

Vitals #2 September 20, 2023

Happy Homecoming week Gusties! We see there are a lot of fun activities this week and weekend. We hope you get involved and enjoy the festivities.

For those premed students the MCAT 2024 test date calendar is out, [2024 MCAT Testing Calendar](#). Next Vitals we will send some additional details about registering and other important information.

[Episode #54](#) In this episode we speak with Alumni Dr. Travis McKenzie. He specializes in Endocrine and Metabolic surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He shares his path starting from growing up in Alaska to attending Gustavus, and then medical school at Tufts University, residency in surgery at the Mayo Clinic. Dr. McKenzie was a pleasure to speak and we loved his story about his interview at Tufts and what he thinks made him stand out. Listen [HERE](#)

Heather & Heidi

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Events

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**Friday, Sept. 22 @ 10:30-11:30am**

**Career Expo!** Upper Hall of Jackson Campus Center. Open house type format. Stop by to see what Gusties have done!

- Mayo Clinic-SURF program (Research)
- Physical Therapy Volunteer
- Nursing assistant Internship
- Pediatric endocrinologists and the American Diabetes Association
- And many more

**Friday, Sept. 22 @ 5-6pm**

**Distinguished Alumni Open House Reception**, Alumni Hall followed by the ceremony starting @ 6pm

- [Scott J. Luhmann '86](#) - Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon *Alumni Citation, side note featured in season two of our Gustavus HPPodcast, \*[Episode 24!](#)*
- [Dawn McDougal Miller '84](#) Music Therapist

**Sunday, Sept. 24 @ 5-7pm** Self Care Sundaes, Eckman Mall

Join the Peer Assistants for an ice cream sundae, get stress and study tips, plus a chance to win prizes!

**ROAD TRIP! \*\*\*Need to Register to ATTEND\*\*\***

2nd year! Last year was a HUGE success so this year we are going back again.

**Thursday, October 19th @ 5:30-7:30pm**

***Join the Office of Health Professions on a Road Trip!***

***Destination: Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences Open House***

**Register [HERE](#) to attend** . Limited spots. **Register by Friday, October 6th.**

At the Open House, you will be able to:

- Learn more about health sciences careers and the pathways to those professions in an up-close and hands-on way.
- Connect with current students to see what it's like to be a learner at Mayo
- Visit with program faculty and staff who will be available to answer questions and offer insights into the application and admission process.
- Go on special tours, including a "behind the scenes" tour of various clinical areas to see where instruction and learning take place throughout our programs.
- Learn more about the open house [here](#).

Mayo Clinic Open House Areas that will be featured:

**Certificate programs**

[Phlebotomy](#) (Tuition FREE and student gets paid \$3,500 stipend)

[Pharmacy Technician](#) (Tuition FREE and student gets paid \$3,500 stipend)

**Undergraduate internships and rotations**

- [Child Life Specialist](#)

**Graduate programs**

- [Nurse Anesthesia](#)
- [Physical Therapy](#)
- [Physician Assistant](#)
- [Surgical First Assistant](#)

**Bachelor-level programs (BA required and prerequisite requirements to enter program or earn certificate)**

- [Cytotechnology](#)
- [Echocardiography](#)
- [Medical Laboratory Sciences](#)
- [Nuclear Medicine Technology](#)
- [Radiography](#)
- [Sonography](#)
- [Surgical First Assistant](#)

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Questions? Email [hselzlerbahr@gustavus.edu](mailto:hselzlerbahr@gustavus.edu) or [hbanks@gustavus.edu](mailto:hbanks@gustavus.edu)

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**Opportunities:**

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One Week left to APPLY!

**January Interim 2024 Pre-Health Career Exploration (January 3 - January 26)**

**[Online Application](#)**

Deadline: **Wednesday, September 27, 2023 by midnight**

This learning opportunity is designed specifically for Gustavus students to follow and observe the patient/provider relationship and subsequent interactions, diagnostics and treatment. The experience is shadowing/observation only. 30+ hours of shadowing per week.

**Sites partnerships in:** Medicine/Physician Assistant, Dental, PT, OT, Optometry, Veterinary Medicine, Neurosurgery, Alaska (Med/PA)!

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**Innovation Scholars Program**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Junior (16 credits) or senior academic status
- Cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher

**Deadline:** Friday, Sept. 29, 2023

(Flyer below with QR code to application)

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Featured Gustie Dental Student

[Nick Aney '23](#)

Enrolled Fall 2023 @ TCU Medical school

YouTube video NCAA Academic All-American [LINK](#)

