



Supporting a Successful College Student

Dean of Students Office
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Our Plan for Today...

- Intro to who we are and what we do
- General info that will (hopefully) be helpful
- Planning for the rest of the summer
- Time for questions
- Activity for YOU!



Student Life @ Gustavus

- Dean of Students office
 - Title IX
- Residential Life
- Health Service
 - GustieWELL
- Counseling Center
- Campus Activities
 - Community service & Rec Programs
- Athletics
 - Intercollegiate, Club Sports, Intramurals

Dean of Students Office Staff



Charlie Potts '01
Dean
14 years

Amy Pehrson '91
Assist. Dean/Title IX
34 years



Megan Ruble
Assoc. Dean
26 years

Deb Swanberg
Exec. Asst.
22 years



What can the Dean of Students office do for individual students?

- Maintain contact and meet with students to address needs
- Foster self-advocacy in students to manage their academic, personal and fiscal responsibilities.
- Advocate for students individually and systemically
- Assist students in arranging for appropriate medical/mental health care
- Monitor compliance with treatment plans and/or College behavioral expectations
- Evaluate threat and assess risk to self and/or the community
- Serve as a liaison to parents on behalf of the College
- Coordinate campus resources for students
- Family transitions

Who is our primary contact?



Megan Ruble
Last names A-J

Amy Pehrson
Last names K-T



Charlie Potts
Last names U-Z

Small Group Discussion

What are you/your student most excited about?

What are you/your student unsure about?

What can we share about your Gustie?

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

The same laws that give parents access to their child's education records during elementary and high school transfer ownership of the records to the student at the college level. According to FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, also known as the Buckley Amendment), college students are considered responsible adults and have some control over the disclosure of information from their education records.

A student may grant access to a parent (or other relevant persons) to view selected information via [MyGustavus](#). Granting access is solely at the discretion of the student.

To view the options granted to you, you must first login to [MyGustavus](#). Once your student grants you access to their information, a username and password will be created and sent to you by email if you don't have an existing MyGustavus account.

If you don't know your username or password, please contact proxyaccess@gustavus.edu . Gustavus will only communicate through the MyGustavus proxy email address we have on file for you.

Parent Access to Grades & Financial Information: **gustavus.edu/gts/MyGustavus_Proxy_FAQ**

Students are able to grant others online access to view the following *MyGustavus* options:

- Check grades

- My Documents (Financial Aid)

- Student Account Statement

- Financial Aid Award letter

- View 1098-T Statement

Health Information - Counseling & Accommodations

- 6 FT licensed therapists on staff in Counseling Center
- 1:1 individual therapy, support groups, presentations
- Low wait time to get an appointment
- No additional cost to students
- Intended for more short-term, bi-weekly or less use (not available on breaks, summer, etc.)
- Accessibility information: Academic Support Center (ascsupport@gustavus.edu)

Health Information

- Health Service: “Your clinic on campus”
 - 2 advanced practice providers and 2 nurses (no cost for a nurse consult)
 - Insurance is billed - check if they are in-network
 - Health Insurance required, the College offers and you must opt out to waive it
 - Limited medications available on campus
- Local providers & pharmacies
- Emergency On-call Resources
- Medical Leaves & Optional *GradGuard* Tuition Insurance

Parent Resources

- Materials in your folder
- gustavus.edu/parents
- Gustavus Adolphus Families Facebook page
- Parent emails (~2 per semester)



Things to know about...housing

Access the housing portal (open April 21 - June 22)

housing.gac.edu (must have set up Gustavus email!)

Required: Student must complete the "New Student Housing Form" under Housing Forms

- Rank 1st choice for housing: Norelius, Pittman, We Are community, or "First Year housing is not the right fit" (transfer, etc)

Note: Portal closes **June 22** for the housing assignment process

Roommate Matching: If student has not found their own roommate match by June 22, one will be assigned during the room assignment process. Make sure *student* fills out the Roommate Matching Profile & Questionnaire sections for best match

Early July: Housing info available in the housing portal. Students should be checking Gustavus email for housing information

Handout in packet: 'What to Bring' do/don't list, email reslife@gustavus.edu with questions

Flyer in packet: BedLoft.com orders should be placed by **August 7** for rental set-up in rooms prior to move-in

Things to know about...cars & parking

- First-year students can have cars on campus
- An annual parking permit costs \$320 (regular).
Reduced price lot (\$100) at golf facility/Big Hill Farm.
- All cars with permits have a guaranteed spot on campus
- First-year students are not usually able to park next to their residence hall (Bjorling, College View, Arb, Pittman)
- On and off campus transportation services

Things to know about...getting connected

Orientation and First Term Seminar Groups

Involvement Fair, Student Organizations

Departmental programming

Residence Hall belonging

Intramurals and Club Sports

Important Dates 2025-2026

- Move-In Day (August 29: FY, August 30: Transfer)
- New Student Orientation (August 29/30 - September 1)
- First Day of Classes (September 2)
- Homecoming (October 4)
- Family Weekend (October 10-12)
- Fall Break (October 20-26)
- Thanksgiving Recess (November 26-30)
- Final Exams (December 18-19)
- Winter Break (December 20 – January 11)



**Please reference the official [Academic Calendar](https://gustavus.edu/registrar/six_year_calendar/) for complete information and updates*

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New Student Orientation

- Move-in Days: August 29th (FY), August 30 (Transfer)
 - Watch for information from Residential Life about logistics
 - Early move in of belongings is an option
- New Student Orientation: Aug 29 - Sept 1
 - Small group format with a Gustie Greeter
 - Introduction to academic life, campus resources, etc.
 - Social connections and activities
- Fall Programming to Build Community

Summer Tasks

Summer conversations

Online harm-reduction courses

Students will receive an email with links to the required courses on or about August 1st





QUESTIONS?
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Enjoy your summer,
We'll see your Gustie soon!