



Teacher Preparation Student Support Services (TPSSS) Newsletter



Headline News

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End of the semester wind down....

As the semester nears end, please be aware of some very important information. First, final exams will take place December 12th-17th.

Tuition is due for next semester on December 16th by 5:00PM!

Finally, TRIO TPSSS will be joining the College of Education COMPASS program in a Final's relaxer, Lunch & 'Lax on December 10th from 11:00AM-1:00PM on Pew Campus, lunch will be provided.

This is a great opportunity to step away from studying and meet some new students on a similar journey! More information on the relaxer is posted on the TRIO TPSSS Blackboard!

Student Spotlight

Santina Galati



Santina is a Junior at Grand Valley State University. Santina says she became a part of TPSSS because of the wonderful support services offered to improve her studies here at GVSU. Santina says, "not only do they help with your studies but they help with creating successful resumes for your future, studying for the professional readiness exam, filling out FAFSA forms and finding volunteer opportunities." Santina's most rewarding college experience has probably been through her English 308 class—teaching reading class. "I get to tutor two of the brightest kids twice a week. Watching these two kids grow, as readers is the most rewarding feeling" said Galati. Santina is involved with many volunteering opportunities such as volunteering at an animal shelter back in her hometown, delivering meals on wheels on holidays to elderly people and this past summer "I spent a day in Detroit at Denby High School transforming and organizing their school for a project called Life Remodeled. I am currently in COMPASS, which is another education club at GVSU" says Galati. After Santina graduates she plans to become a teacher in either North Carolina or South Carolina. As an educator, Santina wants students to know she will be there for them. Santina says she will be a role model for my students by setting good examples and keeping a positive attitude even if something does not work out in my favor. As a future educator, I will also give my students that one-on-one assistance that they might need to succeed.

Student Employee Spotlight



We wanted to thank our wonderful TRIO TPSSS office student staff for a great Fall semester. Without the two of you, our program wouldn't be what it is today. Andrew is a senior majoring in Physical Education Sports Leadership with a minor in Business. Tamar is a sophomore double-majoring in Business Management and Marketing. Both students have incredibly demanding majors, yet they both stay involved with student organizations and on-campus employment! Tamar and Andrew, you come to work with smiles on your faces and ready to work everyday and we're so grateful for the two of you.



COMPASS Program | GVSU College of Education. The goal of the COMPASS Program is to provide academic support and guidance to students who plan to teach. Benefits of the program include:

- Guidance regarding the necessary steps to apply to the College of Education
- Assistance with preparing for the Professional Readiness Exam (Basic Skills and Content Area tests)
- Tutoring for students having academic difficulty
- Academic Advising
- Monthly meetings with guest speakers from the College of Education (food provided)
- Mentoring from College of Education faculty and staff
- Tutoring opportunities with local elementary and high schools

You aren’t eligible, but still want to be involved?
Check out these free resources on campus!

Student Academic Success Center – assisting undecided, pre-major, and transfer students

Office: 200 Student Services
Phone: 616-331-3588
Email: askowl@gvsu.edu

Multicultural Cohort Program – professional development program that connects students with similar career goals

Office: 1240 Kirkhof Center
Phone: 331-2177
Email: oma@gvsu.edu
Web: www.gvsu.edu/oma

Career Center – assisting with choosing a major and investigating careers

Office – 206 Student Services
Phone: 616-331-3311
Email – careers@gvsu.edu
Web: www.gvsu.edu/careers

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS)

Academic Advising Center:

-The professional advisors in the CLAS Academic Advising Center are a complement to your assigned faculty advisors in your content major and your major in Education. The Advisors provide a holistic overview of the requirements for the teachable majors, teachable minors, admission to the College of Education and teacher certification, and assist you in developing an achievable academic plan.

Office: C-1-140 MAK
Phone: 616 331-8585
Email: advstu@gvsu.edu
Web: www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising

IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

Go to our website
www.gvsu.edu/tpsss
Click Apply (located in the navigation bar)

 **Apply now!**

Follow instructions on page and press...
“Click here to apply”

Upcoming Events

Study Abroad First

Step Meeting

Date: December 9, 2016

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Location: Lake Ontario Hall, RM 130

Attend a Study Abroad First Step Meeting! These information sessions go over all the basics of study abroad including how to pick a program, funding, academic information and more.

Grad Fest

Date: December 1, 2016

Time: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Location: DeVos, Bld E, Loosemore Auditorium

Pick up your cap, gown, tickets, and other GVSU memorabilia.

-Be sure you bring your student ID!

College of Education

Convocation

Date: December 8, 2016

Time: 5:45 PM - 9:30 PM

Location: Ottawa Hills High School

More Information: www.gvsu.edu/coe/college-of-education-convocation-224.htm.

University

Commencement

Date: December 10th, 2016

Time: 10:00AM

Location: Van Andel Arena

More Information: <http://www.gvsu.edu/commencement/gradfest-fall-2016-3.htm>



Scholarship and Volunteering Opportunities

United Way Schools of Hope- Volunteer Reading Tutor

You can support a GRPS student by becoming a Volunteer Reading Tutor. The Schools of Hope Reading Program pairs students in grades 1-3 that are behind in reading skills with volunteers who work one-on-one with the same student once a week for 30 minutes during the school day. No advanced preparation is needed. Materials to use with the students are prepared for you by a Schools of Hope School Coordinator.

For more information about the Schools of Hope Program visit them at www.hwmuw.org/soh.

The 1,000 Super College Scholarship

Sponsor: SuperCollege.com
Amount: \$1,000

Closing Date: The last day of each month.

Description: Scholarship is open to current high school seniors, college students, graduate school students and returning adult students who will enroll in a college or university. Applicant must fill out a short form.

Billings & Barrett First in Family Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: December 31st

Visit the link below for more details on the scholarship & eligibility requirements.

<http://billingsandbarrett.com/2016-scholarship/>

TPSSS Advising Appointments

ALLENDALE CAMPUS

**Tuesday and Thursday
9:00am to 4:00pm
by Appointment**

**200 STU
616-331-6870
tpsss@gvsu.edu**

PEW CAMPUS

**Monday-Friday
9:00 AM- 4:00 PM
By Appointment**

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