

# Student Life Weekly



## Nominations Are Open!

All students are invited to submit nominations for I am GV. The I am GV campaign celebrates GVSU students for their strong leadership qualities. If you know someone in class, work, or a student organization who excels in a leadership position, nominate them today!

[Find more info about I am GV](#)

[Submit a nomination](#)

## Black History Month Spotlight: Octavia E. Butler

This Black History Month, we'll be highlighting some historical Black figures who have played a significant role in shaping and influencing our country. Octavia E. Butler (1947-2006) was a science fiction writer who revolutionized the industry by including Black protagonists and women's rights in science fiction.

Butler's 1979 novel, *Kindred*, jumpstarted her career by featuring a story about slavery and race relations through a sci-fi lens. Other notable Butler works such as *Xenogenesis*, *Parable of the Sower*, and *Fledgling* explore topics like gender identity, sexuality, and environmentalism. Octavia E. Butler's trailblazing work has helped to redefine the genre, setting a new precedent for who can both write and enjoy science fiction.

[What is Grand Valley doing for Black History Month?](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Friday (2/19)

- [Michigan Emerging Leaders, Local Government Mini-Conference](#) from 1 - 5 p.m.
- [Roger That! Conference](#) from 1 - 9 p.m.
- [Volleyball vs. University of Wisconsin-Parkside](#) - 7 p.m.
- [P.S. Series: A Night of One Acts](#) - 7:30 p.m.
- [Friday Night Movie Series: Black Panther](#) - 9 p.m.

### Saturday (2/20)

- [Women's Basketball vs. Michigan Tech University](#) - 12 p.m.
- [Men's Tennis vs. Walsh](#) - 1:30 p.m.
- [Volleyball vs. University of Wisconsin-Parkside](#) - 4 p.m.
- [Saturday Night Trivia Series](#) - 6 p.m.

### Sunday (2/21)

- [Indoor Lead Climbing](#) - 4:30 p.m.
- [Second Semester Kickoff! \(Table Tennis\)](#) - 6 p.m.
- [Cornhole, Spikeball and Football Bowling Drop-in Program](#) - 7 p.m.

### Monday (2/22)

- [Unwind from the Grind: Crafting!](#) - 7 p.m.
- [Black History Month Trivia and Movie](#) - 7 p.m.
- [Midterm Prep!](#) - 8 p.m.

### Tuesday (2/23)

- [COVID-19 & Vaccine Planning Town Hall](#) - 11 a.m.
- [Last Lecture \(hosted by Student Senate\)](#) - 6 p.m.
- [Unwind from the Grind: Crafting!](#) - 7 p.m.
- [Event Professional Panel and Q&A](#) - 7 p.m.
- [Student Reading Series: February Reading](#) - 7:30 p.m.
- [Unwind from the Grind: Bachelor Nation](#) - 8 p.m.
- [Crafty Community - No Sew Face Masks](#) - 8 p.m.
- [Overview of Black History Depicted in Pop-Culture](#) - 9 p.m.

