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Dear Gustie:

Welcome to Gustavus! We're delighted to have you here. Let me tell you about a distinctive educational opportunity on our campus, the 3 Crowns Curriculum: Connections, Ideas, and Values.

Do you like discussion-based courses? Do you want to explore big, enduring questions, like what it means to be human, or how someone can live a good life? Would you like to be part of social and cultural activities like free trips to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and Guthrie Theater, barbecues at professors' homes, or film nights? Then you should consider joining the 3 Crowns Curriculum.

An important part of your studies at Gustavus will be required general education courses, which introduce you to different ways of understanding the world. In the 3 Crowns Curriculum, you would fulfill these requirements by taking a sequence of seven specially designed, discussion-focused courses with the same group of classmates all four years of college. In other words, you'd trade a small amount of choice for some required classes in exchange for the opportunity to be part of this curriculum and community. The 3 Crowns Curriculum emphasizes connections: connections between ideas and values; between past and present; between fields of study; between the classroom and the world; and, most importantly, among students themselves. The cohort experience greatly enhances the quality of the classes, as students become comfortable discussing important ideas and sharing their perspectives with each other. Many graduates tell us how much they value the life-long friends they made in the program.

Being part of the 3 Crowns Curriculum will enrich all aspects of your Gustavus experience. Our students are very involved in on-campus activities and groups. They study abroad, hold internships, participate in co-curricular pursuits, and even double major. While our program enrolls students from most fields of study, only 3 Crowns students have access to the program's classes and social and cultural activities.

If you'd like to find out more, visit <https://gustavus.edu/threecrowns/>. If you have questions, don't hesitate to email me at [jcouey@gustavus.edu](mailto:jcouey@gustavus.edu). I'd love to learn more about you and your interests. You can indicate your interest in the program on the online Registration Preference form, due June 4. Spaces for incoming first-year students are limited, but don't worry—if you aren't able to join the program in your first semester, you'll have another opportunity to opt into it during your second semester.

The 3 Crowns Curriculum is an exciting and richly rewarding program. It may be just right for you!

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Blake Couey". The signature is written in a cursive style.

J. Blake Couey

## MAKE YOUR LIFE COUNT

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