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FACEBOOK QUESTION & RESPONSES

We asked our followers on Facebook to share their advice for incoming Laker Families and here were some of the answers:

- Encourage your student to get involved in activities outside of their classes, whether it's by going through Greek life recruitment, joining a club similar to something they were a part of in high school, or even being a part of an intramural or varsity sports team!

- Alexandria
Lake City, MI

- Stay connected. New students need engaged listeners and advisors. Send care packages. Ask pertinent questions but let them grow up into responsible adults.

- Kathy
Canton, MI

- Tell your new Laker not to be afraid to go for help with their classes if they need it! There are lots of services available to them and the professors are easy to reach! My daughter just graduated in April and my son is going to apply to GVSU in the fall! Lakers for a Lifetime!!

- Sheryl
Clarkson, MI

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Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons implements Knowledge Market: A One-Stop-Shop for Students' Needs



There are many new and exciting happenings at Grand Valley State University this year and we're glad that you, and your son or daughter, are a part of it all. The university recently opened two new buildings, one of those, the new [Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons](#), allows us to implement and house the [Hines Corporation Knowledge Marketplace](#). The market is a convenient place where your son or daughter can go to seek

help in a variety of areas including writing, research, and presentation skills.

"The whole library is centered around student learning, and the Knowledge Market is the centerpiece of that. We really wanted it to be a hub on campus that supports student learning in a much different way than a traditional library does," Brian Merry, Head of Access Services, said. "It's a one-stop-shop to get help with writing, research, and presentation skills. All of which, obviously help students in the classroom and beyond."

All Knowledge Market services are free, and students who visit the market work one-on-one with highly trained, peer consultants from the [Frederik Meijer Center for Writing and Michigan Authors](#), [Grand Valley University Libraries](#), and the [Grand Valley Speech Lab](#). Sessions last from 30 to 60 minutes and students can work with one, or more of each of the peer consultants available.

"The foundation of these services is based on solid research. These services were designed with student learning in mind," Mary O'Kelly, Head of Instructional Services, said. "The ultimate goal of this is to enhance student learning beyond the classroom."

Merry added that it's also a convenience for students because they know they have one place they need to come to in order to get help.

"It's possible they might come in thinking they need help with research and we might refer them ten feet away to a writing consultant if it's more appropriate for the student to meet with them," Merry said.

The Knowledge Market is open to all students regardless of class standing. Merry commented that it is not just a place for remedial writers, researchers, or presenters. It's a supplemental service that can help students really hone the skills they do have.

"A lot of our clients that come in for help are very skilled researchers and writers, or very good at giving presentations already, but it's always useful to come to a safe place where you can practice with a consultant, bounce ideas off from them safely without worrying how that's going to impact your grade," Merry said.

The market will be open to students Sunday through Thursday, from 6 PM to midnight. Merry said that the university conducted many studies to design these hours for students.

Each of the services will still be available to your son or daughter during the day in their independent locations around campus, and the Knowledge Market also allows students to get help at night without interfering with their classes.

For more information on the Knowledge Market or library services, please visit [Grand Valley's Library website](#), or contact Brian Merry at merryb@gvsu.edu.

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Success Center offers services to students in one location



Grand Valley understands that coming to college can be a stressful experience for both parents and students. Many questions arise about academic advising, declaring a major, how to create valuable study habits, and where to seek help for coursework. The answers to these questions are not always simple, but Grand Valley has one convenient space designated to answer all of them. The [Student Academic Success Center](#) (SASC) fosters

student development and academic success by providing support services for students to assist them in achieving their educational goals. All of the services are free to your son or daughter due to the number of generous Grand Valley donors, including parents and families. Some of the services available to your son or daughter include the following:

Career and Major Exploration and Academic Advising

- Students often have no idea how to start exploring a major, where to find resources, or how to proceed once a decision has been made. The SASC offers programs in the different stages of choosing a major including [Self-exploration](#), [Narrowing Choices by Linking Majors and Careers](#), and [Focusing on Major and Developing Career Pathways](#).

Tutoring / Instructional Support

- The success center is committed to providing [tutoring](#) to all Grand Valley students in most 100- and 200-level courses. Tutoring sessions are conducted in weekly, one-hour sessions one-on-one, or in small group sessions.

Learning Skill Assistance

- These [services](#) include Academic Success Workshops, Study Skills Coaching, and Individual Academic Success Plan Consultations. The workshops are held throughout the year and discuss time management techniques, power study skills, how to make great presentations, and many more topics.
- Study skills coaches provide feedback to your son or daughter about their study skills and help to develop strategies for improving your son or daughter's academic success.
- Individual Academic Success Plan Consultations are for students who experience more serious challenges in their academic progress. The sessions are one-on-one with the Learning Skill Coordinator, and will assist students in evaluating barriers to their success and developing a plan to overcome them.

Academic Advising

- A variety of [Advising Centers](#) are available at all campus locations. Once your son or daughter chooses a major, the SASC encourages them to visit the advising center for that major. However, if your son or daughter has questions about general education requirements, or is in-between majors, the SASC advisors are here to help.

The SASC is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Students can make an appointment by visiting 200 Student Services Building, or by calling (616) 331-3588.

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