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## From CECI Advising

### *Message from Melanie*

*April spring! With flower blooms breaking ground after slumbering through winter, may you break through these last few weeks of the semester.*

Whether you need extra help or your path is already cleared ahead, your advisor is here to help you grow!

**We are here for you! Think of you Academic Advising office as a hub for relief – what can we do to help ease the weight of this time? Please reach out and let us help!**

## Deadlines and Important Dates

*Make note of these or add them to your calendar --*

- Classes end, **April 19th**
- Exam week, **April 19th-26th**
- Commencement, **April 25th and April 26th**
- Semester Ends, **April 26th**
- Grades Due, **April 19th**

## Graduating??

You've made it! Now what?

Get all the details you and your guests will need to know for the big day from parking, what to do when you arrive, to during the ceremony!

[Commencement Website](#)

## Just Starting??



**Melanie Rabine-Johnson** *(she/her)*,

Academic Resources and  
Retention Specialist

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## CECI Majors

Click the buttons below to view Advising materials for your major!

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Welcome!

Academic advising in the College of Education and Community Innovation (CECI) is a team effort between students, teachers, and staff. We help students create education plans that match their values, goals, and interests. We empower students to take charge of their education, make informed decisions, and confidently navigate college. Our goal is to support their success in school, work, and life.

[CECI Advising Website](#)

## CECI Connect Podcast

A New CECI Connect Episode! Now might be a great time to learn from Katie Perschbacher, Student Care and Outreach Coordinator, about the resources GVSU has to care for our students' mental health. [Check out the episode now!](#) Or view our past episodes [here](#).

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## Events and Announcements

### Student Life Events!

[Click here](#) to view the upcoming Student Life events at GVSU.

[More February CECI Events Here](#)

## We're Here to Help!

*There are many resources to explore --*

Your academic advisor is here to help you with so much, but if you need more guidance in academic readiness/success, community building,

**Social Work, MSW**



## Featured Advisor!

Meet Alivia Ybarra: First Year Graduate Assistant, advising in Social Work, BSW



Originally from Holland, Alivia is a native to the West Side of Michigan. Alivia earned her bachelor's in social work from Michigan State University and is now attending Grand Valley to get her master's degree in social work. While obtaining her BASW, Alivia worked for a non-profit

budgeting/funding opportunities, or health and wellness plans, click the buttons below to see what GVSU offers!

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organization called CASA for Kids and has gained a lot of experience in supervision and advocacy work for youth in the foster care community. Alivia also has experience within the Public Health AmeriCorps in Ingham County. Alivia is excited to become a Laker for Life and help support students in any way they may need.



## Contact us!

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## We Belong

*Academic advisors with the CECI Undergraduate Advising Center are here to help you. Whether you're looking for guidance in your major or just want more information about our programs, the advisors are here to collaborate with you,*

*encourage you, and support you. Together, you and your advisor will work toward developing useful skills, gaining power over your journey, and creating effective strategies to achieve these goals.*



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