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## College of Education and Community Innovation: *Welcome!*

### About this Newsletter

Welcome to the CECI Community! We're so excited to have you. With September just around the corner, we want to share with you all the information and resources you need for a seamless transition into university life. Get ready to dive into the following tips that will help you prepare for an unforgettable first semester with the College of Education and Community Innovation!



This edition is part of a **monthly newsletter** -- so keep an eye out in your email for more to come!

### This newsletter will cover information about...

- **Freshman orientation**
- **On-campus housing and move-in**
- **IT advice on technology and support**
- **Textbooks and course materials**
- **Finances and cost**
- **Campus resources**
- **Health and wellness**
- **Additional helpful links!**

### Orientation and Registration

By now, you should have completed your orientation program—we hope it was successful! Take a moment to get acquainted with your class schedule, locate your classrooms, and jot down any required textbooks or materials. In case you missed it or haven't scheduled it yet, don't worry! Reach out to the [New Student Orientation Office](#) pronto for any assistance you may need. ***Be sure to schedule an [appointment with your advisor](#) to double check that schedule of yours!***

### Housing and Move-In

For those of you planning to call campus home, move-in day is going to be a blast! Keep an eye out for communication from the [Housing Office](#), which will give you the scoop on your specific move-in date and guidelines. We suggest reaching out to your future roommates beforehand to coordinate any shared items and introduce yourselves. Oh, and don't forget to review the [list of what's allowed and what's not](#) to ensure a hassle-free move-in experience.

### Technology and IT Support

GVSU has got your back when it comes to technology. Activate that super cool GVSU email account of yours—it's your key to staying connected with professors and all the university departments. Get comfortable with Blackboard, the platform where all the magic happens: accessing course materials, submitting assignments, and engaging in online discussions. Feel free to check out the [IT website for student support](#). And if you hit a technical bump along the way, no worries! The GVSU IT Help Desk will swoop in to save the day. ***Check out our next newsletter for advice from students about what technology you definitely need in your first year!***

### Textbooks and Course Materials

As the semester looms closer, it's time to embark on a thrilling quest—finding your required textbooks and course materials. Swing by the GVSU [Laker Store website](#) to uncover the booklist for your classes, and get creative with your options: buy, rent, or go digital! A little planning ahead will save you oodles of time and ensure you're prepped and ready for the first day of class. ***Check out our next newsletter for alternative book-buying options!***

### Financial Matters

Let's talk about money matters, because we want you to feel confident and in control. Make sure you understand your financial obligations, including tuition payment deadlines, financial aid disbursement, and any outstanding fees. Take a good look at your financial aid package and don't hesitate to reach out to the [Financial Aid Office](#) if you have any questions or concerns. ***Check out our next newsletter for information about budgeting, careers, and ways to spend wisely at school.***



[Make an appointment with an advisor](#)

### Campus Resources

Prepare to be amazed by the plethora of resources at your fingertips, all designed to help you rock your academic and personal journey. The [Mary Idema Pew Library](#) is a treasure trove of research assistance, study spaces, and access to countless databases and online journals. The [Student Academic Success Center](#) and the [Tutoring and Reading Center](#) are your go-to's for tutoring services, study groups, and workshops to boost your academic prowess. And don't forget to explore the vibrant student organizations, clubs, and leadership opportunities that align with your passions and interests. ***Check out our next newsletter for more information about academic and community resources!***

### Health and Wellness

Your well-being is our top priority, because we want you to thrive in all aspects of college life. Take a moment to familiarize yourself with the [Campus Health Center](#), nestled in the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, and schedule any necessary medical appointments or vaccinations. Want to stay fit, active, and meet amazing people? Join the [Campus Recreation Center](#), where sports, fitness classes, and intramural activities await! And if you want to keep your mind in tip-top shape, check out the [University Counseling Center](#), where students can find one-on-one counseling, group therapy sessions, and more mental-wellness resources. ***Check out our next newsletter for information about physical and mental wellness at GVSU.***

### Additional Resources

Also! Be sure to check out these additional resources!

- [Parent and Supporter Resources](#)
- [Disability Support Resources](#)
- [Fostering Laker Success](#)
- [Student Community Engagement](#)

[Make an appointment with an advisor](#)

### Go Lakers!

We are beyond thrilled to welcome you to the Grand Valley State University family and can't wait to be there for you every step of the way. ***Keep a close eye on your inbox for future newsletters and important updates.*** In the meantime, soak up the rest of your summer and get ready to create memories that will last a lifetime.

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