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Colleagues,

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for your hard work, dedication, and spirit throughout the year. I am so proud of all that we've accomplished together. The holiday season is a time to reflect, recharge, and connect with those who matter most. I hope you all find time to relax, enjoy the company of loved ones, and embrace the joy that comes with this special time of year.

Wishing you all a joyful, peaceful, and restorative holiday season, and a bright and successful New Year!

~Sherril





# ENJOY THE FESTIVE SEASON!

## Celebrations

### Welcome to our Newest CECI Staff Members!

**Victoria Stubbs** joins the CECI Dean's Office as an Office Assistant commencing December 2. Victoria began her career at GVSU as a student employee in the Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM) Department from 2007-2010. After graduating from GVSU in August of 2010, she was asked to return to the HTM Department a few months later in the spring of 2011 to serve as a temporary clerical worker, then was hired as a full-time Secretary for the department in November of the same year. Victoria served as the HTM Department Secretary from 2011-2021.



In November 2021, Victoria became the Academic Department Coordinator for the Department of Teaching and Learning, supporting Instruction and Curriculum and Special Education faculty at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Victoria enjoys spending time at her family's cottages on Harsens Island, MI, visiting her young nephews in Chicago, and is a lover of dogs, Boxers in particular (currently has two in the family). [For more about Victoria.](#)

Victoria will assist with budget reporting; website, social media, and newsletter; maintain database systems; and manage our student staff. **Please send all newsletter and social items to Victoria at [stubbsvi@gvsu.edu](mailto:stubbsvi@gvsu.edu).**

The CECI Undergraduate Advising (UAC) Center welcomes **Berkley Bretschneider** to their team! You can check out more about Berkley on the [UAC website](#). Be sure to say hello when you see her around! She will be supporting students in Legal Studies / Paralegal Certification and Public and Nonprofit Administration.



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## Replenish Food Drive a Success!

Thanks to all who participated in the Giving Tuesday Food Drive! Your generous support through monetary gifts to the Replenish Student Food Resource Fund and donated food and personal care items to the Replenish Basic Needs Center are greatly appreciated and will make a significant difference for our students. [More about Replenish.](#)

Below are the final Replenish food and personal care donation counts for units within CECI:

Teaching and Learning: **96**  
School of Social Work: **70**  
CECI Dean's Office: **53**  
Literacy, Educational Foundations, and Technology: **18**  
School of Community Leadership and Development: **16**  
Educational Leadership and Counseling: **12**  
**CECI Grand Total: 265 items donated**



As a community, GV faculty and staff donated over 3,000 food and personal care items and gave over \$219,000 from nearly 700 donors! Together, we can do amazing things!

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## School of Community Leadership & Development Inductions

On Friday, December 6, students from the Public, Nonprofit, and Health Administration undergraduate and graduate programs were inducted into prestigious honor societies at the annual Honor Society Luncheon. Fourteen Master of Public Administration students and two undergraduate students majoring in Public and Nonprofit Administration were welcomed into Pi Alpha Alpha, the national honor society for public affairs and administration. These inductees represent the top 10% of their undergraduate class and, for the graduate students, have achieved at least a 3.7 GPA.

Additionally, four Master of Health Administration students were honored with induction into Upsilon Phi Delta, the honor society for healthcare management and policy. To earn this distinction, graduate members must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 based on at least 18 hours of graduate coursework. The hard work and commitment demonstrated by these students are truly inspiring. Congratulations to the newest members of these honor societies!

## GVSU Police Academy

Congratulations to the Fall Class of 2024 graduates! Thank you for your commitment to the program and profession.



## Recognitions

### Faculty/Staff, Alumni, and Students

**Salvatore Alaimo**, a professor in SCLD and a longtime expert in nonprofit sector management, recently visited the Faculty of Economics from the University of West Bohemia to develop an interesting new project. [Read more about Dr. Alaimo's project.](#)

**Greg Warsen**, graduate program director and ELC faculty member, planned the 11th annual Padnos/Sarosik Civil Discourse Symposium which was held on November 21 at the Seidman Center. [More in the GVNext article.](#)

**Adrienne Goodstal**, CJ '11 & MPA '20, will be the 5th executive director at North Kent Connect in 51 years. [More in the Crain's Grand Rapids Business article.](#)

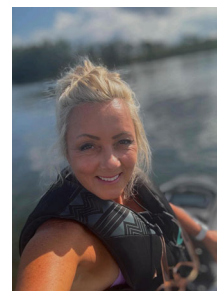
**Chris Hammer**, '09 in education, a world, Paralympic champion, and 2022 inductee into GVSU Athletics' Hall of Fame, delivered the 2024 Fall Commencement address and shared with graduates the life lessons he's learned on his way to becoming a world-class athlete. [More in the GVNext article.](#)

**Adrienne Wallace**, MPA '08, associate professor for Advertising and Public Relations at GVSU, was a co-author of articles, "[A Basecamp for Student Group Projects: Analysis of the Use of Project Management Software in the Advertising, Public Relations, and Marketing Classroom](#)," published in *Journalism and Mass Communications Educator*, and "[Feminist Frameworks in Teaching Communication Students](#)," published in *Teaching Journalism and Mass Communication*.

**Katrina Furman**, MPA '21, is the new Anishinaabe Curator for the Grand Rapids Public Museum. Furman is a proud member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. [More in the Native News Online.](#)

**Leslie Young-Martin**, MPNL student and graduate student at the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy, was featured in the second Coffee Chats with philanthropy expert, Christa Lane Hooper. [Coffee Chats Conversation.](#)

In November of 2024, **Lorie Tuma** was formally recognized by CEO and Founder Joe Cornett of the *Great Lakes Ski Riders* for having achieved Master Rider Status in the Gulf of Mexico. This designation is given to individuals who have reached 500 hours of riding in salt or open water and those who have successfully demonstrated leadership in the personal watercraft industry by advocating for marginalized populations. To date, Lorie is the first and only woman to reach this milestone. Way to go, Lorie!



## Publications/Presentations

**Leanne Kang**, LEFT associate professor, gave a presentation about research and oral histories of former Grand Rapids Public Schools students, staff, and faculty at a community event. The project was funded by the GVSU Kutsche Office of Local History. [More in the Faculty & Staff Sketches of the Forum.](#)

**Lorie Tuma**, associate professor in HTM, authored a case study, *Taking the Jet Ski Industry by Storm* that was peer-reviewed and accepted for publication in R.A. Cook, C.H.C. Gay, L.J. Hale, & L.L. Taylor, *Tourism: The Business of Hospitality and Travel* (7th Ed.), Pearson.

**Paul Stansbie, Lorie Tuma, and Patty Janes**, all within HTM, authored a case study, *Tourism-Industry Voluntourism - The Case Study of a Sustainable Tourism Improvement Program* that was peer-reviewed and accepted for publication in R.A. Cook, C.H.C. Gay, L.J. Hale, & L.L. Taylor, *Tourism: The Business of Hospitality and Travel* (7th Ed.), Pearson.

**Carrie Buist**, SCCJLS associate professor, recently collaborated with four external colleagues to co-author the book, [Class, Race, Gender, and Crime: The Social Realities of Justice in America](#) (6th edition). The book explores the continuing impact of class, race, gender, sexuality, and their intersections – and how the “justice” system can recreate those oppressions.

Literacy Studies faculty member **Christina M. Ponzio** shared two presentations at the annual conference hosted by the Michigan Teachers of Speakers of English in Ann Arbor on November 9, 2024. In the first presentation, she presented on her collaboration with Benjamin Briere, a multilingual learner teacher in Plymouth-Canton Schools. Their session, titled, “Putting Critical Multilingual Language Awareness into Action in High School ELA and ESL Classrooms,” explored the curriculum and learning outcomes for themselves and their students as they put their developing Critical Multilingual Language Awareness into action to develop podcasts about the relationship between language, identity, and power in their lives.

Ponzio’s second session presented a critical translanguaging approach to writing workshops based on a unit of study that she planned and taught alongside teachers in Melvindale-Northern Allen Parks Schools focused on the genre of “name stories” (Ahmed, 2018), where middle school students from language-minoritized backgrounds reclaimed their names through counter storytelling, re-narrativizing their experiences in being mis-named to share with children at a local elementary school in Metro Detroit.

**Mohammed (Didar) Hossain**, SSW assistant professor, co-authored an article, ["Unlocking Women's Empowerment in Bangladesh: Key Determinants and Insights,"](#) in the *Journal of Harbin Engineering University*. Vol. 45 No. 10 (2024): Issue 10.

**Hossain, M. D.** (2024, November 13-16). *Addressing the Long-Term Care Policies in Hawaii: An Application of Bardach's Model*. In GSA 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting; Seattle, WA. *Innovation in Aging*: Abstract Number. 8075.



**Hossain, M. D.** (2024, November 8). *Productive Aging & Psychological Well-being of Older Adults in Rural Bangladesh*. In the 6th Ph.D. Global Exchange Program 2024, Ewha Womans University, Seoul, South Korea (Virtual).

**Hossain, M. D.** (2024, October 18). *Nature and Meaning of Active Aging in Bangladesh*. In Active Aging Consortium in Asia Pacific (ACAP) webinar, 2024 (Virtual).

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## CECI Events

### Groundswell's Dinner & Dialogue

Groundswell will be hosting Dr. Annie Whitlock as our keynote speaker. Dr. Whitlock is an Associate Professor of History at GVSU and the current President of the Michigan Council for the Social Studies. Dr. Whitlock is an Associate Professor of History at GVSU and the current President.



She has an extensive background in place-based work and is the author of *Place-Based Social Studies Education: Learning from Flint, Michigan and Hollywood or History? An Inquiry-Based Approach to Using the Simpsons to Teach Social Studies*. We are thrilled to host her and learn about the importance of place-based education in today's classroom culture and as a tool to enhance student engagement!

Following Dr. Whitlock's presentation, we will have a series of small/large group discussions about place-based education and ample time to socialize and connect with peers. Join us for an evening to relax, celebrate, and learn!

Join us at our December Dinner & Dialogue as we dive into the theme of Developing Community Partnerships. This event is a celebration of the Groundswell community and thank you to the educators and partners who support the Groundswell Stewardship Initiative.

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## Community Engagement

### Education Alumni Roundtable

The evening of November 12 saw 50 alumni, education students, faculty, and staff for our semi-annual Education Alumni Cover Letter and Resume Roundtables. Organized by the CEP and the Education Alumni Affinity Group, GV students get guidance on the hiring process at schools and critique of their materials. As a bonus, some students get interviews and position offers at the event. Thank you to the education faculty for assisting with the event!

Photo Gallery

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## GVSRL Election Night Broadcast

On election night, GVSU CECI and communications students assisted students from East Kentwood High School in doing a national broadcast from Kirkhof Center. Streamed live on YouTube and Student News Live, the Grand Valley Student Reporting Lab (GVSRL) program broadcast from 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm. GV and EKHS students created prerecorded content and conducted live interviews and roundtables. GVSRL is a pilot effort of WGUV Public Media, GVSU Charter Schools Office, School of Communications, and CECI that support local high schools in creating broadcast ready content, from the student perspective, for distribution locally on WGUV and nationally on PBS NewsHour.

### Photo Gallery

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Last month, Bethany Refugee Resettlement Services led an event in the U-Club on Refugee Resettlement in West Michigan. The event, organized by **Brian Johnson**, SCCJLS professor, provided GVSU students with the opportunity to learn directly from refugees about refugee camps, the extensive process to receive refugee status, as well as the overall experience of living as a displaced person. This is one event of many organized by Johnson to increase awareness around Human Rights issues.

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The School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies (SCCJLS), in coordination with the GVSU Art Museum, sponsored a panel discussion titled, “Inside the Walls: Exploring the Impact of Arts and Education in Carceral Settings.” The panel was in coordination with the Humanize the Numbers photovoice art exhibition currently on loan to GVSU from the University of Michigan. **Jackie Doyon-Martin**, professor in SCCJLS, collaborated with **Jessica Sundstrom**, GV Art Museum Learning and Outreach Manager, and **Aaron Yore-VanOosterhout**, director of the Bellamy Creek Program, to host a panel of artists and scholars who were formerly incarcerated on November 6, 2024, in Loosemore Auditorium.

Relatedly, students in Dr. Doyon-Martin’s CJ 400: Qualitative Research Methods class viewed the photovoice exhibition and then participated in their own photovoice activity centering on “humanizing the criminal and juvenile justice systems.” A huge thank you to Jessica Sundstrom for coordinating the activity!

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From CECI UAC

**Help us improve our website:** [Website Home!](#) Fill out this short survey (anonymous and does not collect emails) to give us helpful feedback on the website’s usability (less than 5 minutes):

[Feedback Survey](#)

**Stay connected with our CECI Connect Podcast – new episode for December** (*Well-Rounded Learning with Dr. Chasity Bailey-Fakhoury*). Listen to the podcasts on your favorite podcast platform and be

sure to download and follow! [Podbean Dashboard -- Full Collection](#)

Want to be interviewed or have a request for a topic? Contact Melanie Rabine-Johnson, [rabinejm@gvsu.edu](mailto:rabinejm@gvsu.edu), for more information!

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## University Governance

CECI University Committees -

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## College Governance

CECI Governance Committees

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The logo features the text "CECI HAPPENINGS" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a white rectangular border. The background consists of a dark blue field with a diagonal teal stripe running from the top-left to the bottom-right.

The [CECI Happenings](#) is an informational form that can be submitted by any faculty, staff, or student to promote an event, publication, etc. for our social platforms and newsletter.

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**December 7 - 14** - Examination Week

**December 7** - Classes End and Commencement

**December 14** - Semester Ends

**December 23 - January 1** - Holiday and Holiday Break

**January 22** - Big Byte Webinar

**January 28** - Annual Service Award Celebration

**February 18** - [Faculty Awards Convocation](#)

**April 14** - Year-End Winter Meeting - Seidman 1008 Multipurpose Room

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## *Important Dates*

### **FALL PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

August 26 - Fall Personnel Portfolios due to Unit Heads by 11:59 p.m.

October 25 - Unit Head submits appropriate fall personnel documents to Dean

October 31 - Dean forwards fall personnel documents to CPC

November 15 - CPC submits fall personnel recommendations to Dean

December 20 - Dean submits fall personnel recommendations to Provost

January 31 - Provost makes fall personnel decisions and notifies all appropriate people

### **SABBATICALS**

September 1 - Sabbatical Leave Proposals due no later than 11:59 p.m.

September 23 - Revised sabbatical leave proposals are due

September 30 - Unit sabbatical recommendations due

November 15 - University Sabbatical Review Committee recommendations are due

December 15 - College Dean sabbatical recommendation is due

January 31 - Provost sabbatical decision is due

### **WINTER PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

October - Candidates for winter personnel actions can [apply in writing](#) to the Dean.

### **ANNUAL SCHEDULE**

Please note that Spring/Summer will be due back before Fall and Winter				
Semester	Phase	To	Available	Edits Complete By
SS25	Round One - First Dibs Rooms	Departments	9/23/2024	10/18/2024
SS25	Round One - First Dibs Rooms	Deans	10/21/2024	10/25/2024
SS25	Round One - QC	Records	10/28/2024	11/8/2024
SS25	Final Round - Open Rooms	Departments	11/11/2024	12/4/2024
SS25	Final Round - Open Rooms	Deans	12/5/2024	12/6/2024
SS25	Schedule Viewable (Course Changes)	Live/Viewable to Students	12/9/2024	
SS25	Schedule Viewable (Course Changes)	Planner Available	3/1/2025	
SS25	Advanced Registration (Course Changes)	Registration Live	3/17/2025	
F25.W26	Round One - First Dibs Rooms	Departments	9/23/2024	11/8/2024
F25.W26	Round One - First Dibs Rooms	Deans	11/11/2024	11/15/2024
F25.W26	Round One - QC	Records	11/18/2024	12/6/2024
F25.W26	Final Round - Open Rooms	Departments	12/9/2024	1/31/2025
F25.W26	Final Round - QC & Roomless	Deans	2/3/2025	2/7/2025
F25.W26	Final Round - QC & Roomless	Records	2/10/2025	2/28/2025
F25.W26	Schedule Viewable (Course Changes)	Planner Available	3/1/2025	
F25.W26	Advanced Registration (Course Changes)	Registration Live	3/17/2025	

## Resources

- [Acronyms](#)
- [CECI Connections Guide](#)
- [CECI Newsletter Repository](#)
- [Experts Guide](#)
- [Organizational Chart](#)
- [Student Flowchart](#)

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 Johnson,  
 and Leanne Kang

If you have any questions or suggestions or want to share your newsworthy information with us,  
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