

November 2024

## From CECI Advising

### *Message from Melanie*

*It's November, and the semester is just flying by! We hope you're finding your place in your schoolwork, your community, and your place here with CECI.*

It's sometimes hard to find enough time to do it all -- if you want to stay connected to us but don't have time to invest in socializing, be sure to check out our CECI Connect Podcast and Blog! See more below:

## The Podcast

Listen to amazing stories and interviews with fascinating people from around CECI and the GVSU community with our podcast, CECI Connect!



**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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# The Blog

If you like reading along with our Podcast Episodes, check out our CECI Connect: The Blog!



## Deadlines and Important Dates

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

- Thanksgiving Recess **November 27 - December 1**
- Examination Week **December 7-14**
- Classes End and Commencement **December 7**
- Semester Ends **December 14**
- Grades Due from Faculty **December 17 by 12:00 pm**
- Grades Available to Students **December 19**

## Announcements

*Make note of these --*

### Academic Motivation

Staying motivated in classes that feel disconnected from

Social Work, MSW



## Featured Advisor!

Meet Berkley:

Legal Studies /

Paralegal

Certification

Public and

Nonprofit

Administration



Originally from Walled Lake, MI, Berkley moved to West Michigan in 2016 to attend GVSU and has been here ever since, making her a true Laker for a Lifetime! She earned her B.S. in Political Science in 2020 and planned to pursue a career in politics, but through working on campus, she discovered a love for supporting

your goals & interests. November 19 from 3:30-4:30pm in KC 2259

[Workshop RSVP](#)

### Study Skills

Elevate your study strategies, and start to think about preparing for final exams! November 20 from 4-5pm in KC 1104

[Workshop RSVP](#)

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

Schedule Required Advising Appointment

Academic Resources

Social Resources

Financial Resources

Health and Wellness Resources

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## Stay Connected

*Be sure to follow us --*

Let's Connect!

**Social Media:** Whether it's via Instagram or Facebook, be sure to follow us!

undergraduate students and decided to pursue a career in academic advising instead. She earned her M.Ed. in College Student Affairs Leadership in 2022 and has professional experience in orientation, advising, and teacher certification.

Outside of work, Berkley loves to travel to new places, read fantasy books, explore Grand Rapids, and spend time with her family, friends, and pets.



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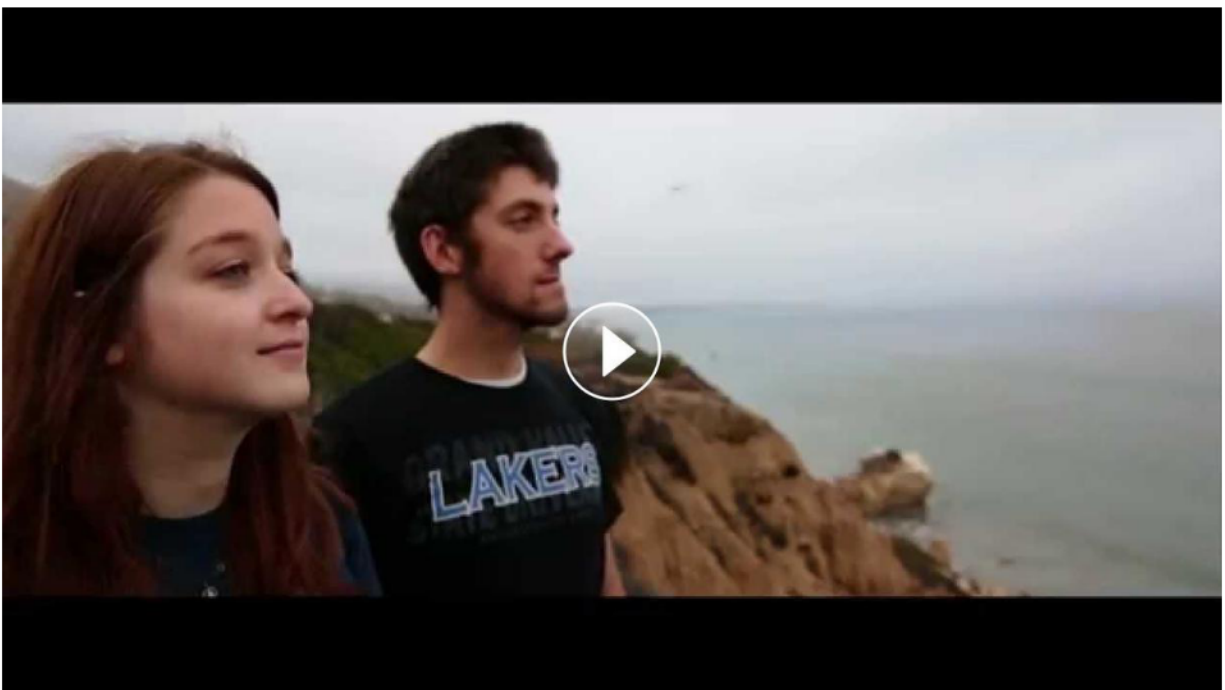


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## We Belong

*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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