

The West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science (WMRUGS) Research Conference will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at Van Andel Institute (VAI) located at:

333 Bostwick Avenue NE / Grand Rapids, MI 49503



PARKING AND GETTING TO VAN ANDEL INSTITUTE FOR THE WMRUGS RESEARCH CONFERENCE

FREE parking will be available the day of the conference for registered attendees and recruiters. WMRUGS Research Conference attendees and recruiters will park at the Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) parking **RAMP B** and then walk north on Bostwick Avenue to Van Andel Institute.



Parking Entrance: The entrance to the GRCC parking ramp B on Bostwick Avenue is directly across from the GRCC's Calkins Science Center. Since there is no physical address for the parking ramp and for a point of reference, the Calkins Science Center is located at 226 Bostwick Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. See GRCC map on page 2. When entering parking ramp B, conference attendees and recruiters will need to take a GRCC parking pass. There are seven levels and over 300 parking spaces available for conference attendees and recruiters.



Getting to VAI: After parking, walk north on Bostwick Avenue towards VAI. Please use VAI's main entrance on Bostwick Avenue.

Validated Parking Passes: Validated parking passes are available for pick up at the WMRUGS Research Conference information desk. Please pick up validated parking passes from the information desk during the lunch period from 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm or after the conference has ended at 3:30 pm.

Exiting Parking Ramp B and Parking Passes: When exiting the GRCC parking ramp B, follow the instructions at the parking gate for inserting the parking passes: Insert the entrance parking pass first and then the validated parking pass. The validated parking passes are only <u>valid</u> until 5:30 pm the day of the event.

Additional Parking: If available, you are welcome to utilize free street parking in the surrounding areas near VAI including Bostwick Avenue, Crescent Street and Lyon Street. Please do not park at any of the spaces with City of Grand Rapids hooded meters on Bostwick Avenue with reserved WMRUGS Research Conference signs. Those spaces are reserved for conference attendees needing handicapped accessible parking near VAI.

If you need special accommodations for attending this event (i.e. closer parking or entering the building), contact Michelle Love at <u>undergrad@vai.edu</u>.





