academy '06) is recognized as the 2023 Police Officer of the Year by Holland Department of Public Safety - Police Services (HDPS). He was selected by the HDPS Command Staff after being nominated by his peers for this prestigious award. His nominations cited that he is “a critical part of so many programs” as well as the fact that he is a “very dependable and valued officer”.



Publications/Presentations

Daisy Fredricks, along with other colleagues, published their book, [*Core Practices for Teaching Multilingual Students: Humanizing Pedagogies for Equity*](#) (Teachers College Press). Daisy is an Assistant Professor in Teaching and Learning and Director of Teacher Education.

Grant Recipients

Professors Lexie Oosting and Julia Snider, both with Teaching and Learning, received a Teaching Innovation Grant for the Winter 2023 and Fall 2023 semesters to enact a Self-Advocate Guest Speaker Lecture Series. The final guest speaker of the winter semester, Sarah Carmany, will be presenting on Tuesday, March 21 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Sarah is a self-advocate and champion of inclusion. She advocates for integrated employment opportunities for herself and other adults with disabilities.

Community Engagement

Friends of GVSU Greet Dr. Alaimo in Kraków

Taking a break from his Fulbright work at the University of Ostrava in Czechia, Professor Sal Alaimo visited Grand Valley's oldest international partner institution, the Kraków University of Economics (KUE), in Poland. The partnership with KUE goes back to 1975. Since 2005, about 25 KUE graduates have come to Grand Valley to earn a Master of Public Administration. While there, Dr. Alaimo met with one of our graduates, Kamil Makiela (MPA 10), who is now Associate Professor in KUE's Department of Econometrics and Operational Research, and also with Sylwia Rutkowska, who is Deputy Head of KUE's International Programmes Office.



Appetizers, Answers, and Potential Avenues

Last month, CECI faculty and staff met with educators in the Traverse City area to begin conversations to find solutions to the teacher shortage happening in Northern Michigan. Guest speakers included Dr. Nicholas Ceglarek, superintendent of Northwest Education Services; Dr. Cathy Meyer-Looze, associate professor and department chair of Educational Leadership and Counseling; and Jessie Houghton who is serving the Traverse City Area Public Schools as the Lead Principal at Central High School and K-12 Mathematics Curriculum Director.

UpNorthLive carried the news story, [Crisis in the Classroom: Educators discuss possible staff shortage solution | WPBN \(upnorthlive.com\)](#).

[Photos](#) from the event.

Important Updates

Kids' Food Basket Update - Challenge and Social

The Kids' Food Basket (KFB) Challenge has been extended to March 30! Our goal is to complete 7,000 decorated bags and we currently have 921 bags completed. Obviously, we need to get decorating!

Here are the tallies per unit:

Center for Educational Partnership: 94

CECI Undergraduate Advising Center: 53

Dean's Office: 0

Educational Leadership and Counseling: 0

Literacy, Educational Foundations, and Technology: 0

Office of Certification and Accreditation: 127

School of Community Leadership and Development: 57

School of Criminology, Criminal Justice and Legal Studies: 0

School of Social Work: 184

Teaching and Learning: 0

The KFB Social was a big hit! Over 400+ bags were decorated with lots of laughs and conversations between faculty, staff and students. Thank you to the CACC for organizing this event. [See our Facebook page for event photos.](#)

Governance

It's nomination time for University-level and College-level committees! You can find a list and description of all open seats, plus the nomination form, on our [Winter 2023 Election Information webpage](#).

COLLEGE

College Advisory and Communication Committee - Jamie Langlois, Chair

Kids Food Basket Bag Coloring Campaign Extended! Please keep coloring bags until the end of March. Our goal is to decorate 7,000 bags and double our fall contribution. Please turn in your bags each Friday. Units can get more bags and supplies from the dean's office to color at events, classes, and meetings.

CECI Awards – We are accepting nominations through March 20th. Awards include - Administrative Professional Commendation; Professional Support Staff Commendation; Emerging Community Engagement Initiative; Outstanding Contribution in a Discipline; Internationalization Award; Outstanding Teacher Award; Outstanding Mentor Award; Outstanding Service Award; and CECI Collaboration Award. See award descriptions and the nomination form [HERE](#). Once you open the nomination form, click on the award you are considering, and the description and criteria will be displayed.

Our upcoming meeting is on March 15th from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in DeVos 303C. Please contact your CACC representative with any questions or suggestions regarding improving communication, connection, and the college awards.

CECI Governance Committees

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

Resources

[Student Support Flowchart](#)

[Organizational Chart](#)

[CECI Connections Guide](#)

[CECI Newsletter Repository](#)

[Experts Directory](#)

[Acronyms and Initialisms](#)

GVSU Campus Safety Briefing

Here are some highlights from the [GVSU Public Safety Briefing](#):

- **Emergency Procedures Manual** is in every department on campus
- **Classroom Emergency Placard** above the light switch in every classroom (includes the address of that classroom, severe weather shelter locations, where AED devices are located)
- **Thumb turn lock** on each classroom door to secure a classroom
- **Lockdown button** in the dispatch center will lock all exterior doors of a building, don't run out to manually lock these door
- **Window decals** on building entrances to direct first responders to appropriate entrance
- **AED machines**, 58 on campus, can request training for your department
- **Bleeding control kits**, blue bags that sit at the bottom of the AED boxes, include tourniquets, chest seals, packing wounds for significant injuries
- **GVSU Alert**, www.gvsu.edu/gvsualert to sign up, text, email, or voicemail
- **Updated critical information**, www.gvsu.edu/emergency
- **Desktop override**, when on the GVSU network an emergency alert will override your desktop, click acknowledge to return to your previous screen
- **Laker Guardian app**, to improve personal safety, panic button, safety timer, emergency phone numbers, text with GVPD, safety documents

Peer Mentorship Program

The [Peer Mentor Program](#) was designed by the CECI UAC to provide leadership for participants in the College of Education and Community Innovation with the following programs: Hospitality and Tourism Management; Social Work; Legal Studies; Public, Nonprofit, and Health Administration; and Criminal Justice. This program aims to support new GVSU students (First-Year and Transfer Students) as they navigate Grand Valley and learn about their major. In addition, the program's primary goal is to retain new students by providing a sense of community, professional development, and preparation for post-graduation.

Faculty, please promote this worthwhile program to your students!



CECI Community Connections

The purpose of these podcasts is to showcase the talent within the college. It also allows us to spotlight faculty, staff, students and alumni who are engaging our community partners from a teaching, scholarship or service perspective.

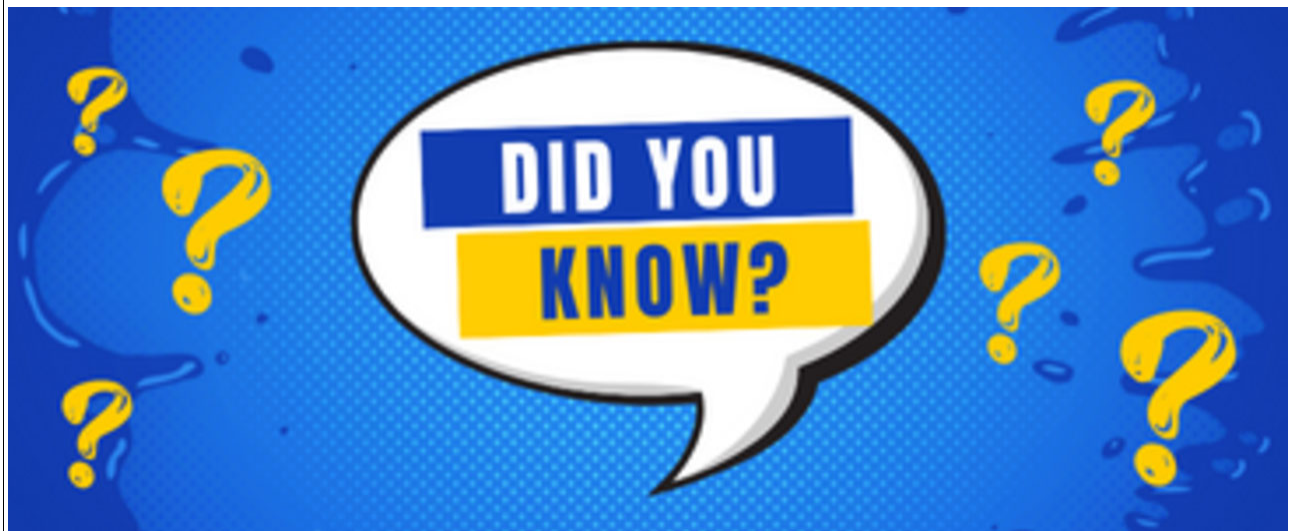
This month features Larry Warkoczeski, creator of the website, [Deep Generosity](#). Professor Warkoczeski is an Affiliate Faculty and MHA Executive in Residence in the School of Community Leadership and Development. Listen to this live interview on Monday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m.

The CECI Community Connections's 'live and in-person' radio interviews are typically scheduled on the first Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. on 88.5 FM Grand Rapids or 95.3 FM Muskegon

If you would like to be our guest for a future segment, please contact [Rita Cooper](#).

CECI HAPPENINGS

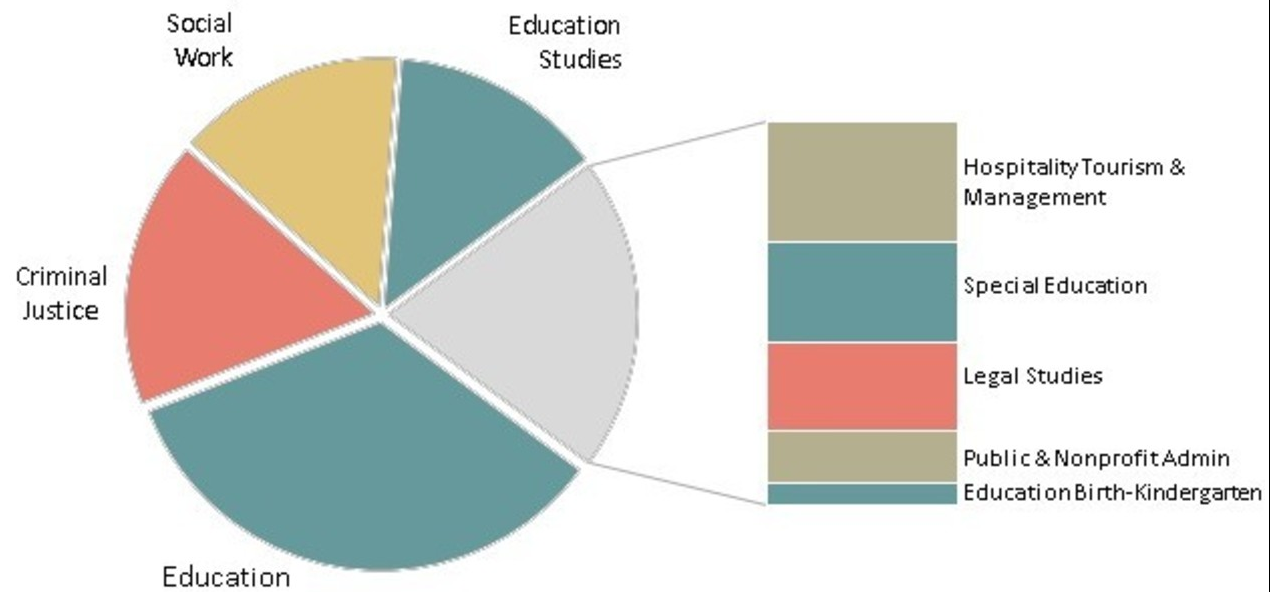
The [CECI Happenings](#) is an informational form that can be submitted by any faculty, staff or student to promote an event, publication, etc. for our social platforms and newsletter.



CECI Demographics for Winter 2023

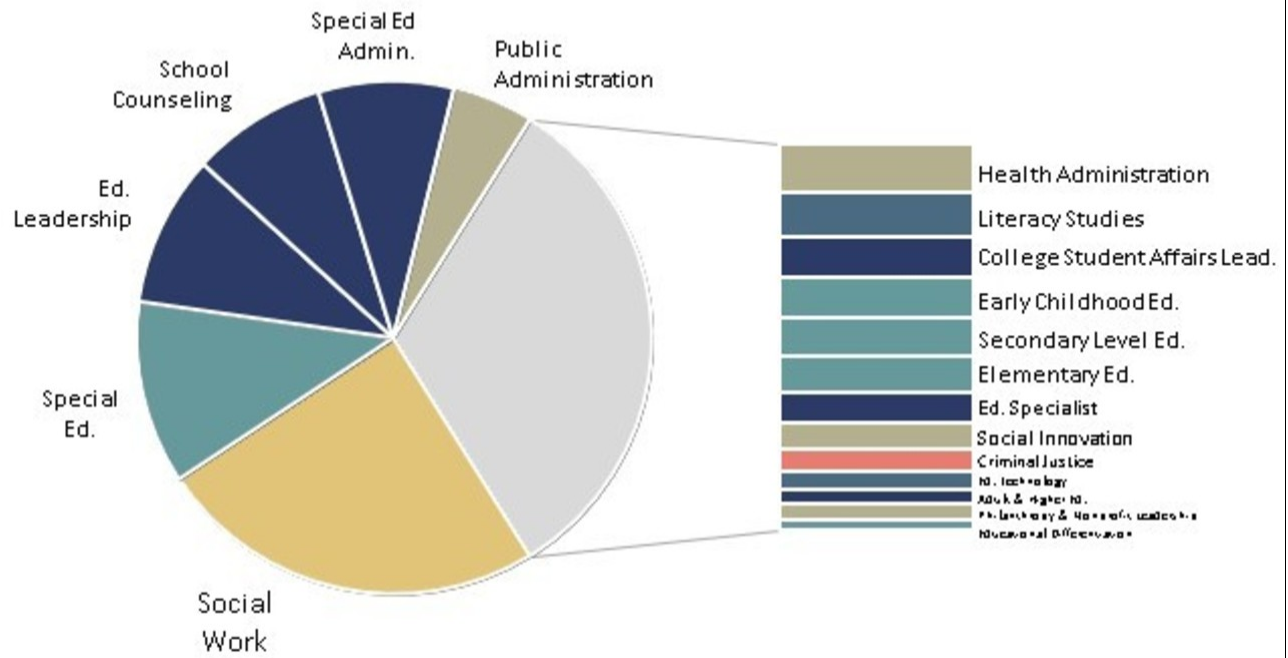
Source: Institutional Analysis with the "census day" being the end of the first week of the Winter semester. (That is, students that declare their major during the semester are not counted until the "census day" of Fall Semester).

Undergraduate Student Head Count by Major



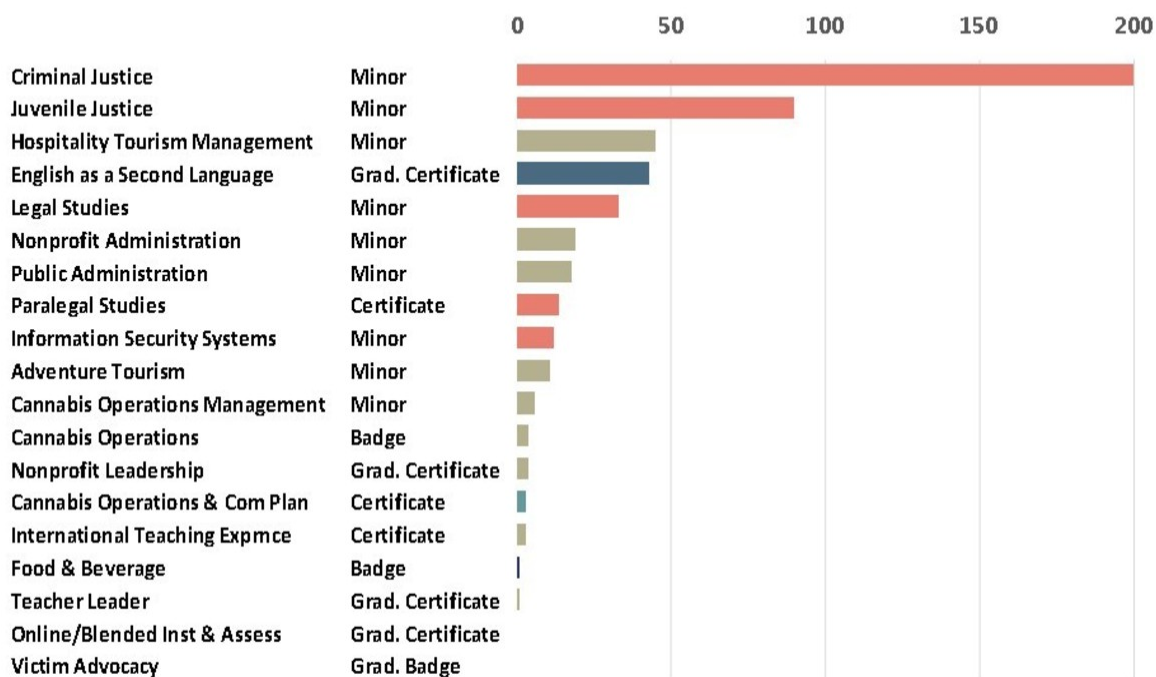
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Graduate Student Head Count by Program



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Minors and Microcredential Student Head Count



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March 5 – 12 - Spring Break

March 14 - Admitted Student Day

March 20 - [Big Byte Webinar](#)

April 6 - [Civic Engagement Showcase](#)

April 7 - GVSU Spring Open House (formerly Laker Experience Day)

April 14 - GVSU Spring Open House

April 17 - CECI Winter Meeting and [Big Byte Webinar](#)

April 22 - GVSU Spring Open House

April 28 – 29 - [Commencement](#)

May 1 - Final Grades Due by 5:00 p.m.

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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