

GUSTIES WILL SHINE!

2018 STUDENT ORIENTATION



TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION

September 2-3, 2018 | 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 cwiebusc@gustavus.edu.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 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 Worshipping Community** *Christ Chapel*
A home away from home, the Christ Chapel Worshipping Community is a group where you can feel welcome whoever you are, wherever you are, however you are. On Sundays during the academic year, we gather to pray, sing, explore sacred texts, share communion, and be a community. 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 and Voice 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 4–5 p.m.** **Dining Service Student Employment Orientation**
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 and Technical Level Placement**
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." *Lund Arena*
 "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. 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.

10 p.m. Blackout Improv
Cec Eckhoff Alumni Hall, Johnson Student Union
 Blackout Improv is a mix of comedy, social justice, and arts access. The performers seek to create comedic dialogue around serious truths. We promise a HILARIOUS comedy show that will entertain you while we address current events.

11 p.m. Grocery Bingo *Evelyn Young Dining Room, Jackson Campus Center*
 Traditional Bingo with extra fun and prizes!

MEET YOUR GUSTIE GREETERS



Caleb Seyala
 Senior 2019
 Public Accounting
 Hermantown, Minn.



Sophia Skyberg
 Senior 2019
 Exercise Physiology
 Prior Lake, Minn.
Transferred Fall 2016

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MUSIC AUDITIONS

Audition times are pre-assigned:

- If you registered for lessons or ensembles you should have received an email (to your ____@gustavus.edu account) in August with complete information including appointment times in the areas which you have indicated interest.
- If you have questions, need to change a time, or did not receive a pre-assigned audition time, contact an Audition Assistant after your arrival on campus. Assistants can be contacted in the Music Office on Friday (FAM 318, x7364) and then throughout the Music Building at check-in tables on Saturday and Sunday. General information is also posted in the second floor lobby of the Music Building.

General Schedule: Saturday, September 1

- Piano
 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | *Björling Recital Hall*
- Brass
 11 a.m.-2 p.m. | *FAM 106*
- Percussion
 2-4 p.m. | *FAM 106*
- Winds
 4-8 p.m. | *FAM 106*
- Strings
 11 a.m.-2 p.m. | *FAM 308*
- Jazz Saxophones
 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | *FAM 103*
- Jazz Trumpets/Trombones
 2-4 p.m. | *FAM 103*
- Voice
 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | *FAM 214*

Sunday, September 2

- Remaining Voice Auditions
 11 a.m.-5 p.m. | *FAM 214*
- Guitar
 Noon-1 p.m. | *FAM 202*

Other:

- Handbells | Tuesday, Sept. 4
 7 p.m. | *Christ Chapel*
- Jazz Vocalists | Wednesday, Sept. 5
 6:30-8 p.m. | *FAM 103*

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.

ADVICE FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Get immersed right away, and the sense of belonging will follow. Be patient, and don't worry if you don't 'fit in' right away.

- Michael Spear '18

Get acquainted with all the different resources on campus, and don't be afraid to ask for help. Everyone is really nice and understanding.

- Alex Merrill '19

Feel free to reach out to other transfer students on campus; we are a unique population on campus and most students don't know what it's like to transfer schools. Talk to one of us if you ever need anything or have questions.

- Nicole Lunberg '19

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

- Kaitlin Bembenek '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 3

7 a.m.–8 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

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.

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

Heritage Banquet Room, Jackson Campus Center

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.

MANDATORY

10:45 a.m. Reading in Common Discussion

Konferensrum, Jackson Campus Center

Join your group and Gustie Greeter to discuss the 2018 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*

Caleb 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 carpool there.

Join the Transfer Gustie Greeters for a traditional Mexican dinner at El Agave, a Gustie favorite. President Bergman will be in attendance—take this rare opportunity to dine with her!