

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GVSU AS A COMMUTER/ TRANSFER STUDENT

SINCERELY,
SOMEONE WHO GETS IT

GVSU CCPS ADVISING





Laker Traditions

Check out the Laker Bucket
List at

www.gvsu.edu/lakerforalifetime/laker-bucket-list-32.htm

to learn about how to make
the most of your time at
Grand Valley!

MAIN EVENTS

Never miss an annual event again.



President's Ball

www.gvsu.edu/presidentsball/

Free Sporting Events w/ Student ID

www.gvsulakers.com/index.aspx



Programs hosted by the
Office of Multicultural Affairs
(OMA) celebrating various
cultures

www.gvsu.edu/oma/

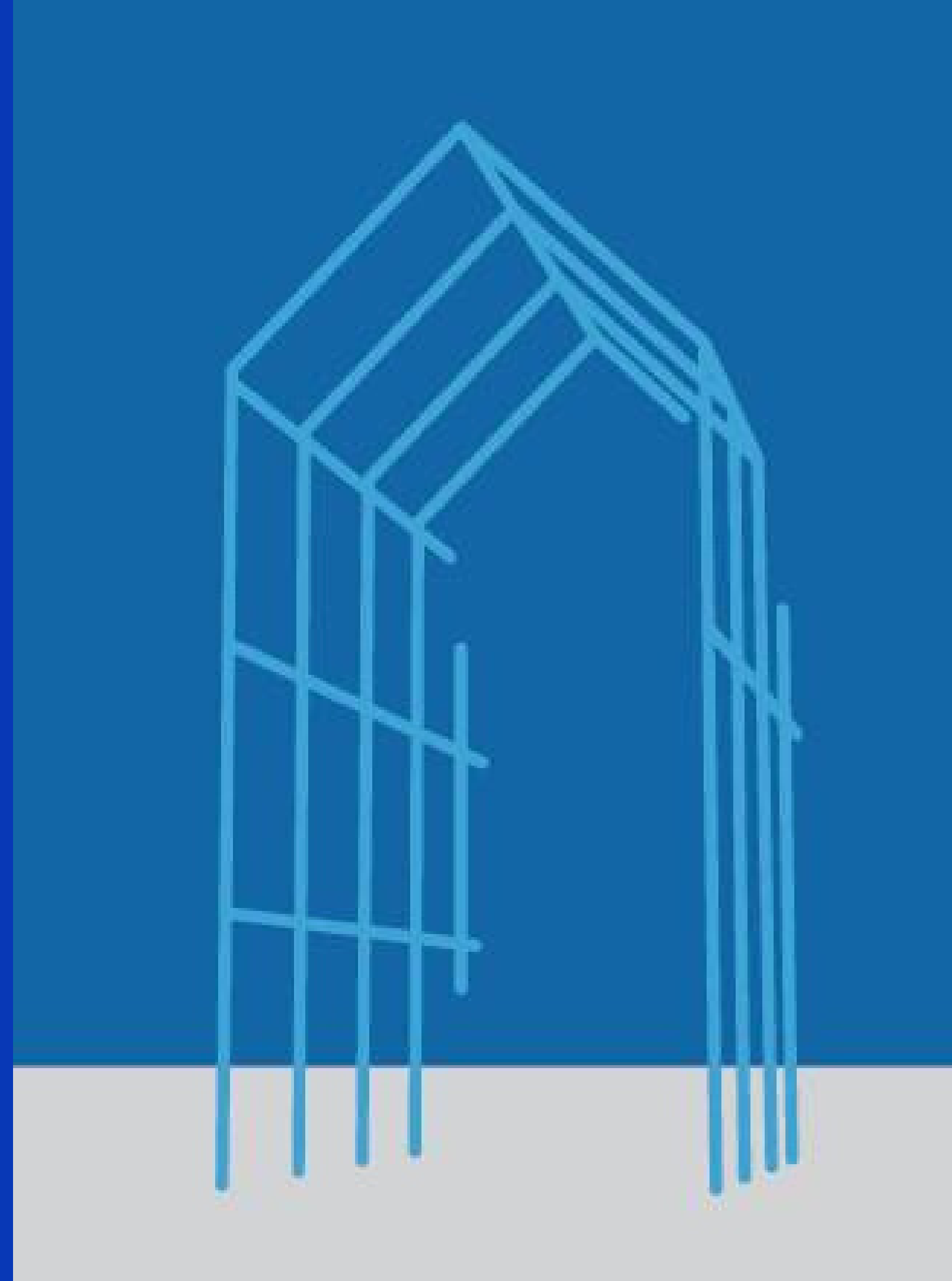
Including:

- Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration
- Black History Month
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration
- Native American Heritage Celebration and more!

Campus Superstitions & Myths

Are you into the haunted
and history of buildings?
Learn about the campus-
known tales at:

[www.gvsu.edu/studentlife/weekly/
fact-or-fiction-investigating-the-
scariest-gvsu-myths-127.htm](http://www.gvsu.edu/studentlife/weekly/fact-or-fiction-investigating-the-scariest-gvsu-myths-127.htm)



HE'S GOING
TO SHOW YOU HOW TO
MAKE A
LAKER BOWL



WITH **FIVE** BASIC
INGREDIENTS



Try to understand our
Laker Bowl love

Visit the Student Life Facebook
page for the easy create-your-
own recipe & instructional video
until you can try one on campus!

[www.facebook.com/GVSUStudentLife
/videos/1148598131865635/](https://www.facebook.com/GVSUStudentLife/videos/1148598131865635/)



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GENDER EQUITY

www.gvsu.edu/cwge/

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AND
ANNUAL
EVENTS AT
OUR
IDENTITY
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RESOURCE
CENTER

www.gvsu.edu/lgbtrc/



Need to find a microwave on campus?

Check out the 2020 Information Desk FAQ page for a table of microwave locations on both ALL and PEW campuses.



www.gvsu.edu/2020/frequently-asked-questions-12.htm



Learn about on
campus Child Care
options, rates, and
COVID-19 safety
precautions available
at our Child
Enrichment Center
(CEC)

www.gvsu.edu/child/enrollment-tuition-52.htm

www.gvsu.edu/child/covid-19-55.htm

Price Comparison of Driving vs. Park & Ride System

Words from Taijah Claybrook, current GVSU Graduate student and former Commuter student:



In my undergrad commuting experience, I couldn't afford to purchase a parking permit each semester so I relied heavily on the free GVSU Park & Ride/bus system all four years. During the summer time I worked as an Orientation Assistant for the Advising office, which required me to drive the full route due to slower bus times in the summer. I am now a Graduate Assistant for Housing and Residence Life and reside on the Allendale campus, where I rely solely on the Route 50 bus to travel back and forth from ALL to PEW campus.

I will outline the differences in cost and time in my experiences of driving the entire route to campus, driving half way and utilizing Park & Ride for the rest, and relying solely on Park & Ride as a residential student. I hope that my experience can help you with yours!

Price Comparison of Driving vs. Park & Ride System (cont.)

Parking at Wilson Meijer, and riding the 50 bus rest of the way to ALL campus

Cost: \$30 in gas a week in my 2005 Chevrolet Cobalt would get me back and forth between downtown GR to the Meijer @ Wilson Park & Ride location between 2014-2018, when gas prices were around \$4/gal.

Time: I would typically make this trip 4 days a week. It would take me about 20 minutes to drive to Wilson on the expressway from downtown, and another 20-30 minutes to arrive on Allendale campus on the Route 50 bus the rest of the way.

I usually allotted an hour of travel time for this reason. This took more time out of my schedule however it was cheaper and allowed me time to do homework, take a quick nap, or just relax before classes on the bus.

Price Comparison of Driving vs. Park & Ride System (cont.)

Driving full route from Downtown GR (PEW) to ALL campus

Cost: I felt like I had to fill up twice as much on gas compared to when I took the 50 halfway, which I did not like. I probably spent about \$50 in gas a week due to this, when it was \$4/gal.

Time: The buses don't run as often during summer semester, and I didn't have time to rely on checking bus times much mornings. This drive would take me about 40 minutes with light traffic in the morning. I got there quicker, but I wasted a lot of money on gas. I also had to find parking on campus after!

Price Comparison of Driving vs. Park & Ride System (cont.)

Riding 50 bus from downtown PEW to ALL, and vice versa

Cost: Free with GVSU ID

Time: The buses run every 5 minutes during the semester depending on what time of the day it was, and the bus ride lasts about 30 minutes on a normal day with average traffic. When riding from ALL to PEW, I often exited the bus in front of the parking ramp next to the Devos building, and walked the last 5 minutes inside for class and/or appointments.

Extra Tips for Commuters utilizing Park & Ride system

- If you are trying to find free parking along the Park & Ride locations, it would be best to always aim for the **Meijer parking lot** if you are traveling during busy day times.
- The **Walker Fire Station lot** is smaller in size, so you may have more difficulty finding parking there, and could waste more time out of your schedule.
- Meters are also **free after 6** on campus.
- **Commuter passes** are available for a discounted price for certain lots at www.gvsu.edu/parking/permits-student-permits-9.htm



Ready to Graduate?

Don't forget to check out the Graduate Checklist at
www.gvsu.edu/commencement/graduate-checklist-63.htm

& What your benefits as Alumni are at
www.gvsu.edu/alumni/alumni-benefits-16.htm