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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...

- Orientation and Registration
- Transcripts
- Technology and IT Support
- Financial Support
- Social Support - [CECI Fellows peer mentoring program](#)
- Health and Wellness Support
- Academic Support
- Additional Resources

## 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!***

[Make an appointment with an advisor](#)

## Transcripts

Be sure to have your updated transcripts sent into the [GVSU Registrar's office](#) before the school year starts -- this will ensure that you're taking all the most appropriate classes for you and your academic goals.

If you're **transferring from high school**, please keep these things in mind:

- If you took any AP exams, make sure to have those scores sent in
- If you dual enrolled in any college classes, make sure to have those transcripts sent in as well (from the other college)
- **\*\*Final high school transcript and all college transcripts must be submitted prior to the start of classes. Official electronic transcripts can be sent to [adm-transcripts@gvsu.edu](mailto:adm-transcripts@gvsu.edu).**

If you're transferring from another college, please keep these things in mind:

- Check out the [Admitted Students Checklist!](#)
- Check out the [CECI Transfer Student](#) help page!
- Make sure to have your MACRAO/MTA indicated on your transcripts if applicable to you
- **\*\*All college transcripts must be submitted prior to the start of classes. Official electronic transcripts can be sent to [adm-transcripts@gvsu.edu](mailto:adm-transcripts@gvsu.edu).**

For more information about transcripts, please see the Registrar's webpage about [Academic Records](#).

## Technology and IT Support

Ever wonder what GVSU says their students need to be successful digital students? Check out their [Technology Guide](#) webpage for the best information! They do recommend that if you know what you will be majoring in, you reach out to the department to see if they have any specific recommendations or requirements for a laptop. **If they do not, it is user preference on either a Mac or a PC.** They even outline what [software or apps](#) you'd need or want during your time here. If you're in need of borrowing devices, check out the [Library's Lending Options](#) for laptops, chargers, and more!

If you want more information, 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.



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## Financial Support

Let's talk about money matters. Check out our [Financial Support](#) page for more information about resources and opportunities to help you feel safe and secure with your budget and costs. Make sure you understand your financial obligations, [including tuition payment deadlines, financial aid disbursement, and any outstanding fees](#).

Don't hesitate to reach out to the [Financial Aid Office](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

## Social Support

You belong here! GVSU offers many ways to get involved on campus including:

- [Social Justice Centers](#)
- [Student Organizations](#)
- [Peer Mentoring](#)
- [Campus Resources](#)

As a CECI student, you also get a unique opportunity to join our [CECI Fellows mentor program](#), which is designed to provide leadership for participants in the College of Education and Community Innovation with the following programs: Hospitality and Tourism Management, Social Work, Legal Studies, Public, Non-profit, and Health Administration, and Criminal Justice. CECI Fellows Mentors assist in supporting new GVSU students (First-Year and Transfer Students) as they navigate Grand Valley and learn about their major.

All Mentees are paired with a [CECI Fellows Mentor](#) through a sensitive match-making process. When matching you with a peer mentor, we consider things like academic program, hometown/home region, and areas of interest/future career goals. Mentors and mentees are supported by a team of professionals in the CECI Office of Undergraduate Advising to ensure the most positive and productive relationships.

To learn more, please feel free to email [Melanie Rabine-Johnson](mailto:Melanie.Rabine-Johnson), our Retention Specialist and peer mentor program director.

## Health and Wellness Support

Take care of yourself! GVSU provides many ways for you to prioritize your health and wellbeing including:

- [Spaces to support your needs](#)
- [On-campus dining options](#)
- [Physical and mental health resources](#)

## Academic Support

We're here for you! GVSU provides many resources and services dedicated to academic support including:

- [Knowledge Market](#)
- [Tutoring](#)
- [Success Coaching](#)
- [Academic Resources](#)
- [Support Programs](#)

## Additional Resources

Also! Be sure to check out these additional resources!

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

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## 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.