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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 GVSU 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...

- **Important Notes, Dates, and Deadlines**
- **Academic Resources**
- **Student Involvement and Campus Life**
- **Support Services**
- **Additional Helpful Links**
- **CECI Resources** (Peer Mentor Program, CECI Connect Podcast,

Important Notes, Dates, and Deadlines

Get us your **transcripts**! Be sure to send/submit your most recent transcripts, including that MTA or MACRAO designation (if applicable).

August 28: Fall Semester Begins - Classes begin promptly, and it's essential to review your schedule and be prepared for the first day of classes. Reach out to your academic advisor if you have any questions or concerns.

September 3-4: Labor Day - GVSU will be closed in observance of the holiday. Enjoy the long weekend!

September 1 by 5:00 pm: Last day to add, register, or pay.

For **more information** about transferring to GVSU, visit the [Transfer Student Orientation Website](#)

Academic Resources

At GVSU, we are dedicated to supporting your academic journey and helping you thrive. Here are some key resources to assist you:

[CECI Undergraduate Advising Center](#): Our advisors are here to guide you through your academic planning, course selection, and degree requirements. Schedule an appointment to ensure you're on track for success.

[Student Academic Success Center](#): The Student Academic Success Center offers a range of services, including, study skills workshops, academic coaching, and more. Take advantage of these resources to enhance your learning experience.

[Tutoring and Reading Center](#): GVSU offers tutoring in many subjects! Check out their website for more information.

[Libraries and Research Resources](#): GVSU libraries provide access to extensive collections, research materials, and online databases. Explore these resources to aid in your coursework and research projects.

Student Involvement and Campus Life

Getting involved in campus life is a fantastic way to connect with peers, pursue your interests, and make the most of your time at GVSU. Here are some opportunities to consider:

[Student Organizations and Clubs](#): With over 400 student organizations and clubs, there's something for everyone. Whether you're interested in academic, cultural, recreational, or community service activities, you're sure to find a group that suits your interests.

[Campus Recreation](#): Stay active and enjoy our state-of-the-art fitness facilities, intramural sports, outdoor adventures, and group exercise classes. It's a great way to maintain a healthy lifestyle and meet new friends.

Leadership Development: Develop your leadership skills through programs like the [Cook Leadership Academy](#) and the [Student Senate](#). These opportunities will help you grow personally and professionally.

Support Services

We understand that the transition to a new university can bring various challenges. Rest assured, GVSU offers comprehensive support services to ensure your well-being:

[University Counseling Center](#): Our counseling services are available to assist you with personal, academic, or mental health concerns. Don't hesitate to reach out if you need someone to talk to.

[Disability Support Resources](#): If you require accommodations or have specific needs related to a disability, the Disability Support Resources office is here to assist you. Contact them to discuss your requirements.

[Financial Aid and Scholarships](#): For questions related to financial aid, scholarships, or grants, visit the Financial Aid office or explore the online resources to ensure you're maximizing your opportunities.

Additional Helpful Links

1. [Transfer Student Webpage](#) and [Admitted Transfer Student Checklist](#)
2. [Parking Information](#)
3. [Allendale Campus Map](#) and [Pew Campus Map](#) (Downtown GR)
4. [Housing and Residence Life](#)
5. [Financial Aid office](#)
6. [Open Access \(Free\) Educational Resources](#) from the Library

[Make an appointment with an advisor](#)

CECI Resources

Peer Mentor Program

Peer mentors are here to assist and support new GVSU students (**First-Year and Transfer Students**) as they navigate Grand Valley and learn about their major. If you want a fellow student who knows what your program is like and is successful at GVSU, [please consider getting matched](#)! If you think you'd make a great mentor, [please apply](#)!

To learn more about the Peer Mentor Program, [please visit our webpage](#).

CECI Connect Podcast

Learn about your major, your advising team, alumni successes, and opportunities between admission and career by [tuning in to our CECI Connect podcast](#). This podcast will cover topics important to any/all students in CECI programs. You can listen in order, skip around, or find the ones you think are most related to you and your educational experience or professional goals. [Let's connect!](#)

[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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