

COVENANT HOUSE PARENT NEWS

PARENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

GRAND VALLEY PLEDGE



GVSU OFFERS TUITION-FREE PROGRAM FOR QUALIFIED STUDENTS FROM SIX MICHIGAN COUNTIES

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Leaders at Grand Valley State University are committed to opening access to higher education and have announced a tuition-free program for students from low-income backgrounds who live in six Michigan counties.

The Grand Valley Pledge awards full undergraduate tuition (renewable for four years) to qualified students from counties where the university has a physical presence: Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon, Grand Traverse, Calhoun and Wayne.

Students must be admitted to Grand Valley, beginning in the fall 2021 semester, and have a family income of less than \$50,000 (GVSU, 2021).

See a list of criteria and more information online at
<https://www.gvsu.edu/gvpledge/>

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Greetings CHA Families,

We want to hear about your experience with your student's education. We invite you to participate in completing our School Climate Survey. This survey includes questions about your student's learning, school safety, and interpersonal relationships. We value your input. How you feel about our school matters to us. Your feedback is needed and appreciated to help improve student relationships, learning conditions, and the overall school environment.

Your responses are completely anonymous. Please note, there are no right or wrong answers. We hope you will take the time to provide us with this valuable information. You make the difference!

Any questions that you might have, please contact CHA-GR Student Services Department at **616-426-3584**.

Here are the links for the surveys:

Parent: <https://www.pbisassessment.org/Anon/6rdw03aM3m0>

Student: <https://www.pbisassessment.org/Anon/6rdw03aM3m0>

Sincerely,

CHA PBIS Team



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Virtual Pop-Up Professional Panel

Hear from Professionals of Color who have overcome obstacles to gain success within their careers.

Thursday, March 18, 2021 from 2:00 PM – 2:40 PM

Guest: Michael Hopson, Senior Recruiter with UFP Business School

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZIkce6vpjgpEtJ0oYMVfY0K3svbkeHT8YnV>

Talk & Tours



Virtual career exploration events designed to increase awareness of diverse careers available in high demand sectors. Meet 4-5 professionals at once. Ask questions!

Upcoming Events

Pharmacy Careers – Meijer Pharmacy

Monday, March 22, 2021, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Law Enforcement- Grand Rapids Police Department - New Date**

Thursday, March 25, 2021 @ 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

For full schedule, information and registration visit:

<https://www.kentisd.org/educators/career-readiness/students/programs/talk--tour-career-series/>

Meet the Recruiter Event – Local Health Care Employers

Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

This is a golden opportunity to get job search information directly from local hospital recruiters!

More information and registration at:

<https://www.kentisd.org/educators/career-readiness/students/programs/meet-the-recruiter/>



MICHIGAN RECONNECT

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Apply today for Michigan Reconnect Get your degree, tuition free!

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer joined Republican and Democratic legislators to [announce the launch of the \\$30 million Michigan Reconnect program](#), the largest effort in state history to ensure that more than 4.1 million Michiganders who are 25 or older and don't have a college degree will have an opportunity to earn a tuition-free associate degree or skills certificate. Michigan Reconnect will help pay the costs of tuition or training for eligible adults who want to pursue an associate degree or skills certificate at their in-district community college. The program also offers skills scholarships to help cover the cost of tuition through more than 70 [private training schools](#) with 217 programs which offer certificates in high-demand careers in industries such as manufacturing, construction, information technology, healthcare or business management.

Visit Michigan.gov/Reconnect to get started!

Michigan Reconnect at GRCC

Grand Rapids Community College is now tuition-free for eligible Kent Intermediate School District residents 25 years and older through Michigan Reconnect. Apply for Michigan's Reconnect scholarship now, and be ready to enroll in classes as soon as summer 2021. Sign up for a virtual information session to learn if you qualify.

Presented in English: Friday, Feb. 5, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 9 a.m.
Monday, Mar. 8, 6 p.m.

Presentado en español: Jueves 11 de febrero al mediodía, Martes 2 de marzo, 9 a.m., Miércoles 24 de marzo, 6 p.m

GRCC M-TEC Champions Program

The Grand Rapids Community College M-TEC Champions program will empower you with the resources to start a career that is secure and pays well. You will work closely with a Career Coach who will support you throughout this program. If you qualify, you will attend a six-week personal training program that will prepare you for five possible technical career tracks. Once you successfully complete Readiness Bootcamp, you will choose and receive training in a technical career track. Each technical training program focuses on building skills and credentials to qualify you for an entry-level position in that field! Your training schedule will depend on which career track you choose.

Bootcamp meets weekly Feb. 8 – March 18, 2021, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. **Lunch will be included each day.**

Click the flyer below for more information and please share!

https://mcusercontent.com/5820f9abad16483df9742fa91/files/1e04bd46-f9d2-4c56-b242-52bc345743f9/GRCC_MTEC_Champions_Final.pdf

ATTENTION PARENTS

ONGOING VIRTUAL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

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There are three ways to participate in conferences:

1.Conference by email: Most CHAGR teachers have already started contacting parents about student progress in their classes. If you need a teacher's email address you can call (616) 364-2000.

2.Conference by phone: If you would like a phone conference, please email the Student Services department at studentservices@chayvs.org with your phone number to make arrangements for the best time to meet. If you do not have email, please call the Academy office (616-364-2000 ex #2) between 8am - 3pm on school days and we'll send the teacher a message to call you.

3.Conference on Zoom: If you would like to book a real-time meeting with a teacher on Zoom, please email the Student Services department at atstudentservices@chayvs.org to book a meeting with the teacher(s) of your choice. When using Zoom, you'll need to book the meeting at least 24 hours in advance. **It may also help to download the Zoom app to your phone or computer.**

<https://zoom.us/download>

Please include the following in your email

1. Parent/guardian name: First, Last
2. Student name: First, Last
3. Phone #:
4. Date/Time: Please request the date and time that works best for you.



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