

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 (MOVE-IN DAY)

8 a.m.-Noon **Move into your Residence Hall**

Please register at the main entrance of your residence hall to receive your keys.

8 a.m.-4 p.m. **New Student Check-In, Information Desk, Jackson Campus Center**

Gather Student ID information, advisor meeting locations, student employment assignment, orientation group and schedule.

11:30 a.m.-
1:30 p.m. **Complimentary Lunch, Lund Center**

We encourage all new students to join us with their families for lunch. Please pick up your complimentary tickets at the Information Desk.

1:45 p.m. -
2:45 p.m. **Convocation for New Students and Families, Christ Chapel**

A ceremonial welcome and presentation of the entering class. Dress is casual.

2:45 p.m.-
3:45 p.m. **Traditional Sign Pictures**

Gustavus Adolphus College Sign/Old Main

Come take a traditional family photo at the Gustavus sign.

2:45 p.m.-
3:45 p.m. **Legacy Family Photos and First Generation Student Pictures**

Near West Entrance to Old Main/Eckman Mall

Multi-generational Gustie families and First Generation Students are invited by the Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement and the Tri-Alpha Advisory Committee to take their family photo near the west entrance of Old Main adjacent to Eckman Mall.

2:45 p.m. **Ice Cream Welcome, Eckman Mall**

President Bergman, Vice President for Equity and Inclusion Doug Thompson, and the Student Life team would like to welcome new Gustie families with a frozen treat.

**Families should depart from campus following this event in order to give their students time to gather for their first orientation group event. Thank you for the support and hard work that made this day possible!*

4 p.m. **Orientation Group Meet-Up**

Join your Gustie Greeter and other class of 2026 classmates to meet one another, create connections, and review the orientation schedule. Refer to your Gustie Greeter group assignment sheet in your check-in day folder.

- 5 p.m. **Dinner and a Show**
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- 7:30 p.m. **Campus Life Kahoot with Peer Assistants, Lund Arena**
This fun, interactive session is an opportunity to understand campus norms, expectations and resources at Gustavus related to healthy choices, policies, and implications related to alcohol use and sexual misconduct. Compete against other orientation groups for a chance to win big.
- 8:45 p.m. **Orientation to Community Living**
Norelius (Co-Ed): Christ Chapel
Pittman/Sohre: Cec Eckhoff Alumni Hall, Johnson Student Union
During this time you will have the opportunity to meet and interact with the Residential Life staff and your fellow floor/section residents. You will learn valuable information and discuss issues relevant to living on campus.
- 10:00 p.m. **Playfair, Lund Arena**
Playfair is totally unlike anything else you have ever experienced. It’s entertaining, fun, and it’s the perfect way to make new campus friendships! Playfair is a team-building experience that has a long lasting effect on the members of your class and is a great way to get to know your peers!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7 a.m.-2 p.m. **Evelyn Young Dining Room open Jackson Campus Center**

10 a.m. **Orientation Group Meeting**
Refer to your Gustie Greeter group assignment sheet in your check-in day folder.

8 a.m.-
4:15 p.m. **Music Auditions**
Schaefer Fine Arts Center

General Schedule:

Piano 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | *FAM 319A*
Strings 8 - 10 a.m., 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | *FAM 308*
Winds 8 - 10 a.m., 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. | *FAM 120*
Brass 2 - 5 p.m. | *FAM 120*
Percussion 12 - 2 p.m. | *FAM 106*
Jazz Auditions 11 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. | *FAM 103*
Voice 8 - 10 a.m., 11 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. | *FAM 214*

If you will be taking lessons it is essential that you contact your instructor with your academic class schedule to arrange an individual lesson time. Lessons and rehearsals will typically begin the first week of classes. Refer to your conductor/instructor for specifics.

11:30 a.m. **Groups 1-22 Lunch with your Greeter Group**, *Evelyn Young Dining Room*

During this lunch, Greeters will discuss the topic of sustainability with their Greeter groups. This is a great time to learn a little bit about energy and waste management practices on campus and understand the responsibilities of being a Gustie.

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1:30 p.m. **Class of 2026 Annual Tulip Bulb Ceremony & Arboretum Exploration**, *The Arboretum*
Join your greeter group in the Arboretum tulip meadow to plant your unique 'Class of 2026' tulip bulb, then explore, relax or play in the Arboretum.

2:30 p.m. **Orientation large group time**, *Arboretum*
Spend this time getting to know students from other orientation groups.

- 3:30-4:15 p.m. **Theatre/Dance Orientation and Audition Information Session,**
Gardner Laboratory Theatre, Schaefer Fine Arts Center/Nobel Hall
Find out more about the many opportunities to participate in productions at Gustavus. This orientation is open to anyone interested in any aspect of theatre or dance at Gustavus.
- 5 p.m. **President's Banquet** *Evelyn Young Dining Room*
A dress-up occasion (semi-formal) to honor new students. College Fellows will escort residents.
- 8 p.m. **Square Dance** *Bjorling Parking Lot (Lund Center in case of rain)*
You don't want to miss this Gustavus TRADITION. Legend has it you may meet your Gustie soul mate!
- 9:30 p.m. **Bingo!** *Evelyn Young Dining Room, Jackson Campus Center*
Traditional Bingo with extra fun and prizes!
- 10:30 p.m. **Traditional Dive Dance,** *Cec Eckhoff Alumni Hall, Johnson Student Union*
- 10:30 p.m. **Residence Hall Events**
Get to know the other Gusties you'll be living with this year during hall activities coordinated by your CFs. Meet on your floor/section to gather for a special event just for the residents in your building.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 7 a.m.-8 p.m. **Evelyn Young Dining Room open** *Jackson Campus Center*
- 10:00 a.m. **Orientation Group Meeting**
Meet in regular location
- 10a.m.-1pm **Music Auditions**
Schaefer Fine Arts Center
Remaining Voice Auditions 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | FAM 214
Guitar 12 - 1 p.m. | FAM 212
- 11:30 a.m. **Groups 23-40: Lunch** *Evelyn Young Dining Room*
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- 1:15 p.m. Groups 23-40: **Who Are You? Establishing Your Identity**, *Cec Eckhoff, Alumni Hall*
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- 3:15 pm **Goosechase**

- 3:15-4:45 p.m. **Auditions for technique level placement, the Gustavus Dance Company, and Apprentice Dance Company, Kresge Studio, Schaefer Fine Arts Center**
Audition for the dance companies 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 (bare feet preferred).
- 4:15 p.m. **Dining Service student employment orientation**
Or 5:15pm *Heritage Banquet Room, Jackson Campus Center*
Become familiar with the Evelyn Young Dining Room and Marketplace
**Only for Dining Service student employees, please choose one of the sessions listed*
- 6:00 p.m. Groups 23-40: **Dinner with your Orientation Group, Evelyn Young Dining Room**
- 6:30 p.m. Groups 1-22: **Dinner with your Orientation Group, Evelyn Young Dining Room**
- 6:30-7:15pm **Optional Sunday Worship Community, Christ Chapel**
Looking for a faith community on campus? Join the Sunday Worship Community for a special orientation worship service. We're a growing community of faith that loudly proclaims that love wins, science is real, black lives matter, and that people are more important than political parties. We believe our relationship with Jesus both restores and liberates us and calls us to act for justice. We interpret liturgy (an ancient order of worship) in new ways and find the divine in a wide variety of music.
- 7:30.-9:30 p.m. **"You. Me. We." Lund Arena, Lund Athletic Center**
"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.
- 9:30 p.m. **Center for Inclusive Excellence Open House**
Center for Inclusive Excellence, Lower Level, Johnson Student Union
Our G.A.I.N. facilitators invite you to stop by the Center for Inclusive Excellence. During your visit, you will have an opportunity to learn more about the social, educational, and academic (S.E.A.) opportunities, as well as the various resources offered in, or through, the Center. Grab a snack and some swag or stick around for game night!
- 10:30 p.m. **80's Neon Dance, Cec Eckhoff Alumni Hall, Johnson Student Union**
Join your fellow classmates for an 80's Neon themed Dance. Dress in your favorite 80's Neon themed outfit to win prizes.

10:30 p.m. **United Bonfire** *Complex Fire Pit*

Several Christian student organizations welcome you to join them for fun, fellowship and s'mores around the fire.

10:30 p.m. **Movie: Everything Everywhere All At Once**, *Nobel Hall, Wallenburg Auditorium*

When an interdimensional rupture unravels reality, an unlikely hero must channel her newfound powers to fight bizarre and bewildering dangers from the multiverse as the fate of the world hangs in the balance.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7 a.m.-8 p.m. **Evelyn Young Dining Room open** *Jackson Campus Center*

9:00 a.m. **Final Orientation Group Meeting** *regular group location*

10:00 a.m. **First Term Seminar (FTS) Meetings & Advising**

Refer to email from your Professor regarding meeting location

Meet your FTS classmates and professor, who is also your academic advisor, and review your fall schedule before making any necessary adjustments. In the week leading up to this event, your FTS professor will send an email to your FTS section with specific details for this meeting.

11:00 a.m.-
1:00 p.m. **Lunch on your own**, *MarketPlace and Evelyn Dining Room*

Grab lunch in the MarketPlace based on First Term Seminar advising schedule/appointment.

1-1:30 p.m. **Success Sessions** (Session BLOCK 1)

Classes begin tomorrow! Are you prepared? Choose one of these sessions to get you on the right track.

“How I Get Good Grades”

Three Crowns Banquet Room

An upper class student panel of high achievers in the classroom will share tips and answer questions on how they maintain their commendable GPAs, balance schoolwork, and a personal life, and survive their transition to college-level academics.

Writing Your Way to Success

President's Dining Room

Writing papers can be difficult and frustrating for many students throughout their college careers. The Writing Center is here to help. Meet the writing tutors, learn how to make appointments, and play games that will help you know what to expect for collegiate writing.

Learn to Live

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Feelings of stress, anxiety and worry are normal as students transition to college life. Join Dr. Russ and the clinical team to learn about powerful tools and strategies to successfully manage stress that accompanies life as a college student.

Learn to Live provides a FREE self-assessment to find out to what extent common issues (i.e. stress, anxiety & worry, depression, social anxiety, insomnia and substance use) might be affecting your life, and offers online programs at no cost to help students thrive.

1:45 p.m.

Success Sessions Repeated

2:30-

Student Employment Orientation and Training

3:30 p.m.

Meet with your new supervisor to learn the ins and outs of your student employment position and take care of the initial scheduling of your shifts. See your assignment card for your meeting location.

**Dining Service employees will schedule their Fall semester work shifts at this time*

6:30 p.m.

Class of 2026 Group Photo, Hollingsworth Field (rain location: Lund Center)

Celebrate your status as an official member of the Class of 2026 with a group photo! The Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement invites you to join us on the football field to receive your complimentary exclusive Class of 2026 Gustavus t-shirt. Your class will then put on their shirts and get together for a fun shot on the field.

8:00 p.m.

Life of a Gustie Athlete, Beck Hall Atrium

This session is for all students who plan on participating in a winter or spring season sport. Come and meet your future teammates and athletes from other sports! Athletes will be put into small groups to talk about ways first-year athletes can succeed as college student-athletes