



## What's Happening in Community Engagement

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### Civic Change Agent undergraduate badge



The civic change agent badge aims to inspire students to align the ideals of democracy and civic commitment with deep knowledge of context, history, and policy. In this new 12 credit program students will learn the values and practices required for active citizenship through formal curricula, project learning, and co-curricular activities.

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# Civic Learning Network blog up and running

We invite you to share ideas, thoughts, commentary and initiatives as they relate to civic engagement and education here. The GVSU Civic Learning Network promotes conversation and collaboration across differences as a means of strengthening views and increasing understanding in an increasingly polarized world.

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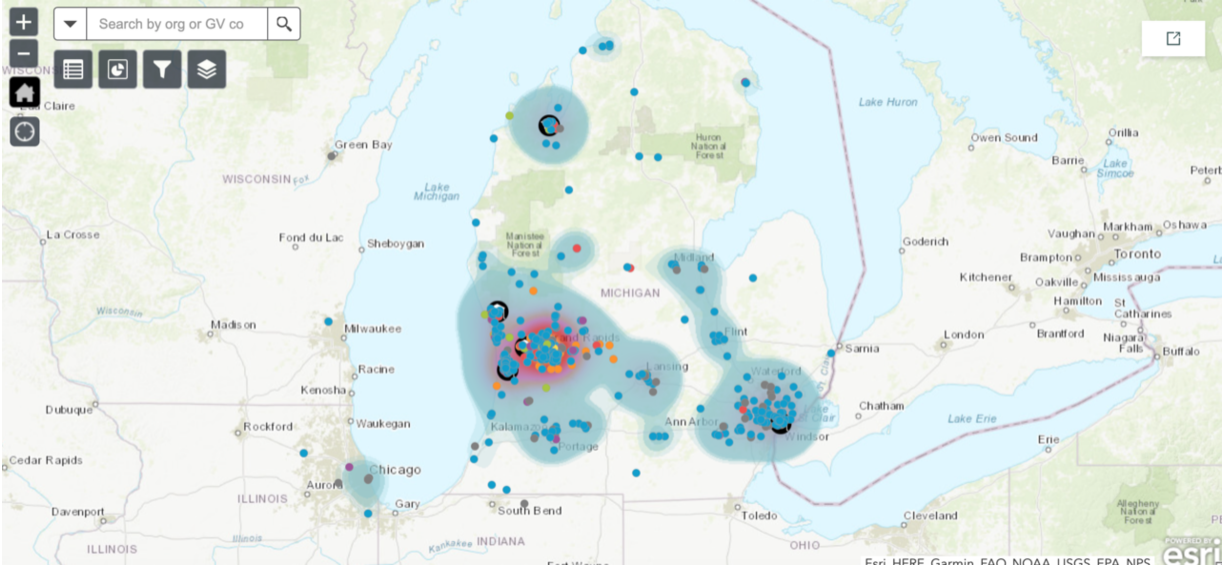
## The Civic Learning Network

The new GVSU Civic Learning Network is focused on creating a community of collaborative faculty, staff and students dedicated to strengthening civic education at GVSU and beyond. We invite you to check out the new website for more information and we encourage you to keep coming back for new developments, events and resources, <https://www.gvsu.edu/civiclearn/>.



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## The Laker Effect Map



Thank you for placing your relationships and partnerships on the Laker Effect Map. The connections you have established in the greater community are highly valued at GVSU and highly valuable to the future success of the students we serve.

If you have a partnership on the map that no longer exists or If you notice that any information associated with your partnership(s) needs to be corrected or updated, please email [community@gvsu.edu](mailto:community@gvsu.edu).

If you have developed new relationships or partnerships over the course of the past year but just haven't made the time to add them to the map yet, now is your chance. Just click this [link](#) or the button below to access the form.

The Laker Effect Map is a continuously developing tool for GVSU faculty and staff seeking to engage with our many community partners – especially for the benefit of our students. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions or offer any suggestions on the use or development of this important resource.

[Submit a Partnership](#)

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## The Newman Civic Fellow nominated



Christina Vann, a junior who is majoring in public and nonprofit administration, was named to the incoming class of Newman Civic Fellows, an initiative of Campus Compact. Vann was nominated for the fellowship by President Philomena V. Mantella.

Campus Compact, a national coalition of colleges and universities committed to the public purposes of higher education, provides Newman fellows with resources and training to help them develop strategies for social change.

Christina will have a unique opportunity to participate in a 12 month fellowship with community-committed students from Campus Compact member institutions. Please consider civically engaged students that you may know for nominations in 2023.

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## Upcoming Events

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## Deadline extended until April 7

The 2022 annual meeting scheduled for September 21-22, 2022, will be back in person and will explore the theme of “The Impact of Engaged Scholarship: People, Purpose, and Passion.” The 2022 ESC Conference will provide a platform for intentional

conversations about the many ways that community engagement impacts communities and the academy. The conference will not only highlight the positive impacts of engaged work but also explore ideas around how to define and evaluate the success of this work and the resulting scholarship. Proposals will be considered on any topic clearly connected to the advancement of community engagement.

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