

TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION

SEPTEMBER 6-7, 2015

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE

TOGETHER WE ARE

GUSTAVUS

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 Academic Support Center, at 507-933-7027 (voice); 507-933-6207 (fax); or tpeymann@gustavus.edu.

Sunday, September 6

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, advisor assignment, and student employment information.

10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY
Christ Chapel

A home away from home, the Sunday Morning Christ Chapel Worshipping 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 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.

11:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

MUSIC AUDITIONS

Audition times are pre-assigned. If you registered for lessons or ensemble auditions, you received a mailing in August with an appointment in the areas in which you have indicated interest. If you have any questions or did not receive an appointment, go to the music office (FAM 318) after your arrival on campus or contact Cinde Wiebusch (x7364 or cwiebusc@gustavus.edu).

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 Marketplace.

**Only for Dining Service student employees (must attend one of the two sessions)*

3–4:30 p.m.

AUDITIONS FOR GUSTAVUS DANCE COMPANY AND APPRENTICE DANCE COMPANY | *Kresge Studio, Schafer 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. **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 p.m. **"E PLURIBUS GUSTAVUS" – A CELEBRATION OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT: CREATING COMMUNITY** | *Anderson Theatre*
Discussion following in Peer Education Office

This campuswide tradition is an opportunity for students to discuss transitions, cultural differences, social climate, and environmental changes. This program is the perfect opportunity to create connections with other transfer students through intentional conversation.

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*)

9:30–10:30 p.m. **QUEERS & ALLIES MIXER** | *1009 N. 7th Street*

Come join members of Gustavus Queers & Allies (Q & A) in a casual, social setting to meet and greet one another as well as learn more about the interests, activities, and initiatives of this GLBTQA organization on campus. Snacks provided! Greeters will escort students from the Sesquicentennial Plaza at 9 p.m. or feel free to come and go on your own.

9:30 p.m. **MOVIE NIGHT: TERMINATOR GENISYS**
Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall

When John Connor, leader of the human resistance against Skynet, sends Kyle Reese back to 1984 to protect his mother, Sarah, from a Terminator assassin, an unexpected turn of events creates an altered timeline. Instead of a scared waitress, Sarah is a skilled fighter and has a Terminator guardian by her side. Faced with unlikely allies and dangerous new enemies, Reese sets out on an unexpected new mission: reset the future.

9:30 p.m. **GROCERY BINGO** | *Evelyn Young Dining Room, Jackson Campus Center*

Fun and prizes!

10:30 p.m. **"NEON DIVE"** | *The Dive, Johnson Student Union*

Break out your fluorescent colors and dance the night away under the black lights.

Monday, September 7

7 a.m.–7:30 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 eat together to discuss the agenda for the day and upcoming events the first day of class.

continued

Meet Your Gustie Greeters!



MARA KLIPFEL

YEAR Junior

MAJOR Health Fitness,
Athletic Training

HOMETOWN Shakopee, MN
Transferred Fall 2014



CAMERON REISCHAUER

YEAR Senior

MAJOR Social Studies Education

HOMETOWN Zearing, IA
Transferred Fall 2014

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 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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9:45 a.m.

MANDATORY

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 and how long it will likely take you to complete your degree. Ask about referrals to departments to get answers to last-minute questions before tomorrow.

9:45 a.m.

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If you have declared a major and been assigned an advisor, you will meet with Advising staff from the Academic Support Center/ASC 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.

11:15 a.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 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 | *Linnaeus 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. Fraternity and sorority representatives will also be on hand to answer questions about getting involved in Greek life on campus.

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 p.m.

PERSONAL CLASS TOURS

Jackson Campus Center, Information Desk

Cameron and Mara will take you to each of your classroom buildings/classrooms. **Remember your class schedule.**

5:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S BANQUET

Banquet Room, Jackson Campus Center

This is a semi-formal occasion to welcome you to Gustavus and kick off your year with one of our favorite traditions. President Bergman and the Transfer Orientation Gustie Greeters will serve as your hosts.