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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

Community Innovation!



This edition is part of a monthly newsletter -- so keep an eye out in your email for

more to come!

### Freshman orientation

This newsletter will cover information about...

- 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!

#### 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

**Orientation and Registration** 

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!

#### 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

**Housing and Move-In** 

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 hasslefree move-in experience.

### 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

**Technology and IT Support** 

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!

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

and ready for the first day of class. Check out our next newsletter for alternative

GVSU has got your back when it comes to technology. Activate that super cool GVSU

#### 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

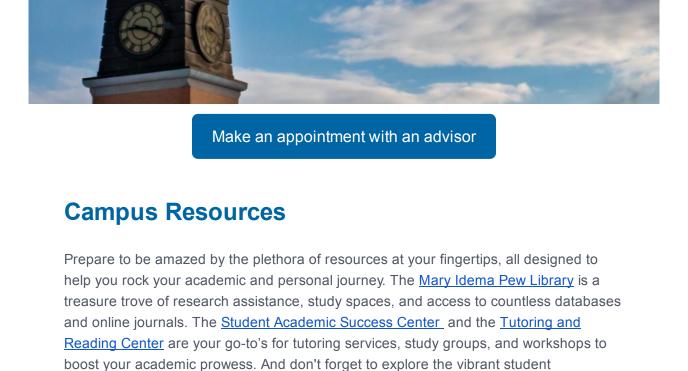
**Textbooks and Course Materials** 

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

about budgeting, careers, and ways to spend wisely at school.

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



**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.

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!

Additional Resources Also! Be sure to check out these additional resources!

- Parent and Supporter Resources Disability Support Resources Fostering Laker Success

Student Community Engagement

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.

Make an appointment with an advisor

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