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STUDENT SERVICES

NEWSLETTER

FALL 2023

Dear PCEC Laker,

Congratulations on reaching the final week of classes! As you conclude your fall semester, incorporate breaks into your routine, whether it's a refreshing walk outdoors, a rejuvenating nap, or enjoying your favorite show.

Take advantage of available resources such as drop-in advising (located in this email), [exam cram sessions](#), [success coaching](#), [tutoring](#), and [counseling](#) opportunities to support your academic journey. Additionally, first-year students please see our important note from our director in this email. Lastly, an EASY scholarship opportunity is located in this email.

Please do not hesitate to contact us via [email](#) or [phone](#) if you have any questions.

Keep up the excellent work!
The PCEC Advising Team

[Schedule an Advising Appointment](#)

**Important Update: First Year Advising Hold
Clarification and Planning for 2024/2025**

Hello,

Yesterday you received an email informing you about the First Year Advising Hold meeting. The PCEC Academic Advising Center wanted to send a quick clarifying email as to how the holds are managed for PCEC.

PCEC Advisors will not lift any holds prior to January. We want to ensure that students have the best possible schedules planned for their 2024/2025 school year and the best way to ensure that is to make sure that we have final grades from the fall semester.

That being said, if you meet with, or have already met with, a PCEC advisor this semester and made a plan for 2024/2025 there is a chance that that meeting will be able to satisfy that requirement. If this is the case for you, in January you will hear from the advisor that you met with in the Fall with more information and next steps for you to potentially have your hold lifted.

Therefore, please do not feel any urgency to meet with your PCEC advisor before the end of the semester if you are only seeking a plan for the 2024/2025 school year. We are happy to meet with you regarding your winter semester schedules, however.

Thank you and best of luck as the semester wraps up!

Nick

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Exam Cram has been a campus-wide tradition for many years. This semester, we're continuing the tradition with more Exam Cram activities!

A few events we love from this semester's exam cram happening on the *Allendale campus*:

1. We love our dogs in PCEC!! Therapy dogs will be in the Library on December 6th from 6-8p, December 11th from 4-6p, and December 12th from 6-8p.
2. Trivia Night is happening in the Atrium of the Library on December 5th from 5-7p.
3. Exam Cram Carnival on December 5th from 12-4p in the Kirkhof Center.

An event we love from this semester's exam cram happening on all campuses is the Scavenger Hunt. This is happening December 4th through December 8th. Learn more [here](#).

[View Exam Cram Events Schedule](#)



Celebrating Success: PCEC Graduate Excels in OSH Program!

Amauri McIntosh, a dedicated student in the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) program and a valued member of the PCEC Advising team, eagerly anticipates his graduation this Saturday. Our office takes immense pride in Amauri and congratulate him for his outstanding achievements. While initially pursuing engineering, he swiftly recognized that the OSH program was the perfect fit for him.

Read about Amauri McIntosh's inspiring journey through the OSH program. From valuable connections with passionate faculty to a hands-on internship at Huron Castings, Amauri shares his experiences and expresses gratitude to the Black Male Scholars group. As the first in his family to graduate from college, Amauri is ready for the workforce, armed with a diverse resume of volunteer work and a commitment to teaching safety to kids. [Discover more](#) about Amauri's remarkable achievements and aspirations in his own words.

Take Action Soon: Scholarship Opportunity with Dematic

The question you have to answer is: What does ASRS stand for?

That's all you have to answer to be eligible for this scholarship.

Five individuals will be chosen to receive \$1,000 each from Dematic. Entries are open until [11:59 pm on December 7](#), and all Grand Valley students are eligible.

[Dematic](#) is a global company with more than 11,000 employees that has been located in Grand Rapids for more than 200 years. They build, design and support automated systems around the world, including the ASRS storage system in GVSU's libraries that houses a large portion of their physical collection.

Campus Health Center & Other Resources



Please remember that GVSU has a Campus Health Center!

Visit the [Campus Health Center](#) for sick visits – conveniently located on the Allendale campus

[Campus resources](#) & [Community resources](#)

[Learn more about Free STI testing at GVSU](#) and [additional health resources](#)

PCEC Advising Center

Fall 2023 Final Exam Week Drop-In Advising



Monday, December 11th through Friday, December 15th

IN-PERSON

1:00p-3:30p

Allendale Campus

MAK B-3-241, MAK B-3-249,
& MAK B-3-251

PEW Campus

EC 101

VIRTUAL

1:00p-3:30p

Zoom Video

To join a virtual drop-in appointment use the following or scan the QR code to join:

Meeting ID: 947 7762 2549

Passcode: 167759



During the week of December 11th, we will also be having scheduled morning appointments between 9a to 11:30a with our advising staff. You can schedule an in-person or virtual appointment by calling our office at 616-331-6025 or online at <https://www.gvsu.edu/pcec/advising/>.

If you have a question or concern and need to talk it out with us during final exam week, please come see us either in-person (Allendale or PEW) or virtually from 1-3:30p between December 11th through the 15th.

Free At-Home Testing Kits

Free Covid-19 tests are back! All households (and student housing) can receive 4 free rapid tests through USPS again. Order here: [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov).

MI Council of Women in Technology Scholarship Opportunity!



**IF YOU'RE APPLYING FOR A MCWT SCHOLARSHIP,
AND COULD USE ASSISTANCE, JOIN US FOR ONE
OF OUR DROP-IN HELP SESSIONS!**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023
6:30-7:30PM**

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**Making Michigan the No. 1 state
for women in technology.**

MCWT is excited to announce they are now accepting scholarship applications for the 2024-25 school year! If you are a dedicated and driven individual with a penchant for innovation and a desire to make your mark in the world of computer science, they encourage you to apply.

Applicants must be Michigan residents and US citizens; identify as female; attend a Michigan community college, college, or university; maintain a 2.75 GPA; and be pursuing a computer science-related associate, bachelor's, or graduate degree.



We are so proud of you!!! Stay in touch with us on social media.

Upcoming Dates

December 7th 9a-11a: PCEC Project Day

December 9th: Commencement

December 11-15th: Examination Week

December 15th: Winter Tuition Payment Deadline by 5p Eastern Time

December 21st: Grades Available to Students & Applications for Secondary Admission Open

January 8th: Winter Classes Begin

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