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*Inspiring and engaging everyone in STEM*

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## The RMSC Welcomes a New Director!

### Herrington tapped to lead restructured CLAS center

A former chair of the GVSU Chemistry Department will lead the restructured College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Center for Experiential Learning (CCEL), which now also houses the Regional Math and Science Center.

Deborah Herrington, professor of chemistry, is the new director of CCEL which serves as a resource supporting university experiential learning objectives,

Herrington has been at GVSU for 21 years, distinguishing herself in her work on science and chemistry education at both the K-12 level as well as for higher education curricula.

[Read the full article in the GVSU Forum](#)



## Announcing the 2024 Dockeray Scholarship Winners

Two Mary Jane Dockeray Scholarships have been awarded for 2024. The scholarships are granted to graduating seniors from Kent, Ottawa, or Muskegon counties who plan to pursue a career in the sciences. The scholarships are offered in honor of the late Dr. Mary Jane Dockeray, founding curator of the Blandford Nature Center in Grand Rapids, through the

Regional Math and Science Center. This year's winners are Sophie Meyer and Paige Schuiling.

[Dockeray Scholarship article](#)



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## Michigan Science Olympiad: Support students and foster their love for science!

Now more than ever students are looking for ways to connect and belong. Schools are looking for ways to help students explore STEM careers. One way to support students that are passionate about science is to create a Science Olympiad team and compete in the Region 12 Science Olympiad Tournament!

[Science Olympiad article](#)

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## The Regional Math and Science Center is Hiring: Join our Team!

The Program Manager is responsible for programmatic and administrative facets of signature Regional Math and Science (RMSC) offerings, including Science Olympiad, summer camps, and outreach programs.

[Program Manager article](#)

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## Math in Action - Save the Date and Call for Presenters

This conference presents lively and informative discussions of current issues in Pre-K to 12 mathematics education. We provide opportunities for practicing teachers, prospective teachers, curriculum directors, and college and university faculty to share ideas, concerns, and resources. Math in Action includes keynotes and hour-long sessions with multiple interactive presentations on specific mathematical topics.

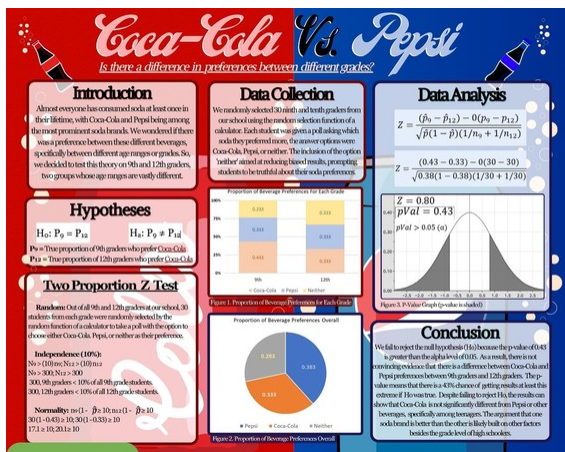
[Math in Action article](#)

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# Plan to Attend the West Michigan PBL Summit 2024

The West Michigan PBL Summit empowers educators to return to their schools equipped with fresh ideas, a supportive network, and the motivation to implement powerful PBL experiences for their students. The keynote speaker is John Spencer, former middle school teacher and current full-time professor, who is passionate about seeing teachers empower their students with voice and choice.

## [PBL Summit article](#)



## Michigan Statistics Poster Competition: 2024 Winners Announced and 2025 Competition Kicks Off!

The Michigan Statistics Poster Competition supports the development of data analysis and communication skills in K-12 students, which are essential in our increasingly data-driven world. Annually, teachers throughout Michigan send

hundreds of their students' posters to GVSU where they are in four grade-level categories: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

## [Statistics Poster Competition article](#)

## Celebrate National Chemistry Week with Chemistry at the Mall!

Families and the community are invited to participate in hands-on events activities to celebrate chemistry and health at Woodland Mall on Saturday October 26, 11am-3pm. There will be booths by local colleges and chemistry related companies. It is all FREE and open to the public.

## [Chemistry at the Mall article](#)

## Chemistry Lecture: Gene Therapy and Molecular Imaging

Grand Valley State University Department of Chemistry welcomes Dr. Thomas J. Meade, Professor of Chemistry, Northwestern University to present a Community Lecture on Gene Therapy and Molecular Imaging: A Marriage made In Vivo.

## [Gene Therapy Lecture article](#)

# Check out the latest MiSTEM Network- Greater West Michigan Region Newsletter!



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