



**November 2022**

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Hello,

Just a short while ago, I attended the 2022 GVSU Alumni Awards Reception where three of the five honorees earned degrees from programs in our college. In addition to those honorees, I also had the privilege of connecting with other CECI alumni who serve on the alumni board. As you can imagine, we had great conversations about their experiences at GVSU, and specifically, about our faculty and staff who were their instructors, cheerleaders, and professional supporters while they were students. I know that you are not surprised since there are many studies that show the strong correlation between faculty/staff engagement with students and retention. I am grateful that I have the opportunity to work within a college of dedicated professionals who inspire our students to excel in their professional lives and to continue to serve the university as ambassadors. To all of you wonderful colleagues I say THANK YOU!



Although we are starting our second year as a college, I realize that in our first year the pandemic restrictions did not allow many opportunities to get to know each other. We have planned a college social on Tuesday, November 15 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Hager-Lubbers Exhibition Hall as one activity to promote connections with our colleagues. I hope you can stop by for all or part of the gathering.

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## CECI Social

You're invited to mix and mingle at the next CECI social event.

**Tuesday, November 15**

**3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Hager-Lubbers Exhibition Hall (DEV 105E)**

**Refreshment provided**



## CECI Clean-Up Event Feedback is in!

The results of the feedback survey are in! Check out the infographic outlining the volunteer comments.

### [Infographic](#)

A webpage is being created to host this information along with photos from the day.

Thanks to all who participated in this event!



## International Students Explore Grand Rapids

On a fun-filled Saturday, some of CECI's international students and their friends took a tour of downtown Grand Rapids. The tour started at the Grand Rapids Public Library where reference librarian Andrew Coulon walked them through the historic Ryson Building. This was followed by Candice Smith, a professional tour guide who has received a Certified Tourism Ambassador

(CTA) Of the Year award, showed them important landmarks and hidden gems that reveal the history, architecture, culture (and a few ghosts), found in the downtown area. Accompanying the students were faculty members Paola Leon (SSW), Jamie Langlois (SSW), Naoki Kanaboshi (SCCJLS), Haresh Dalvi (SSW), and Mark Hoffman (CECI Dean's Office).

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**The CECI international students invite you for a Thrifting and Antiquing Tour around Grand Rapids from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 19.**

This is an opportunity to find bargain clothes, holiday gifts, Michigan-themed souvenirs, and all kinds of other fun stuff. Or you can just look around. We will be carpooling from DeVos Center. We will stop at New 2 You Shoppe, the Goodwill Store, The Salvation Army Family Store, Estate Sales Warehouse, ReNew Upscale Thrift, Uptown Cheapskate, Warehouse One Antiques, and Century Antiques. We will end the trip with food at [Char](#).

Please let [Associate Dean Hoffman](#) know if you want to join by Wednesday, November 9. You are welcome to invite a friend.

## Recognitions

### Celebrating our 40 Under 40 Alumni Business Leaders!

Each year, the Grand Rapids Business Journal celebrates 40 emerging business leaders who have achieved personal success and made significant civic contributions to our community.

This year, we want to recognize the following CECI alumni:

[Jamon Alexander \(BS-Public Admin, 2005\)](#)

[Ricardo Benavidez \(MPA, 2019\)](#)

[Alma-Jean \(AJ\) Fossel \(MPA, 2013\)](#)

[Jocelyn Hines \(MPA, 2022\)](#)

[Jenine \(Prus\) Torres \(MPA, 2014\)](#)

[Mel Trombley \(MEd-Special Education, 2010\)](#)



## Recognizing our GVSU Alumni Relations Award Recipients

As Dean Soman mentioned in her message above, three of the five 2022 Alumni Relations honorees earned degrees from programs in our college. They are:

### **Alumni Service Award**

Janean Couch (BS-Public Admin, 2005 and MEd-General Education, 2008)

### **Outstanding Educator Award**

Adrienne Wallace (MPA, 2008)

### **Young Alumni Award**

Ricardo Benavidez (MPA, 2019)

## Grant Recipients

### CSCE Catalyst Grant Recipients

#### **Emily Nichols - School of Social Work**

Proposal entitled *Faculty Perceptions of Student Sexual Violence Reporting Requirements and Training on College Campuses*.

#### **Riu Nui-Cooper - Literacy, Educational Foundations, and Technology**

Proposal entitled *Connecting Dots: Using a Learner Self-Narrative-Based Approach to Address the Disconnect between the Texts and English Learners' Prior Experience*.

#### **Kathryn Ohle - Teaching and Learning**

Proposal entitled *Evaluating the Early Childhood Minor at GVSU*.

### Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) Grants

#### **Billy Wallace - School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies**

*Police Precision Driving – FY23* funded in the amount of \$94,506.20.

*Fundamentals of Realistic De-Escalation – FY23* in the amount of \$12,375.



## GVSU Innovations Fund Grant

The **Center for Educational Partnerships** was awarded a \$280,000 Innovations Fund grant. The grant is a collaboration between CECI, the School of Communication and PBS NewsHour. The grant will enrich the education of K-16 students through creation of a pilot program to partner PBS NewsHour's Student Reporting Labs (SRL) program with GVSU. Currently, SRL is only able to work with 170 classrooms nationally (none in West Michigan), with a significant waiting list of interested educators. GVSU will implement a revised model of SRL that is tailored to the needs of West Michigan educators and students and customize the program for area schools, with guidance from the national SRL team. Working with GVSU faculty and students, K-12 participants in the GVSRL program will create short broadcast news stories that will be shared with the SRL team and considered for presentation on national and local public media outlets. Additional opportunities for K-12 students will include recognitions, awards, internships, and special assignments. GVSRL will leverage faculty, staff, and university students to support schools, teachers, and prospective students in creating transformative educational experiences for all involved.

## Governance

### CECI Governance Committees

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

### COLLEGE

#### College Advisory and Communication Committee - Jamie Langlois, Chair

The College Advisory and Communication Committee (CACC) has listened to you! CECI newsletters and an organizational chart can now be found on the college website under "About Us". Another way we are improving communication is by having your CACC representatives take a few minutes at each unit meeting to inform you about college-wide changes, suggestions, events, initiatives, and more. Before the end of the semester, the CACC and Dean's office are convening a group to discuss university and college awards and the process moving forward. Please reach out to Jamie Langlois if you have input that you want to be considered [langloja@gvsu.edu](mailto:langloja@gvsu.edu). Our upcoming committee meetings are on November 9th (DeVos 303C) and December 14th (DeVos 302C) at 10:00 a.m.

### UNIVERSITY

#### Academic Technology Advisory Committee - Mike Sciarini, SCLD Representative

This committee met via Zoom on October 4th – most of the meeting consisted of a recapping of the prep for transitioning Blackboard from Traditional to Ultra platform. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10th.

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## Resources

[Organizational Chart](#)

[CECI Connections Guide](#)

[CECI Newsletter Repository](#)

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## Community Engagement

**How faculty and staff are engaging in the community.**

[Kent Career Technical Center event](#)

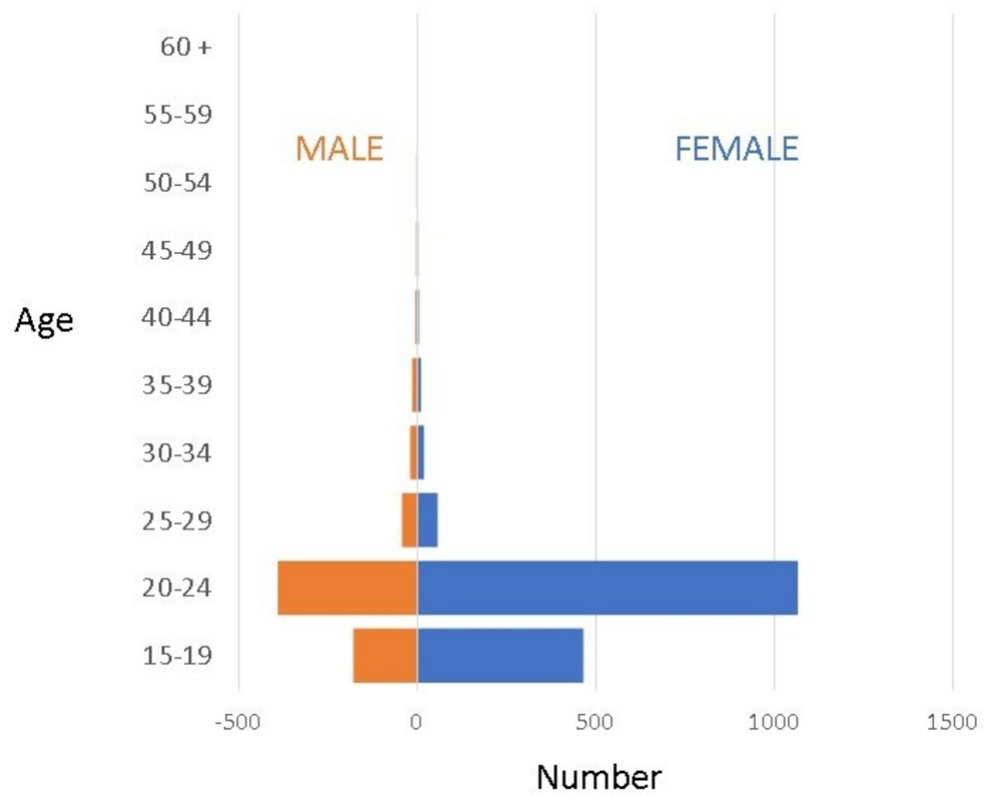
[Students are receiving festival experiences and networking opportunities](#)

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## CECI Demographics from the Fall 2022 Census

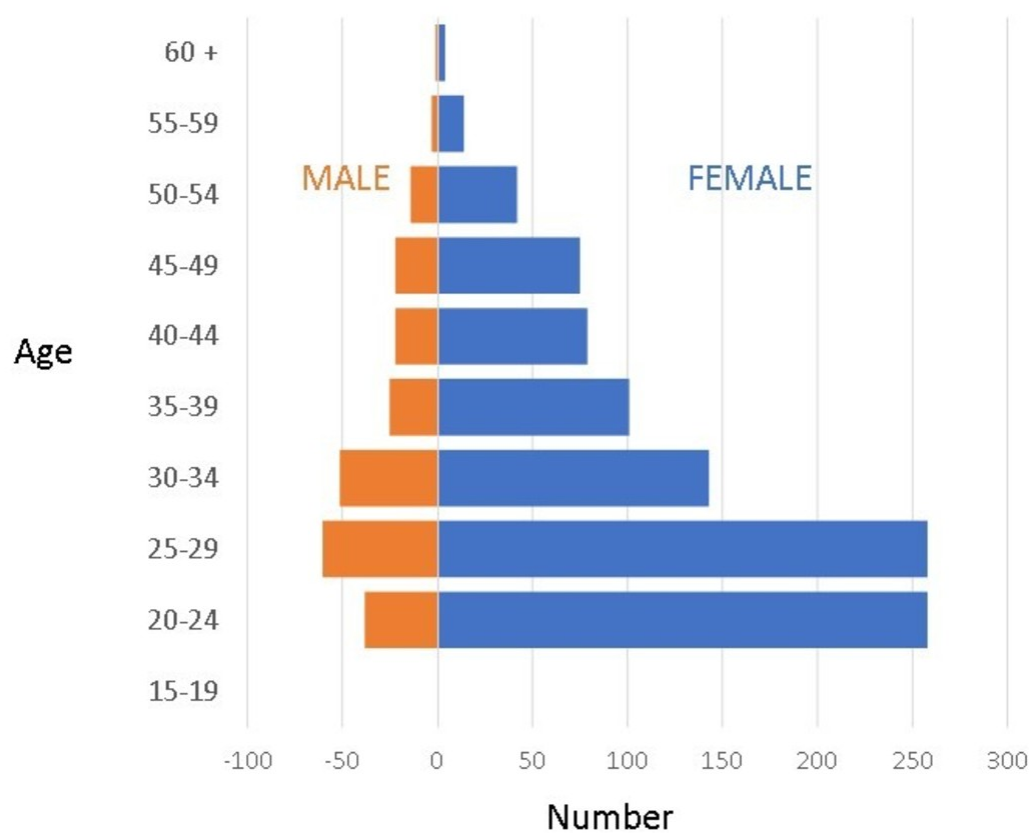
Associate Dean Hoffman provides informational demographic charts regarding our students.

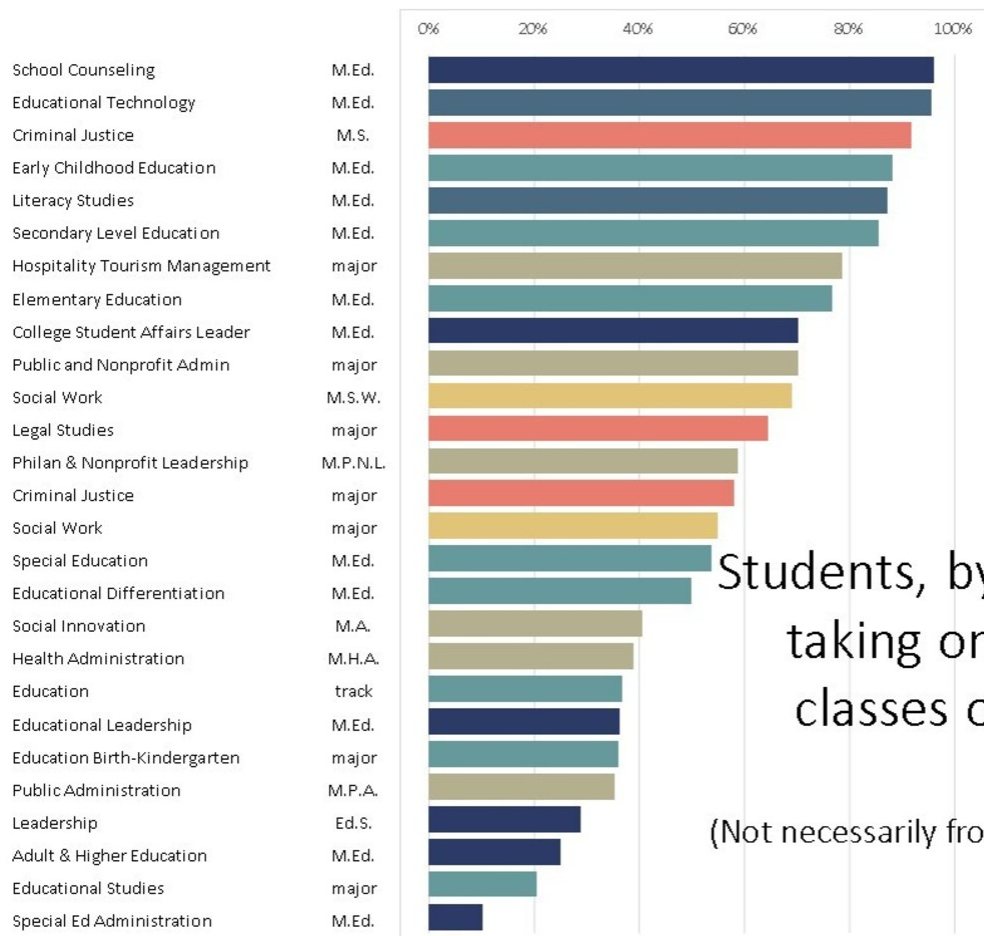
# Population Pyramid of Undergraduate Students



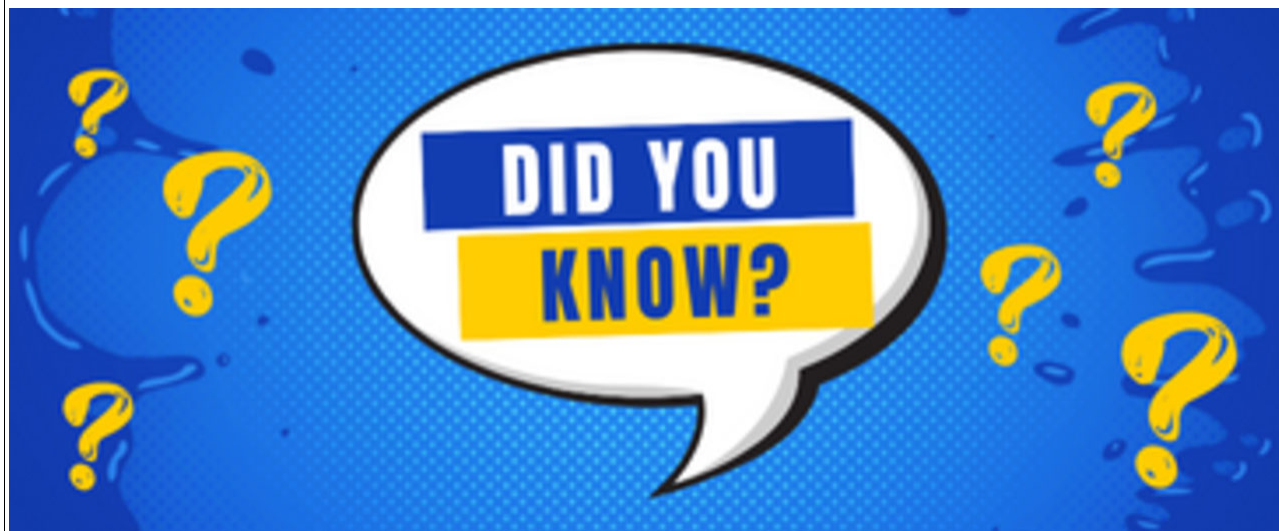


# Population Pyramid of Graduate Students





Students, by program,  
taking one or more  
classes on-line this  
term.  
(Not necessarily from their major or  
program)



**Did you know three CECI graduate programs are currently ranked in the US News Best Graduate Schools lists?**

- # 26 Nonprofit Management (tied with UM for #1 in Michigan)
- # 131 Public Affairs (#3 in Michigan)
- # 196 Social Work (tied with SVSU for #6 in Michigan)

## Did you know faculty can get a class photo roster in Banner?

Here's how:

- 1) Login to Banner
- 2) Click on Class List
- 3) Enter the term, course subject, course number, and section number.
- 4) Under List Options, select Enrolled Students
- 5) Click on Display

The student photos will appear along the left side of the page.

[Click here](#) for more detailed instructions.



**November 7- 9 - [Civil Discourse Symposium](#)**

**November 9 - [Teach-In](#)**

**November 14 - [Disrupting Data Justice: An Evening with Renée Cummings](#)**

**November 19 - Thrifting with CECI International Students**

**November 23 - 25 - Thanksgiving Recess**

**November 29 - [Big Byte: Ultra Pioneer Experiences](#)**

**Presenters: CECI Faculty in the Ultra Pioneer Program**

**December 5 - [GVSU Arts Celebration - Holiday Concert](#)**

**December 10 - Classes End and Commencement**

**December 22 - January 3 - Winter Break**

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**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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