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## Welcome back

Hello Lakers and welcome to the Fall 2023 semester,

As you chart your courses for the upcoming semester I would like to offer my support through the resources found on the [gvsu.edu/community](https://gvsu.edu/community) webpages.

I would also extend an invitation to anyone who would like to talk individually or collectively as a department or unit about any and all community engagement ventures, ideas or plans.

Resources like The [Laker Effect Map](#) and the [Community Service Directory](#) provide a chance to learn more about who engages and how we serve our community. The [Community Based Learning Course](#) designation offers an opportunity to officially designate class(es) as CBL. The CBL designation allows students to recognize these unique opportunities as they are registering for classes while having the experience noted on their official transcripts upon successful course completion.

I hope all of you are off to a great start to the Fall semester, please see the amazing opportunities below to learn and engage with.

Cheers!

Travus Burton

Director for Civic Learning and Community Engagement

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## Registration is open for ESC 2023!

Presentations authored by scholars and professionals from more than 130 colleges, universities, and organizations will be offered at the 2023 [Engagement Scholarship Consortium Conference](#) October 4-5 in East Lansing, Michigan. This year's theme is "Mobilizing Change through Engaged Scholarship." The conference will provide a platform for intentional conversations about how engaged scholarship can lead to significant, positive impacts in the community and the academy.

We are delighted to announce that GVSU will be hosting a table to showcase the artifacts of our engagement work. We extend an invitation to anyone interested in joining us to be a part of this display. To express your interest please contact Travus Burton, Director for Civic Learning and Community Engagement, at [burtora@gvsu.edu](mailto:burtora@gvsu.edu) or Kris Pachla, Director, CLAS Center for Experiential Learning at [pachlkri@gvsu.edu](mailto:pachlkri@gvsu.edu).

As a member institution of the ESC, GVSU faculty and staff are eligible for the special member rate. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

**Standard registration deadline: September. 18**

[Learn More and Register](#)

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THE HAUENSTEIN CENTER  
FOR PRESIDENTIAL STUDIES

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# CITIZENSHIP IN CRISIS: RE-EMPOWERING THE AMERICAN ≡ CITIZEN

FEATURING A MODERATED CONVERSATION BETWEEN



Eric Liu  
*Citizen University CEO*



Victor Davis Hanson  
*historian & author*

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 @ 7 PM**

**L.V. EBERHARD CENTER, ROOM 215**

**[GVSU.EDU/HC/CITIZENSHIPINCRISIS](https://gvsu.edu/hc/citizenshipin Crisis)**

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Power is central to the concept of citizenship, yet Americans feel increasingly powerless in the face of a dysfunctional political system, diminishing economic opportunities, and countless cultural and social challenges. The belief that the civic power of everyday Americans has been stolen or suppressed by political and economic elites has gained traction on both sides of the aisle. The Hauenstein Center welcomes civic evangelist and Citizen University CEO Eric Liu and acclaimed historian and author Dr. Victor Davis Hanson for a bipartisan discussion about the barriers to empowered citizenship and what we must do to overcome them.





# MAYORS' GRAND RIVER CLEANUP

MORE INFO AT [WMEAC.ORG/MAYORS-CLEANUP](https://wmeac.org/mayors-cleanup)

## 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION + KICKOFF EVENT

Join forces with hundreds of volunteers to [clean up the Grand River](#). WMEAC will provide gloves, trash bags, and enthusiasm to keep our shared waters clean and enjoyable for all. This event is FREE and is open to all ages, abilities and identities. The program starts at 8:30am with a light breakfast, spend a few hours cleaning up litter and regroup to celebrate with a complimentary lunch. Non-alcoholic refreshments will be available to all volunteers who participate and a variety of local brews will be available for those over the age of 21.

**When: Saturday 9, 2023 (8:30 AM - 2 PM)**

**Where: 6th Street Park, Grand Rapids (647 Monroe Ave NW)**



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