



BRANCH OUT

TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION

September 3-4, 2017 | Gustavus Adolphus College

WELCOME TO GUSTAVUS

The transfer orientation program is focused on helping you with the transition to Gustavus and establishing a sense of belonging in your new college community in addition to establishing a strong academic record. We know that feeling connected as a Gustie takes a different amount of time for each person. We know that academic expectations might be different from your previous college or university. However, we hope that with the assistance of many members of our community, you will begin to see this as your home. On behalf of the Gustie Greeters and Campus Activities Office, we sincerely hope your Orientation experience is positive and affirming of your choice to become a Gustie!

Persons requesting accommodations in accordance with ADA should contact Disability Services as far as possible in advance of the event. Additional information is available from the Center of Academic Resources and Enhancement (CARE) at 507-933-7227 or cwiebnc@gustavus.edu.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 9 a.m.–4 p.m.** **Check In** *Information Desk, Jackson Campus Center*
Meet your Transfer Student Gustie Greeter! Obtain your residence hall keys and pick up a folder containing advisor assignment and student employment information.
- 10:30 a.m.** **Sunday Morning Worshiping Community** *Christ Chapel*
A home away from home, the Sunday Morning Christ Chapel Worshiping Community is a group where you can feel welcome whoever you are, wherever you are, however you are. Every Sunday while school is in session, we gather to pray, sing, explore sacred texts, share communion, and be a community. It's designed for imperfect people (that's all of us!) We invite you to come experience God's abundant love in this beautiful space that is your chapel.
- 11 a.m.–5 p.m.** **Music Auditions** *Schaefer Fine Arts Center*
Learn more about the many opportunities to participate in music at Gustavus. Auditions are open to anyone and any skill level. Join the incredible tradition of ensemble music-making with many strong and meaningful opportunities.
- Noon–2 p.m.** **Lunch** *Evelyn Young Dining Room*
Take a break with your family from unloading and unpacking. Stop by the Information Desk in the Jackson Campus Center and grab your complimentary lunch tickets.
- 3–4 p.m. or** **Dining Service Student Employment Orientation**
4–5 p.m. *Banquet Room, Jackson Campus Center*
Become familiar with the Evelyn Young Dining Room and Market Place.
**Only for Dining Service student employees*
(must attend one of the two sessions)
- 4–5 p.m.** **Three Crowns Card** *Meet at Information Desk, Jackson Campus Center*
If you don't yet have your student I.D., meet the Transfer Greeters here to take care of this necessary item. You'll need it for meals beginning today!
- 3–4:30 p.m.** **Auditions for Gustavus Dance Company and Apprentice Dance Company** *Kresge Studio, Schaefer Fine Arts Center*
Find out more about dance opportunities at Gustavus. Students do not need to prepare anything in advance for the audition, but should arrive at the studio dressed to take a dance class.
- 4:45 p.m.** **Meet and Greet: Campus Tour with Gustie Greeter** *Meet at the St. Peter Room, Jackson Campus Center*
This informative tour will answer your basic questions about the layout of Gustavus, and will also let you in on the best places to study, hang out with friends, and even play Ultimate Frisbee. Remember your class schedule!

- 5:45 p.m. Transfer Student BBQ** *Linnaeus Arboretum*
Your Residential Life Collegiate Fellow (CF) is your host for this informal get-to-know-you dinner. Come and meet your CF and hang out for good food and great conversation! Linnaeus Arboretum is a favorite warm-weather destination for Gusties to meet, eat, and study.
- 7-9 p.m. "You. Me. We."** *Christ Chapel*
"You. Me. We." is a social justice initiative built to provide new students with a forum to discuss the transition to college as it relates to social issues and pluralism. Through a performance presented by the GTC dramatic dialogues, you will have an opportunity to see how culture shapes our identities and to discuss how our common, yet varied human spirits impact the lens by which we see the world.
- 9 p.m. Transfer Student Bonfire**
Fire pit west of North/Sorensen/Gibbs Halls (Complex)
Make s'mores and hang out with your Gustie Greeter and other current and former transfer students. This is a great time to get to know one another. You can tell stories, ask questions, and meet new people. Come alone or bring a friend! (Rain Alternate: Ice Cream Social, Complex)
- 9 p.m. LGBTQA Open House** *Courtyard Café*
Come join others in a casual, social setting to meet and greet one another as well as learn more about the interests, activities, and initiatives of this LGBTQA students on campus. Snacks provided!
- 9 p.m. Diversity Center Open House**
Diversity Center, Lower Level, Jackson Campus Center
We invite you to stop by the Diversity Center. You will have an opportunity to learn more about the various student organizations whose missions align with the fundamental principles of social justice, including efforts that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- 9 p.m. Pan-Afrikan Student Organization (PASO) Social**
Torrey Atrium, Beck Hall
Come join the students of PASO! Hang out with us and get to know Pan-Africanism is all about and how we share this with the campus community. All are welcome!
- 9 p.m. Womyns' Awareness Center (WAC) Social**
Dive, Johnson Student Union
Come and join the Womyn's Awareness Center in the Dive for an open house to get to know other feminists on Gustavus' campus. If you are passionate about social justice issues on and off campus, this is the organization for you! Snacks and buttons are provided.
- 10 p.m. Grocery Bingo** *Evelyn Young Dining Room, Jackson Campus Center*
Traditional Bingo with extra fun and prizes!
- 11 p.m. Jersey Dive Dance** *The Dive, Johnson Student Union*
Join your fellow classmates for a Jersey Dive Dance. Dress in your favorite jersey to win prizes.

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MEET YOUR GUSTIE GREETERS



Mariah Riggi

Senior 2018

Biochemistry &
Molecular Biology

Minnetonka, Minn.

Transferred Fall 2016



Sophia Skyberg

Junior 2019

Exercise Physiology

Prior Lake, Minn.

Transferred Fall 2016

ADVICE FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Ask a LOT of questions and embrace awkward moments. They are inevitable and can make great stories later when you think back, "Remember that one time when I first transferred to Gustavus?"

- *Emilie Scott '14*

Probably the most important piece of advice I could give to an incoming transfer student is to reach out and get involved in extracurricular activities so that you can get to know as many people as possible to establish your roots.

- *Dakota Darkstar '14*

There will be things you miss about your old school, but you should trust the decision that you made and embrace the differences you find at Gustavus! Only thinking about what you're missing out on usually just brings you down.

- *Emilie Scott '14*

Immerse yourself in Gustavus. Get involved! It's the best way to meet people!

- *Kaitlin Bembenc '15*

Make sure you know your way around campus and where your classes are BEFORE the first day of class! Also, don't worry about making friends! It will come naturally and at the most unexpected time! I met my first friend in our microbiology lab and we have been good friends ever since!

- *Megan Nading '16*

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7 a.m.–7:30 p.m. Evelyn Young Dining Room Open

9:15 a.m. **Breakfast** *Evelyn Young Dining Room*

Transfer students and Greeters will eat together to discuss the agenda for the day and upcoming events the first day of class.

9:45 a.m. **Academic Advising (Undeclared Majors)**

Heritage Banquet Room, Jackson Campus Center

MANDATORY

Meet your academic advisor to review your degree audit and confirm class registrations. Establish expectations and ways of communicating with each other throughout the semester. Advisors will also talk with you about your plan for graduation. Ask about referrals to departments to get answers to last-minute questions before tomorrow.

9:45 a.m. **Academic Advising (Declared Majors)**

Heritage Banquet Room, Jackson Campus Center

MANDATORY

If you have declared a major and been assigned an advisor, you will meet with advising staff from the Center for Academic Resources and Enhancement and the Gustie Greeters. Discuss a plan for reaching out to your advisor and connecting during the first month of classes. Referrals to departments for last-minute questions before tomorrow are available, too.

10:45 a.m. **Reading in Common Discussion**

Konferensrum, Jackson Campus Center

Join your group and Gustie Greeter to discuss the Reading in Common book selection.

11:45 a.m. **Lunch with your Greeter Group** *Evelyn Young Dining Room*

12:15 p.m. **Student Employment Orientation and Training**

Meet with your new supervisor to learn the ins and outs of your on-campus job and take care of the initial scheduling of your shifts. See your assignment card for your meeting location.

1:30 p.m. **Things I Wish I Would Have Known** *Beck Hall 101*

Items for review could include your Three Crowns Card; post office services; WebAdvisor and technology issues; dining service; opportunities for involvement; academic resources including tutoring and the Writing Center; the Book Mark and textbooks; and Lund Center facilities. Please bring your laptop.

2:30 p.m. **Personal Class Tours** *Jackson Campus Center, Information Desk*
Mariah and Sophia will take you to each of your classroom buildings/classrooms. Remember your class schedule.

5:30 p.m. **El Agave Welcome Dinner** *El Agave Restaurant, Saint Peter*

Meet at 3 Flags to car pool there

Join the Transfer Gustie Greeters for a traditional Mexican dinner at El Agave, a Gustie favorite!