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SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



IT's eLearning Technologies team offers GVSU faculty and staff a variety of training opportunities to enhance teaching, work, and more. A few upcoming sessions include:

Blackboard Ultra Gradebook - Hidden Gems & Updates:

Explore useful features and recent updates to help manage grading more efficiently.

- September 22, 11–11:45 a.m.
- October 1, 2–2:45 p.m.
- October 6, 11–11:45 a.m.

[Register for Blackboard Gradebook training](#) to reserve your spot.

Fix-Your-Content Day October 23:

Drop in anytime from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to work alongside experts from Student Accessibility Resources, eLearning Technologies, and University Libraries on making digital content more accessible. Support will be available at all three campuses, with a virtual option also available.

Locations:

City Campuses: DCIH 2260 and SCB 2005
Valley Campus: KHS 4402

Please [register in advance](#) to help us plan staffing at your preferred location. For questions or to request specialized accessibility training for your department, contact accessibility@gvsu.edu. Can't make the October 23 event? Explore [additional accessibility training opportunities](#) and resources.

Zoom Clips, Scheduler, & Whiteboard Training

Join us October 6 at 3:00 p.m. for a hands-on session exploring three Zoom tools designed to save time and simplify collaboration:

Clips: Create short video messages.

Booking Links: Streamline scheduling.

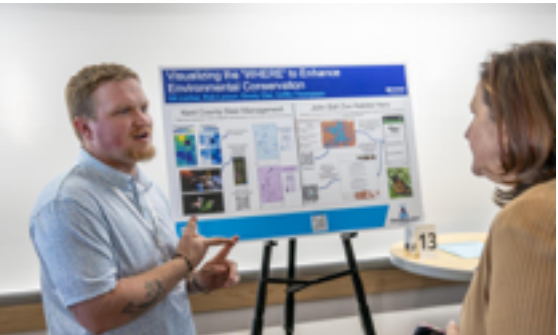
Whiteboard: Brainstorm and collaborate visually.

All three tools are built into the Zoom platform you already use. [Register for the October 6 Zoom training.](#)

Explore More Training Opportunities:

Visit the [IT eLearning training webpage](#) for the full training schedule and other ways to build your skills.

**2026 GV Technology Summit:
Check Out the Schedule & Register Now.**



The GV Technology Summit returns for its second year on November 3, 2026.

All GVSU faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend free of charge and explore how technology is transforming learning, research, teaching, and work across the university.

Explore the agenda: The day will feature a keynote presentation by [Dr. Imran Mazid](#), a panel discussion on high-performance computing, and breakout sessions on topics including artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and digital accessibility. Poster presentations will also highlight innovative work and projects happening across campus.

Visit the [GV Technology Summit webpage](#) to view the schedule and learn more about the topics and presenters.

Ready to attend? [Register now to add the Summit to your calendar.](#) Come for the full day or join us for the sessions that fit your schedule.

Event Sponsors: Thank you to our event sponsors for helping make the Summit possible:

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We look forward to seeing **YOU** at the Summit!

**Explore AI & XR at GVSU:
Join a Collective and Make an Impact.**



Curious about artificial intelligence and virtual reality and how these emerging technologies transform teaching, learning, and work at GVSU?

Join colleagues from across the university to pioneer the future at our upcoming AI Collective and XR Collective meet ups, hosted by the IT Innovation + Research team.

AI Collective

The AI Collective provides a welcoming space to connect, collaborate, and experiment with AI. Since launching in April 2026, the group has grown into an exciting community, centered around sharing ideas and growing AI responsibly.

The next meet up will be held on Friday, September 25, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. on the Valley Campus in Allendale. Guest speakers Brian McKeiver and Drew Veach from BizStream will share how industry uses AI and the skills employers expect from today's graduates. The meet up will also feature a live "Show & Tell" of an experimental AI Tool Directory & Prompt Library.

[Register to attend the AI Collective](#) to save your seat!

XR Collective

The XR Collective brings together faculty and staff interested in virtual and augmented reality, simulation, and immersive learning. Since launching in 2025, the group has grown into an active community of practice supporting curricular applications in the following areas: Seidman College of Business, Kirkhof College of Nursing, School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies, Simulation Center / Interprofessional Simulation Center and the Language Resource Center.

This group will next meet on Friday, September 25, from 10–11:00 a.m. on the City Campus in the X>STUDIO, located in the futurEDlab. [Register to attend the XR Collective](#) today!

No prior experience with AI or XR is required - come with curiosity and an interest in creating the future - exploring what's possible at GVSU.

Timely Reminders, Resources, and Updates

Congratulations to the 2026 IT Service Award Recipients

The 2026 GVSU Information Technology Service Awards were held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026. At this annual event, three team members are presented with awards in the categories of Service Excellence, Innovation, and Leadership.



Winners this year are:

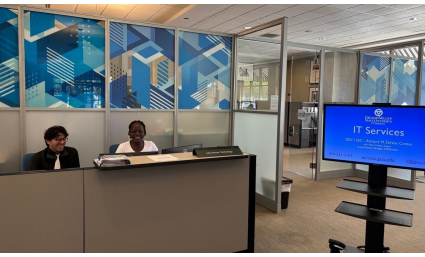
- IT Leadership Award: Noah Campbell and Kyle Macciomei
- IT Service Excellence Award: Patrick McVay
- IT Innovation Award: Mitchell Holt

The awards program, under the leadership of [Information Technology Community Advocates](#) (ITCA), brings peer endorsement and recognition to professional accomplishments.

Get to Know the 2026 IT Service Award Recipients

New Walk-Up IT Support Location on City Campus

Walk-up IT support is now available on the City Campus at the DeVos Center. The support desk is located in DEV 125C, next to the DeVos C Atrium. Support is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



IT Service Desks are also available at Center for Health Sciences (CHS) 100: City Campus (Grand Rapids) and Mary Idema Pew Library (LIB) 010: Valley Campus (Allendale).

IT Service Desk locations and hours are maintained on the [GVSU IT homepage](#).

Meet Kelley Senkowski
Instructional Technology Project Specialist
IT eLearning Technologies



Kelley Senkowski is an Instructional Technology Project Specialist with seven years of experience at GVSU, including the past five years with eLearning. In her role, Kelley works with faculty across campus to design quality courses in Blackboard, explore effective pedagogy for online learning, and make the most of GVSU-supported technology tools. She also develops and facilitates webinars and training sessions for faculty and staff on GVSU technology.

One of the things Kelley enjoys most about her work is that no two days are the same. She loves collaborating with departments across campus, designing new solutions, and developing and facilitating training that helps others feel more confident using technology.

Kelley holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Oakland University, a master's degree in educational technology from GVSU, and an MBA Certificate in Innovation and Design Management (Design Thinking) from Kendall College of Art and Design.

Outside of work, Kelley enjoys spending time with her family and two little dogs, soaking up the sun and being near the water, traveling to new places, walking in nature, and enjoying all four seasons. She's also the author of TITANIC Jessie and Lifeboat #9: The Untold Story, a book based on her family's history. Kelley also loves dancing to '80s music and is a fan of The Lord of the Rings and Star Wars.

Kelley is currently completing a Presidential Fellowship with OMNI, has served as an AP Awards Chair, and is a member of IT Community Advocates.

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