TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION
September 2 & 3, 2012 | Gustavus Adolphus College

BOUNDLESS POSSIBILITIES
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, and with 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 Student 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 the Office of Disability Services as far as possible in advance of the event. Additional information is available from the Office of Disability Services, at 507-933-6286 (voice); 507-933-6207 (fax); or lbickett@gustavus.edu.

Sunday, September 2

9 a.m.–4 p.m. CHECK IN AT THE INFORMATION DESK | Information Desk, Jackson Campus Center
Meet your Transfer Student Gustie Greeter! Obtain your residence hall keys and pick up a folder containing voicemail information, adviser assignment, and student employment information.

10:30 a.m. OPENING THE DOORS TO CHRIST CHAPEL: A WORSHIP EXPLORATION | Christ Chapel
You are invited to open your heart and mind to the many opportunities for worship, study, prayer, spiritual exploration, and community building. Come and see that there is more faith at Gustavus than simply admiring the beautiful chapel in the center of campus. Discover a vibrant community of faith that is your spiritual home away from home.

11 a.m.–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.

4 p.m. CAMPUS TOUR WITH GUSTIE GREETER | Meet at the Information Desk, Jackson Campus Center
This informative tour will answer your basic questions about the layout of Gustavus, but will also let you in on the best places to study, hang out with friends, and even play Ultimate. Remember your class schedule!
Things Gusties Wish They Would Have Known...

There is a water spigot in the Courtyard Café where you can fill water jugs

Coffee refills are free in the café

There is a hot tub and sauna in the pool for student use

Use the GusBus (507-934-6070) on weekend nights to get around town

If you forget your student ID use the far left lane in the café and simply give them your student ID number

You can order pizza and cheesy bread from your café account by calling x7777

Use the Internet with an Ethernet cable – it is way faster than the wireless

All the offices on campus offer FREE services that cost a lot of money after graduation

Monday, September 3

7 a.m.–4 p.m.  EVELYN YOUNG DINING ROOM OPEN

9 a.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!

9:15 a.m.  BREAKFAST | Evelyn Young Dining Room

Transfer students and Greeters will sit together.

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Advice for Transfer Students

“To find a good group of friends, get involved right away! Don’t wait!” - Sarah Baker

“Take a chance, try something new!” - Kelsey Swanson

“Since you all have done the whole college thing before, moving into the dorms, signing up for classes, and getting a meal in the caf is a breeze. The hardest part now is finding a way to integrate yourself into campus. Don’t be afraid to sign up for something new! You may surprise yourself! I had never seen myself joining a sorority, but at Gustavus, it seemed like the right fit! By being involved in one (or many!) of the multiple organizations on campus, you are able to meet so many awesome people and find a sense of community within the school. Stepping outside of your comfort zone and trying new things, all while forming strong bonds with the people around you, is what makes college some of the best years of your life!” - Tori Lund

10:00 a.m. ACADEMIC ADVISING | Library A/V Room 1 (basement)
Meet your academic adviser to review and confirm your class registrations, receive your degree audit, and establish expectations and ways of communicating with each other throughout the semester. Advisers will also address how long it might take you to graduate and refer you to departments to ask last minute questions before classes begin tomorrow. A library tour is included.

11:15 a.m. GET CONNECTED | Beck Hall 101
Immediately following advising, we’ll move right into a last “Q & A” time customized to your needs. Items for discussion could include your three crowns card; post office services; WebAdvisor and general technology issues; dining service; opportunities for involvement, service, and leadership; academic resources including tutoring and the Writing Center; the Book Mark and textbooks; and Lund Center facilities. Please bring your laptop.

12:15 p.m. LUNCH | Linneaus Arboretum
Enjoy a fantastic sandwich bar with a Gustie favorite, frost your own cookies, for dessert. Meet the Peer Assistants and the rest of the Gustie Greeters! These two staffs comprise over 60 successful, caring upperclass student leaders. You are sure to make memories and lasting friendships.

1:15 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.

2:30-5 p.m. FREE TIME
Take a few hours to relax, continue unpacking, and cross off those last “to-dos” on your list including picking up textbooks and school supplies and visiting necessary offices.

5-7 p.m. BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH | Lund Arena (Market Place facility is closed during this time)
Picnic-style dinner for all new and returning students. Connect with new and old friends in a fun and festive atmosphere! Transfer Greeters will meet transfer students at 5:00 p.m. at the Information Desk to walk over together.

9:30 p.m. MOVIE NIGHT: THE AVENGERS | Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall
When an unexpected enemy emerges that threatens global safety and security, Nick Fury, director of the international peacekeeping agency known as S.H.I.E.L.D., finds himself in need of a team to pull the world back from the brink of disaster. That team includes superheroes Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, Hawkeye, and The Hulk.

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