



**GRAND VALLEY
STATE UNIVERSITY**

**FREDERIK MEIJER
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Graduate Profiles

Grand Valley State University

Class of Fall 2022



Aranza Agoytia

Major: *Marketing*

Minor: *International Business*

Senior Project

Ending the Cycle: The Impact of Menstrual Stigma and How to Address it

I wrote an extensive literature review on the widespread practice of menstrual stigma in India due to various sociocultural factors including culture, religion, and level of education. Since these factors have a profound impact on the lifestyles of many, a framework was developed to address these issues.

Research

Presentation for Marketing Capstone - Developed a Marketing Plan for a Kickstarter Project called Adriano.

Leadership Activities

Director of Membership and Recruitment for the American Marketing Association GVSU (April 2022-Present)
Seidman College of Business Student Mentor (September 2021-April 2022)

Activities and Awards

American Marketing Association GVSU (3 Years)
Seidman College of Business Student Mentor (1 Year)
Women in Business Club Member (1 Year)
Dean's List Recipient for 6/7 consecutive semesters

Internship/Practicum

Accounting intern at Autoneum North America, Inc. (June 2021-August 2021)
Marketing Promotions and Database Intern for Experience Grand Rapids CVB (May 2022-August 2021)

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at GVSU is serving time in the American Marketing Association. There, I enjoyed connecting with peers and bringing back to the Grand Rapids community through our community service initiatives. Of course, I believe graduating in 3 and 1/2 years is a great accomplishment!

Plans after Graduation

I am incredibly grateful to GVSU for my undergrad experiences. After graduation, I plan to stay in Grand Rapids because I have accepted a full-time position at Experience Grand Rapids as a Marketing Specialist!



Rebekkah Bowen

Majors: *History and Political Science*

Minor: *German*

Senior Project

Roy Van Schie - A Veteran's Journey Remembered

I worked with university archivists Annie Benefiel and Professor James Smither to archive the WWII materials of veteran Roy Van Schie. I created a finding aid to make his materials accessible to the public and wrote a narrative of his movements throughout the war.

Research

Research assistant for the GVSU Kutsche Office of Local History working on the Teaching West Michigan Histories project.
Research assistant for the GVSU Veteran's History project working on the VHP YouTube channel.

Leadership Activities

Resident assistant
Orientation assistant
Honors ambassador
GVSU Alternative Breaks
phi sigma pi- initiate advisor & secretary

Activities and Awards

Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Sigma Pi, Delta Phi Alpha, Phi Alpha Theta, Pi Sigma Alpha
Jo Ellyn Clarey Women's History Endowed Scholarship
Padnos International Study Abroad Scholarship
Frances Anne Kelleher Scholarship
John T. Batchelder Scholarship
PAUL B. HENRY Fellowship
Outstanding History Major Award

Study Abroad

Study abroad Winter semester 22' in Munich Germany at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Being able to create communities of inclusivity in my role as an RA for two years.

Plans after Graduation

Beginning a year of service through the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness AmeriCorps program. I will be working directly with Wayne Metro Community Action to develop relationships with local landlords and work to make more affordable housing available in the Metro Detroit area.



Nicholas Brough

Major: *Allied Health Sciences*

Senior Project

A Comparison of the Treatments of Al-Razi to Those of His Contemporary Physicians and to Modern Medicine

I analyzed a translation of a book written by Al-Razi and chose three cases where he successfully treated his patients. I then compared his treatments to contemporary physicians and to texts on medicinal plants to evaluate the validity of his treatments when compared to modern medicine.

Leadership Activities

Founding member and Treasurer of the Allied Health Sciences Student Group

Activities and Awards

Excellence-in-a-Discipline Award in Allied Health Sciences, 2022

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Helping to found the Allied Health Sciences Student Group to create an environment of support and camaraderie that the major had lacked previously.

Plans after Graduation

I have been accepted to the Grand Valley State University Physician assistant program and will be part of the class of 2025.



Keylaiha Brown

Majors: *Psychology and Spanish*

Senior Project

The Financial Literacy Gap Between African-American Students and Their Peers

I have conducted literary research with Dr. Mihaela Friedlmeier in order to assess and gain information on African-American students' financial literacy in comparison to their peers.

Research

The Impact of Community Engagement on Marginalized Youth

Leadership Activities

Vice President of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority Inc.

Activities and Awards

Ronald E. McNair Scholar
Member of TRIO TPSSS

Study Abroad

I studied abroad in Spain for 5 1/2 months

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at GV would be making the Dean's List every semester during my time here.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I plan on pursuing my Masters of Social Work at GVSU.



Brianna Corrion

Major: *Film and Video*

Minor: *Environmental and Sustainability Studies*

Senior Project

"The Games We Play" Short Film

The Games We Play is a short film that I wrote, directed, and produced. It features an asexual woman at a house party in the 1990s, where conflicts arise between her and her friends. The production consisted of 25 crew members and 6 cast members.

Leadership Activities

GVTV Station Manager, Vice President and Technology Director

Women in Cinema Treasurer

Table Tennis Club Membership Officer

Activities and Awards

Grand Valley Dance Troupe Choreographer

Internship/Practicum

Production Intern at Creative Embers Nonprofit

GVSU 2022 Summer Film Project

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley was being selected as the First Assistant Director for the 2022 GVSU Summer Film Project, which will premiere in the spring of 2023..

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I plan to move out to Los Angeles to pursue a career as a film producer.



Luke Ellermets

Major: *Geology-Chemistry*

Minor: *Earth Science*

Senior Project

Applying Raman Spectroscopy of Carbonaceous Material (RSCM) to Study Very Low Grade Metamorphism: Ouachita Mountains, Arkansas and Cuche Formation of Trinidad

Using Raman spectroscopy, we gathered temperature data and found a sharp discontinuity from North-South in the Cuche formation in Trinidad. This disproved 2 of the 5 proposed mechanisms for the formation of Trinidad. This data was presented at GSA in Denver.

Research

Microbialites and Lake Water Chemistry | Fish Lake, MI | Summer- Fall of 2020

- Analyzed core samples of sediment to study migration of these structures throughout the lake
- Grew microbialites in tanks to measure rate of carbonate precipitation

Leadership Activities

Vice President of AAPG club

Activities and Awards

Norman and Hellen Gibson Geology Field Study Scholarship

Geology Tremba Award

Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club Award

Study Abroad

Went to Toronto Canada for a week to perform Raman Spectroscopy at the Royal Ontario Museum

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Presenting Research at GSA

Plans after Graduation

I've accepted a mudlogging position in Texas starting in January. I will analyze the sediment being drilled and build a stratigraphic column with corresponding gas data in unconventional oil plays. I plan on going to graduate school in the Fall of 2024.



Alena Gleason

Majors: *Nursing and Spanish*

Senior Project

Challenges of Michigan Refugees & Implications to Their Health Outcomes

As a result of social, economic, and cultural challenges, refugees in the US face copious health disparities that ultimately contribute to the development of poor health outcomes. The focus of this project is to identify the health outcomes associated with several refugee age groups and identify resources for these specific populations.

Leadership Activities

Student Nurses' Association - Treasurer & Finance Committee Chair

Study Abroad

9-week Costa Rica Study Abroad

Internship/Practicum

Bronson Methodist Hospital TICU Nurse Extern

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

The friendships and memories I have made at Grand Valley are my greatest accomplishment.

Plans after Graduation

I am so excited to have accepted a nursing position in the Surgical ICU at Duke University Hospital in North Carolina.



Jillian Greene

Major: *Environmental and Sustainability Studies*

Minor: *Psychology*

Senior Project

Using Sentinel-3 Satellite Imagery for Cyanobacteria Development Monitoring

I did research remotely sensing Harmful Algal Bloom densities in Muskegon Lake. By applying an algorithm to Sentinel-3 satellite imagery, algal densities were quantified from historic and present-day images. The remotely sensed algae data is compared to the Muskegon Lake Observatory Buoy's algae measurements.

Research

I worked with Dr. Sean Woznicki to model the soil and hydrology in the Danube watershed using climate change projections.

Leadership Activities

President of Miracle Network Dance Marathon

Activities and Awards

Alternative Break trip in Spring 2020 performing reef restoration with the Northwest Florida Aquatic Preserve

Internship/Practicum

Horticultural Intern with HOPE Gardens; Summer Intern at the Annis Water Resource Institute

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Bringing back an in-person, 12-hour Dance Marathon fundraising event after two years of COVID

Plans after Graduation

Will attend grad school to get a Masters degree in environmental science and geography



Hannah Greenstein

Majors: *Business General and Paralegal Studies*

Senior Project

Teacher's Assistant for Professor Gilles' Honors 201 Live, Learn, Lead course

As a teacher's assistant, I worked closely with groups of 4-6 honors students leading small group discussions, preparing discussion questions, and accompanying them to several Grand Valley and Grand Rapids community events.

Leadership Activities

Executive Board Member and Social Media and Events Coordinator of the GVSU Stars for Make-A-Wish organization

Mentor for the Seidman College of Business Mentorship Program

Activities and Awards

Member, Delta Sigma Pi, Professional Business Fraternity

Internship/Practicum

Intern & Patron Volunteer, Legal Assistance Center at Kent County Courthouse

Marketing Coordinator, RightBrain Networks

Assistant, Family-Owned Business Institute, Seidman College of Business

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Maintaining my grades and commitments to various student organizations while taking advantage of numerous work opportunities and experiences.

Plans after Graduation

I will be attending law school next fall. Still determining where I will be attending.



Leah Hall

Majors: *Education and Integrated Science
Elementary*

Minor: *Business General*

Senior Project

Fighting Food Waste on Campus

Food waste continues to be a persistent problem on campuses across the country. Together, we can address this problem by continuing the conversation, reducing portions, and considering ways to repurpose the food that could benefit those who experience food insecurity.

Research

"Using Claims, Evidence, and Reasoning to Evaluate the Sustainability of America's Aquifers"

Leadership Activities

Hospitality Team Leadership with Campus Ministry
Intern with Campus Ministry

Activities and Awards

Grand Valley's Excellence in a Discipline in Integrated Science in Elementary

Internship/Practicum

Student Assisting at Lakeside Elementary in East Grand Rapids.
Student Teaching at Comstock STEM Academy in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley is finding lifelong friends that have become family.

Plans after Graduation

My plans after graduation are to hopefully be hired at the elementary level and have a classroom of my own.



Paige Harris

Major: *Biomedical Sciences*

Minor: *Applied Statistics*

Senior Project

Teacher's Assistant for Live.Learn.Lead.

I was a TA with Professor Cataldo's section of Live.Learn.Lead. In this class, I lead discussions among my groups, posed other questions, steered conversations, assisted with grading, and attended events with the students.

Research

I am currently researching Tricaine and its effects on *Galleria melonella*. I also composed a meta-analysis of depression rates in nursing homes as well as a meta-analysis of Salt Intake and Cardiovascular Disease.

Leadership Activities

Vice President of GVSU Stars for Make-A-Wish : 2021-2022

Chaplain in Delta Zeta

Activities and Awards

Dean's List

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at GVSU would be connecting my curriculum with my clinical experience. Being able to see examples of topics discussed in class in the real world was the best experience for me.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to go to either Physician Assistant or Medical School, I am currently applying to both.



Meredith Hinz

Major: *Product Design & Manufacturing Engineering*

Senior Project

Confidential Medical Device

The details of this project are confidential.

Leadership Activities

Co-Founder and Vice President of the Social Innovation Club at GVSU

Activities and Awards

Member of the University Innovation Fellows

Social Innovation Club

Product Design and Manufacturing Club

QSTEM (Queers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

Study Abroad

I studied abroad in Ireland and Scotland for 2 weeks to fulfill my Junior Seminar Credit. It was a life changing experience!

Internship/Practicum

I completed 3 semesters of a Co-Op at Koops Factory Automation Systems. Throughout my time there, I worked in the controls programming, mechanical design, and project engineering departments.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Founding a successful club on campus.

Plans after Graduation

I have secured a job as a product design engineer at Constellium Inc. They are an aluminum supplier for automotive, aerospace, and packaging fields. I will be working in their automotive crash management sector.



Taylor Jancsi

Major: *Biomedical Sciences*

Senior Project

Organic Chemistry Mechanism Tutorials & Practice

I compiled videos teaching the why's and how's of a variety of organic chemistry mechanisms, including practice problems, solutions, and annotated bibliographies describing the creation of each set of videos. The videos are displayed on GVSU's Chemistry Success Center YouTube channel.

Leadership Activities

Lead tutor at GVSU's Chemistry Success Center in the summer of 2022

Served as the Human Resources Representative for the 2021-2022 academic year on the GV Dance Troupe

Honors Mentor

Activities and Awards

GV Dance Troupe

Chemistry Success Center

Helping Hands Club

Dean's List

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at GV is how much I've grown as a person and how much knowledge and confidence I've gained, not just academically, but in many aspects of my life.

Plans after Graduation

I am in the application process for a few second-degree accelerated nursing programs starting in the fall of 2023, and I plan on continuing my education further with hopes of becoming a midwife.



Victoria Kaszuba

Majors: *Accounting and Marketing*

Senior Project

Grand Valley State University: A Guide to your First Year

As a first-year student, campus can be intimidating. This guidebook highlights places to study, to eat, to visit on and off campus, as well as some advice from previous honors students. There is plenty to learn during your years as a student, but this will help get you started.

Leadership Activities

Vice President of LIFT Club

Seidman Mentorship Program Mentor and Cohort Group Leader

Activities and Awards

Dean's List all semesters

LIFT Club Participant/leader

Seidman Mentorship Program

Internship/Practicum

Busy Season Audit Internship at Plante Moran in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My biggest accomplishment was accepting a busy season internship, taking a semester off of classes and still managing to graduate a semester early.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I will continue my education in the Masters of Accounting program at Grand Valley State University and return back to Plante Moran full-time in January 2024.



Lydia Kilburn

Major: *Communication Studies*

Minor: *Advertising & Public Relations*

Senior Project

Male Birth Control Speech

I did research and completed a speech about the importance of continuing research on Male contraceptives.

Leadership Activities

I was a student leader in a student organization, Cru. I did a mission trip with them as well as I was a part of the community team.

Activities and Awards

I completed over 500 Community service hours in my college career.

Internship/Practicum

I did a social media internship at Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Finishing my degree in only two and a half years.

Plans after Graduation

I will be continuing my education and pursuing a master's degree.



Mason Kolanowski

Major: *Biomedical Sciences*

Minor: *Applied Statistics*

Senior Project

Listening for the How: Improvising to Improve Leadership

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Research

April 2022: Poster Presentation at Student Scholars Day 2022

Leadership Activities

President of Subject to Change Improv Comedy Team

Peter C. Cook Leadership Academy Fellow Candidate

Resident Assistant

Activities and Awards

I Am GV Award (2021 and 2022)

Internship/Practicum

Summer 2022: MI STEM Forward Internship - Ann Arbor Spark

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I participated in lots of academic, social, and community events at Grand Valley State University. I am most proud of the research that I was able to complete as a part of the Ramsson Lab. It was truly the most impactful experience.

Plans after Graduation

I will be attending graduate school at Grand Valley State University to obtain my Master's Degree in Biomedical Sciences and then plan to continue on to obtain my PhD at another institution.



Ashley Komosinski

Major: *Nursing*

Senior Project

Mental Health Concerns in the Pediatric Population Following The COVID-19 Pandemic

In partnership with Kristina Yaczik. We researched the effects of COVID-19 on pediatric mental health. We developed a toolkit which included educational resources intended to teach children about mental health and how to cope. The toolkit was distributed to third semester nursing students for their pediatric community health clinical.

Activities and Awards

SNA member

Honors Mentor

Internship/Practicum

Summer Nurse Externship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester MN. I was one of 60 selected from over 500 applicants. I trained on a Gynecology and Urology Floor as a Nurse.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment was in all the relationships developed at Grand Valley and the amount of personal growth I've had over my 3 and a half years.

Plans after Graduation

I will start my Nursing career at Helen Devos children's Hospital on their cardiac progressive care floor.



Sarah Krishef

Majors: *Film & Video and Writing*

Senior Project

Midrash

Midrash is a script for an animated pilot about four children who fall into a world inspired by Jewish mythology. The purpose of this project was to exercise the author's creative abilities, gain experience with scriptwriting, and craft a project that would allow audiences to gain familiarity with Jewish culture.

Research

Tips and Tricks - Consulting with Scriptwriters
A Thoughtful Critique of the Compliment Sandwich

Leadership Activities

Cinesthesia - Editor-in-chief
Fishladder - Assistant Genre Editor
Writing Center - Lead Writing Consultant
Office of Student Life - Editorial Project Manager
Learner Engagement Challenge - Student Advisor
HCAM Jewish Retreat Student Committee Member
GVSU Film and Video Animation Ambassador

Activities and Awards

Glenn A. Niemeyer Award Winner 2021
Writing and Leadership Scholarship 2021
Distinction in Writing Award
Oldenburg Contest Honorable Mention (Analytical Essay)
Oldenburg Contest Third Place (Personal Essay)
AWP (Association of Writers and Writing Programs)
Intro Award Honorable Mention (Nonfiction Essay)

Internship/Practicum

Writing Intern at Deaf and Hard of Hearing, LLC

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I am most proud of being a recipient of the Glenn A. Niemeyer Award in 2021. To me, this award symbolizes a culmination of the many extracurricular opportunities I've been a part of and the impact they have had on my, and other students', lives.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to return to my full-time job as a Digital Content Editor with IQS in Grand Rapids. I will be searching for my own apartment in the city - maybe adopting a cat! Later, I will be looking for scriptwriting and television opportunities as far as Burbank, California.



Rachel Kurima

Major: *Environmental and Sustainability Studies*

Minors: *Geology and Geospatial Technology*

Senior Project

Teaching Assistantship for Honors 201

I worked to evaluate student work and facilitate group discussions on the topics of philosophy, literature, social and political theory, art, music, and religion over the course of a semester.

Research

Triple Oxygen Isotope Approach for Assessing Moisture Cycling of Lake Michigan

Expansive Soil Remediation Methods

Life Cycle of Baseball Materials through Hydrosphere, Biosphere, and Atmosphere

A Case Study in Sustainable Food Systems

Sustainable Solutions for Local Farmers Market

Social Media Tactics to Promote Sustainability Education

Sedimentary Formation Models

Perceptions of Climate Change

Plant Ability to Reduce Stress

Leadership Activities

Lab Technician and Teaching Assistant for GIS Lab Sections for the '21-'22 and '22-'23 school years

Teaching Assistant for the Honors College

ELS Club Group Leader

Activities and Awards

Phi Kappa Phi Society Freshman Honoree

National Society of Leadership and Success Membership since 2020

Dean's List 2019, Dean's List 2020, Deans List 2021, Deans List 2022

Presidential Scholarship and Award for Excellence Scholarship

ELS and Geology Club

Internship/Practicum

Friends of Grand Rapids Parks Urban Forestry and GIS Internship

Grand Valley Sustainable Agriculture Project Internship in Green Chemistry Solutions

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

The sum of my work and the determination that I put into every course makes me prouder than any one project, so I would have to say that together that is my greatest accomplishment.

Plans after Graduation

Working in Environmental Compliance and Consulting with a firm in West Michigan.



Angeline Lewis

Majors: *Nursing and Intercultural Competence Experience*

Senior Project

Teacher Assistant for Dr. Jeremiah Cataldo.

For my senior project, I was a Teacher Assistant for an Honors Live. Learn. Lead. class taught by Dr. Jeremiah Cataldo. For this project, I supported students as a resource, led small groups, and taught lessons regarding religion and politics to the class.

Research

I completed extensive research in my undergrad on pressure injuries and intercultural competence/implicit bias in healthcare.

Leadership Activities

I made the Dean's List each semester and was an active participant in many clubs such as Alternative Breaks and Student Nurses' Association. Throughout college, I worked as a personal care assistant for a woman with muscular dystrophy and as a nursing technician in the Helen DeVos Children's Emergency Room.

Activities and Awards

Over Spring and Winter breaks, I travelled the country as a site leader and volunteered my time with vulnerable populations in need. I also sat on the Board of Directors for the Student Nurses' Association where I supported local populations and provided volunteer opportunities for students.

Internship/Practicum

I did my Intercultural Competence practicum at Butterworth Hospital and Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. I challenged myself by getting exposure to diverse populations in a healthcare environment while observing/practicing inclusion and recognizing internal biases.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at Grand Valley was being accepted into the nursing program on my first attempt due to the high application rates and the competitive nature.

Plans after Graduation

I have accepted a job as a pediatric emergency registered nurse at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. I plan to further my education to become a pediatric emergency nurse practitioner in the near future at Grand Valley State University.



Carlin Moore

Majors: *Biomedical Sciences and Cell & Molecular Biology*

Senior Project

Investigating Cultural importance and Genetics of Wild Rice Populations in Michigan

This project is based on research to discover the genetic relationship between two species of wild rice in Michigan. Better understanding of the genetic relationship will contribute towards conservation efforts. Interviews and research were also carried out to better understand the cultural important to the Gun Lake tribe.

Research

COVID-19 wastewater tracking, 2 presentations for student scholars day, and 3 seminar presentations for the wild rice population genetics project.

Leadership Activities

Honors mentor

President of Anatomy Club

President of Neuroscience Club

Internship/Practicum

AWRI Internship and being a medical assistant at an internal and addition medicine clinic.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Becoming my own person that I am proud of as a result to all my experiences.

Plans after Graduation

Work in a research lab until starting a PhD in neuroscience in the fall of 2023. An MD will follow the PhD to do clinical research for neurodegenerative diseases.



Tori Nageotte

Major: *Accounting*

Senior Project

The Importance of Accounting Ethics: An Exploration of Accounting Scandals and Resulting Legislation

A research paper defining the importance of ethics within the accounting profession, analyzing impactful scandals of the early 2000's resulting from unethical accounting practices, and describing the evolution of ethical safeguards within the profession, as well as identifying the legislature and governing bodies resulting from the scandals.

Internship/Practicum

Property Tax Internship with UFP Industries

Tax Internship with EY

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Receiving a full-time offer upon completion of my Master's degree and CPA testing to begin as a Tax Associate for EY.

Plans after Graduation

To continue pursuing my MSA in Taxation at GVSU in the Winter with an anticipated graduation of Fall 2023, as well as begin studying for the CPA Exam.



Monica Nagy

Major: *Biomedical Sciences*

Minor: *Spanish*

Senior Project

Analysis of A Future Dentist

I formulated a research essay on the future of dentistry in 10 years to accurately predict the dental field when I am a practicing dentist. Next, I made a Business Model Canvas for owning a private dental practice, which I then expanded on in my "Potential Plans of Action."

Leadership Activities

President of the Pre-Dental Club

Vice President and Cofounder of the Women in Medicine and Science Club

Activities and Awards

I am Grand Valley - Winter 2022

SLA Facilitator for BIO 120 - 3 semesters

Internship/Practicum

Dental Assistant - Dr. K Family Dentistry

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Greatest accomplishment was making the Dean's list each semester.

Plans after Graduation

Work full time until I start dental school next August. I will either be attending University of Louisville, University of Iowa, or Creighton University.



Korey Nickel

Major: *Nursing*

Senior Project

Teacher's Assistant

I had the opportunity to be a Teacher's Assistant. I helped facilitate class and small group discussions on a diverse range of topics. As a TA, I sought to understand a diverse range of perspectives and encouraged students to listen and seek to understand other's perspectives as well.

Activities and Awards

Student Nurses Association

Phi Kappa Phi

Sigma Theta Tau

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment throughout my time at Grand Valley is how much I have grown as an individual and how much I have learned about myself and what I am capable of.

Plans after Graduation

After I graduate, I hope to find a job in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.



Lillian Nowland

Major: *Nursing*

Minor: *Psychology*

Senior Project

The Other Way of Nutrition: Providing Reliable and Preventative Healthcare Resources to our John Ball Park Neighbors to Improve Health Outcomes

My project is a reflection of my nursing capstone at The Other Way Ministries in downtown Grand Rapids. Our program provided obtainable education and demonstration on utilizing the pantry's quality foods to prevent/manage the most common diagnoses in the John Ball Park neighborhood and promote overall health and wellness.

Leadership Activities

Delight Ministries Leader (3 Years)

Delight Ministries Co-Team Director (1 Year)

Mentor to Pre-Nursing Students (2021 - Present)

Activities and Awards

Dean's List

Award for Excellence Scholarship

Student Nurses' Association Committee Member (August 2020 - Present)

Internship/Practicum

160 hour clinical nursing immersion assignment at Corewell Health Butterworth Hospital on the adult oncology unit.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My role in growing Delight Ministries at Grand Valley from 20 women my freshmen year to over 150 women in my final year with a known presence on campus. I believe Delight has created a culture that cultivates authentic relationships and has changed the lives of hundreds of college women.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to move to San Diego, California and pursue a career as an adult intensive care unit (ICU) nurse. After about a year of experience, I hope to become a travel nurse and experience as much as I can while having the best twenties ever.



Martin O'Neill

Major: *Nursing*

Senior Project

Interprofessional Education: Improving Emergent Care (An analysis of nursing tools in the pre-hospital environment)

Having worked in both fields of EMS and nursing, I identified a need of further education within EMS programs. First responders have the widest reach to patients within the community, and the education necessary to provide adequate in-home assessments to improve well-being is vital to decreasing morbidity and mortality.

Leadership Activities

Delegate - Student Nurses Association

Committee Chairman - Delta Sigma Phi

Activities and Awards

Daisy Award Nominee

KCEMS - Exceptional Patient Care

KCEMS – Lifesaving

Internship/Practicum

4 years Cardiothoracic ICU

2 years EMT

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment was being able to manage a hectic academic and professional schedule while still enjoying all of fun things college has to offer.

Plans after Graduation

I will be starting my career as a RN in the Cardiothoracic ICU at Butterworth while working on achieving my goal of becoming a flight nurse.



MacKenzie Payton

Majors: *Advertising & Public Relations and Psychology*

Senior Project

Honors College Teaching Assistant with Dr. Ellen Adams
Worked as a TA with Dr. Adams' class and aided in the facilitation of small-group and class-wide discussions.

Research

"Stressful Job? Studying the link between trait affect and job stress" - Student Scholars Day Presentation (Winter 2022)
"White Saviorism" - GVSU Teach-In Presentation (Winter 2022)

Leadership Activities

Peter C. Cook Leadership Academy Fellow
Research Director - National Student Advertising Competition Team (NSAC)
National Student Advisory Committee Member - American Advertising Federation (AAF)
Career Connector - GVSU Career Center
Psi Chi - Psychology National Honors Society
Advertising Club
GrandPR

Activities and Awards

"I Am GV Award" (2021, 2022)

Internship/Practicum

Marketing and Communications Intern at GVSU Career Center
Global Market Research Intern at MillerKnoll

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

MacKenzie's greatest accomplishment while at GVSU was working two roles at the GVSU Career Center as the Marketing and Communications Intern and Career Connector, where she helped students achieve their professional goals and aspirations.

Plans after Graduation

MacKenzie is planning on working for two years before returning to school to work towards obtaining a master's in Industrial-Organizational Psychology.



Jonathan Peters

Major: *Biology*

Minor: *Chemistry*

Senior Project

Microbial Diversity Assessment of Hoop Houses and South Field at GVSU's Sustainable Agriculture Project

I performed the first microbial analyses of 3 fields at the Sustainable Agriculture Project. I identified and

researched the prominent bacterial and fungal families present and proposed organisms of interest that future research could investigate to improve crop health. I presented my findings in a poster at a research conference.

Leadership Activities

I led a small group in InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

Activities and Awards

Member of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

Member of the University Singers

Member of the University Band

Member of Table Tennis Club

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I was offered the chance to give a presentation of my Honors research at Indiana Tech.

Plans after Graduation

I do not have a clear-cut plan at the moment, but I plan to look for a job in biology/sustainability/conservation in the next year and consider applying to graduate school.



Jade Phillips

Majors: *Environmental & Sustainability Studies and Integrative Studies*

Senior Project

Considering Community: An Exploration of Collaborative, Community-Based, and De-Colonial Work in Detroit

Combined interviews and research to analyze relationships between colonialism, community work, and barriers to collaboration.

Research

Thesis: Returning to Roots: Examining Environmental Education and Conservation Within the Settler State

Leadership Activities

Phi Sigma Pi Scholarship Chair
Michigan Interfaith Leadership Lab

Activities and Awards

Distinguished Service Award
GVSU Farm Club
Meditation and Mindfulness Club
GV Cagefree
GVSU Beekeepers
Phi Sigma Pi

Study Abroad

University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia, 2019
Semester in Detroit, 2022

Internship/Practicum

Community Wellness Intern at American Indian Health and Family Services, 2022

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Integrating the lessons that I've learned into my work and the work of those I met along the way.

Plans after Graduation

Will start my position as the Zero Suicide Program Assistant at American Indian Health and Family Services.



Kaleigh Pikulas

Major: *Nursing*

Senior Project

Website Resource for Nursing Burnout

After collecting data from our survey sent out to those in the healthcare field, we created a website. This website serves as a resource accessible to all healthcare individuals who need a place for therapeutic resources, therapeutic events, and a place to vent.

Leadership Activities

Mentor for new nursing students in SNA

Activities and Awards

GVSU Waterski and Wakeboard team

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment was creating a website for those who are burnt out in health care. This website was created through evidence based practice and surveys. It has resources online as well as in person events.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation I have accepted a job as a nurse on Butterworth's Surgical Intensive Care Unit



Mackenzie Reno

Major: *Hospitality Tourism Management*

Minor: *Theatre*

Senior Project

SAGA Film Festival

The SAGA Film Festival is a one-night film festival that celebrates Queer GVSU filmmakers and films. This event seeks to highlight an underrepresented group in modern film media.

Research

Workplace motivation in the hospitality and nursing fields (Fall 2021)

Impact of COVID-19 on event venues in West Michigan (Winter 2021)

Leadership Activities

Event assistant for ACTion Art, an art gallery showcase for people with disabilities (Winter 2022)

Taught a ukulele class for people with disabilities (Summer 2022)

Assistant event planner for the Artists Creating Together Annual Auction, raising over \$100,000 (Fall 2022)

Activities and Awards

Projections Board Operator: Side By Side by Sondheim (Fall 2021)

Study Abroad

Theatre Intensive in England (completed while at Western Michigan University)

Internship/Practicum

Artists Creating Together: Development and Event Planning Intern (Fall 2022)

Grand Valley State University: Campus Tour Guide (Spring/Summer 2022)

Artists Creating Together: Community Programs and Events Intern (Winter 2022)

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Working with film majors to create a short film and planning the SAGA Film Festival to showcase that film.

Plans after Graduation

Currently looking for fun and exciting event opportunities within the entertainment and events industry.



Casey Restau

Major: *Allied Health Sciences*

Minor: *Biology*

Senior Project

Xenotransplantation: Using Animals to Save Human Lives

Xenotransplantation could be the solution for the nationwide organ shortage. Many people have to wait years to be put on the waiting list and even longer to actually receive an organ. Using animal cells and modifying them for human use could shorten wait times and save lives.

Leadership Activities

President of Alpha Phi Omega co-ed service fraternity

Delegate for Groove A Cappella

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I think my greatest accomplishment at Grand Valley was being able to be a leader in two student organizations while also maintaining good grades in my classes.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I plan to continue working as a Nursing Technician at Spectrum Health to gain experience for graduate school. Eventually, I will apply to Physician Assistant programs at various schools to continue my journey towards becoming a PA.



Tumaini Sango

Major: *Music*

Minor: *Political Science*

Senior Project

Examining Notation and Christmas Fake-Books

This project examines notation from a musicological perspective, mapping its development over time. Additionally, I looked at what Christmas fake books are currently available to consumers analyzing their strengths and weaknesses against each other. Lastly, I wrote and engraved my own arrangements of Christmas songs in a lead sheet format.

Research

"Protest Music of the 2010s" - completed as a GVSU McNair Scholar in Summer 2021

Activities and Awards

GVSU McNair Scholar

Member of TRIO Black Males Scholar

Member of GVSU Jazz Ensembles

Recipient of Music Department's Excellence in a Discipline Award (2022)

Recipient of Thomas J. and Marcia J. Haas Endowment for the Performing Arts (2022)

Winner of Alexander Calder Honors Scholarship (2021)

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Making new friends and making a bunch of fun music along the way!

Plans after Graduation

Applying and auditioning to graduate school, specifically masters programs in Music Performance.



Kari Shadab

Major: *Biomedical Sciences*

Minor: *Spanish*

Senior Project

HNR 201 TA

I assisted Dr. Roger Gilles in his section of HNR 201, a course dedicated to exposing, or otherwise introducing, second year honors students to arts related opportunities on or near campus.

Research

Drosophila Genomics Research (CMB 440). I learned to use software such as BLAST and the USCS Genome Browser to identify genes in related drosophila species. I used my research to conduct gene models that were checked for their credibility.

Leadership Activities

Hunger and Homelessness

I was the advertisement coordinator of this organization for one year and promoted the club via social network platforms like Instagram. After that, I took on the role of vice president and oversaw the club needs that were delegated to me by the president.

Activities and Awards

Pre-Med Club

Hunger and Homelessness Club

ChemoCare Club

Senior Citizens Club

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I am most proud of my personal and academic growth. I hope to apply what I have learned to my future career and genuinely believe I will be better equipped for what lies ahead now that my undergraduate education is completed.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to pursue a career in cell biology research. I plan refine my interests further by potentially taking a gap year and/or pursuing a master's degree.



Danielle Shaykin

Major: *Nursing*

Senior Project

Clozapine: Nursing Management

A deep dive into a common antipsychotic medication, Clozapine.

Research

My nursing capstone presentation was about Osteoporosis prevention and was given at Mary Free Bed YMCA.

Leadership Activities

I was on the board for Hillel 2019-2021

Activities and Awards

PNA 2018-2020

SNA 2020-2021

Internship/Practicum

I have spent five semesters working in various hospitals around the Grand Rapids area in different specialties, the final immersion semester being on the Psychiatric Medical floor at Trinity Health Saint Mary's.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment is finishing the nursing program!

Plans after Graduation

I will be moving back to the Chicago area and plan on getting a postpartum/mom and baby job!



Olivia Tanner

Major: *Biomedical Sciences*

Minor: *Applied Statistics*

Senior Project

Live, Learn, Lead TA

I was a TA for Professor Gilles last year for the Honors 201 course.

Research

I am currently researching the effects of central nervous system drugs on *Galleria mellonella* and I conducted research on depression in nursing homes.

Leadership Activities

I was the GVSU Stars for Make A Wish President
Currently a mentor for a PreMed student.

Activities and Awards

I have gotten Dean's List 4 out of 6 semesters at GV.

Internship/Practicum

I have had a job at a local nursing home for 2 years and I have a job at Mercy St Mary's that I have been working at for almost a year.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I would say my greatest accomplishment was while I was president for Stars, we raised over \$4000 for Make A Wish.

Plans after Graduation

I plan on attending medical school somewhere, I am just not sure where yet.



Madeline Tripp

Major: *Global Studies*

Minors: *Spanish and Human Rights*

Senior Project

Honors College Teaching Assistant

Facilitated small group discussions reflecting on events around campus and life as Honors College students.

Research

Global Studies & Social Impact Capstone Research Project:
Sports and Social Justice: The Role of Intersectionality in
Athletic Activism

Leadership Activities

Alpha Phi Omega Executive Board Secretary, Rush Chair, and Public Relations

Activities and Awards

Alpha Phi Omega

Model Arab League

Dean's List

Distinguished Delegation Award for the Council on Social Affairs at the Michigan Regional Model Arab League

Study Abroad

John Cabot University in Rome, Italy (Summer 2022)

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment was pushing myself out of my comfort zone and pursuing the opportunity to study abroad in Rome, Italy!

Plans after Graduation

I plan to take a gap year to work and travel before going to grad school.



Claire Ureste

Major: *Environmental & Sustainability Studies*

Minor: *Studio Art*

Senior Project

Honors Teaching Assistant

Leading a group of honors students in community events, peer engagement, and self-reflection.

Research

Research and product development - La Bateria Bicicleta. As well as Monarch butterfly migration research, information production, and presentation for the Beaver Island Historical Society and the Beaver Island Sustainability Fair

Leadership Activities

Honors Teaching Assistant

Activities and Awards

Leave No Trace Certification

Farm Club

GVSU Beekeepers

Campus Ministry

Mural Artist for The Parlor by House of Flavors in Zeeland, MI

Study Abroad

GVSU x University of Michigan - Semester in Detroit

Beaver Island Field School

Internship/Practicum

D-Town Farm Internship in Detroit, Michigan

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Gaining the understanding of what it means to be a force for good in a community of all living things.

Plans after Graduation

Start my career in the intersection of environmentalism, sustainability, and art.



Nathan Vandermeer

Major: *Mathematics*

Minor: *Applied Statistics*

Senior Project

The Fractal Geometry of Grand Rapids

An analysis of how Grand Rapids has gotten larger and more complex using fractals.

Research

For my capstone, MTH 498, I and my group researched and modelled evictions in Holland.

Activities and Awards

Dean's List

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Passing Actuarial Exam P.

Plans after Graduation

Begin work as an actuary.



Andrew VanOort

Majors: *Integrative Studies and Leadership*

Senior Project

Reading for Pleasure as a Tool for Improving Mental Health and Resilience

Disciplines of Neurology, Mythology, Developmental Psychology, and previous studies done on the benefits of reading for pleasure come together to demonstrate the vast potential reading for enjoyment has as a broadly accessible tool for mitigating trauma and developing resilience to future challenges.

Research

Completed an IRB approved study of children's eating habits in 2016.

Leadership Activities

Liaison for ANCHOR and Niemeyer Resident Assistants (2016)

Assistant to the president of Kids In Motion volunteer group (2016)

Activities and Awards

2016 National Residence Hall Honorary Award

2014 Dean's List

Member of GV Swing Dancing Club

Volunteer through Kids in Motion

Resident assistant 2015-2016

Internship/Practicum

Extensive experience with event planning and hosting. Creating an instructional event-plan for others to use as a template. Event combines many aspects of my education towards the goal of fostering mental resilience and community inclusivity among participants.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Development of a broadly accessible model for improving mental health and resilience through reading for pleasure, as well as application of this model within the event instructions being created and distributed via my Honors Senior Project.

Plans after Graduation

I intend to find leadership work within fields of healthcare or community welfare, as well as to offer my services as an independent consultant for event-planning and hosting.



Siera Vincent

Majors: *Integrated Science Elementary and Education*

Minor: *Spanish*

Senior Project

Stem Unit Plan

For my senior project, I researched kindergarten through second grade standards and created a unit plan for these grades that highlights biological aspects of science.

Research

I researched missing children of Argentina as well as the effect of music during Apartheid in South Africa.

Leadership Activities

I ran financial responsibilities in my a capella group.

Activities and Awards

I received the Award of Excellence for my high grades.

Study Abroad

I would have gone to Spain for teacher assisting, but COVID cancelled my trip.

Internship/Practicum

I completed an internship in second grade at Parkview Elementary.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment is my perseverance through all of the challenges I encountered in my personal life during my time at GVSU. Despite these challenges, I was able to overcome and maintain a high academic achievement.

Plans after Graduation

I am currently applying for a first grade position in South Lyon community schools.



MacKenzie Wolf

Major: *Nursing*

Senior Project

Ghana: Honors Cultural Exchange & Service Learning Study Abroad Program Experience

During my time in Ghana, I engaged in the medical community and was able to serve in the community outreach facilities and hospitals. I recorded the different types of procedures, treatments, and care given while I was there.

Research

Created a Clean Birth Kit in my Design Thinking for Social Product Innovation freshman year sequence involving Ghanaian doctors, community members, and nurses to help pregnant women in rural areas have access to quality care during their pregnancy.

Activities and Awards

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority
Campus Ministry
Greek InterVarsity
Student Nurses Association

Study Abroad

Ghana: Honors Cultural Exchange & Service Learning Study Abroad Program

Internship/Practicum

Clinical Experiences through the Kirkhof College of Nursing.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Creating the Clean Birth Kit for women in Ghana.

Plans after Graduation

Working as a nurse at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in their Neonatal Intensive Care Unit



Kristina Yaczik

Major: *Nursing*

Senior Project

Mental Health Concerns in the Pediatric Population Following COVID-19

This project involved a review of research on pediatric mental health incidences following COVID-19. To address the rise in incidences, my classmate and I created an educational toolkit for the pediatric population. The toolkit will be implemented by the NUR 366 community health rotation beginning in the Winter of 2023.

Leadership Activities

GVSU Student Nurses' Association Membership and Finance Committee Member (September 2020- present)

GVSU Student Nurses' Association Mentor to pre-nursing and current nursing students (September 2021-present)

Activities and Awards

Phi Kappa Phi Freshman Honoree

Internship/Practicum

Clinical Immersion/Leadership rotation experience on a pediatric acute care unit at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital (160 hours).

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Reflecting on my time at Grand Valley brings up many beautiful experiences and memorable accomplishments. Though my academic accomplishments demonstrated my learning, my greatest accomplishment was having one of my pediatric patients tell me that they could not wait to be an awesome nurse like me when they grow up.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I will begin my career as a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Registered Nurse at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI.