Welcome Gusties!
While the campus is quieter without students, we certainly miss the hustle and bustle of students on the campus. We are excited about your arrival on campus in the fall and anxious to welcome you either for the first time or as a returning student. This newsletter provides you with more information about your home on campus. It compliments the information in The Residence Hall Contract and Handbook. “The View” has helpful suggestions and information regarding the opening of the residence halls, some policy information, and other important information. While some policy information is provided here, it is your responsibility to read, know and understand the information in the Residence Hall Contract and Handbook as well as the Gustie Guide.

Some initial information:
• Students move onto campus with lots of cardboard boxes and plastic bins. Areas are located on campus for recycling this cardboard. Please take boxes to the posted locations.
• Non-recyclable items (ie. Styrofoam packing, etc.) should be placed in building dumpsters.
• Plastic bins should be sent home with parents.
• Be certain to register your bicycle with Campus Safety and to review the information in this document.
• We look forward to your arrival!

Roommate Hints and Suggestions

Your roommate experience can either add or detract dramatically from your college experience—but most of the time it’s in YOUR control! We provide the following information to assist you in the transition to sharing a space on campus.

• Call or write your roommate(s). You will start to get to know each other and can make some decisions as to who will bring what. After all, you don’t really need two microwaves or two TVs.

• Prepare to give and take in your roommate relationship. For many students, this is the first time sharing a bedroom with someone. Negotiating bed time, study area, etc., can be challenging if there isn’t a sense that you are in this together. Be flexible!

• Part of getting to know your new roommate is decorating the room together. Make it a team effort.

• Be sure to read through the Room Decorating Guidelines that you will get at check-in. You’ll go through your Room Condition Report when you move in (preferably doing the form at the same time your roommate does!) to note the condition of items in the room. It’s VERY important to fill out that form accurately and thoroughly!

• It is sometimes better to arrive with less. Break times come quickly and you can always bring your favorite chair back with you after a trip home.

• Mutually agreed upon expectations of life within your room are key to a successful roommate relationship. Therefore, use the roommate agreement your Colleague Fellow will walk you through at the start of the year.

• Members of the Residential Life Staff are ready to help you. If you have problems, questions, or just want to visit, feel free to stop by the Jackson Campus Center Residential Life Office. Otherwise, watch for us at hall meetings, programs and campus events.
Gustavus Adolphus College is a church-related, residential liberal arts college firmly rooted in its Swedish and Lutheran heritage. The College offers students of high aspiration and promise, a liberal arts education of recognized excellence provided by faculty who embody the highest standards of teaching and scholarship.

In addition to scholastic education, Gustavus expects students to attain their highest potential as people, through five core values. These values work to develop in them a capacity and passion for lifelong learning, and to prepare them for fulfilling lives of leadership and service in society.

Excellence

In the words of Eric Norelius, founder of the College, “Whatever we do, let us do it well.” Given our other values, it should be clear that our commitment to excellence is neither a code word for elitism nor a rejection of the best of the College’s heritage.

Community

Gustavus has always been marked by a pervasive sense of concern for all members of the community. Civility, mutual respect, freedom to express a broad range of ideas, and peaceful resolution of conflicts are of fundamental value here.

Over 110 student organizations on campus, 99% of Gustavus students are involved in at least one organization.

Justice

The college strives to be a just community in all of its actions and to educate students for morally responsible lives. “Education for the common good” describes what we strive for, and integrity is one of our defining characteristics.

Service

We embrace the notion that true leadership expresses itself in service to others and affirm the classical ideal of a liberating education - one that frees one to serve humanity to the best of one’s ability.

Faith

Faith enriches and completes learning; is the bedrock of the community, ethics and service; and compels one to excellence in a divinely ordered world. We encourage an honest exploration of faith without expecting conformity to a specific religious tradition.

The Residential Learning Plan

Being a part of a residential college makes our residence halls so much more than just a place to sleep. The Residential Life Office at Gustavus desires to partner with students to make all of life a learning experience—from sharing community bathrooms to how to talk with your roommate about difference. We have begun to be more intentional about what students should gain from a residential experience and hope that all of our students will find their personal style and passions with this basic vision as the foundation.

Through living in the residence halls, Gustavus students will have the opportunity to understand and develop themselves and broaden their perspective on how core institutional values shape their capacity to lead lives of leadership and service in a diverse world.

We desire each student at Gustavus Adolphus College to demonstrate growth around four core outcomes:

LEADERSHIP

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

IDENTITY

DIVERSITY
Things to Remember About Residence Hall Living

You will be living in a community. Students are coming from around Minnesota, the US, and the world to experience the truly unique environment at Gustavus. These other people will come to have an impact on your life and, hopefully, become your friends. Through community building activities and floor meetings, persons in your local community will have the opportunity to shape the living environment to make meeting and learning from one another more frequent and intentional. As in all communities, there are standards and expectations to which all members must adhere for the safety and comfort of its members as well as for the community to function.

A complete listing of all Residential Life policies is included in the Residence Hall Contract and Handbook and the Gustie Guide, both of which are on-line through the Gustavus web page. Please read them carefully as you are responsible for information contained within the documents.

If you have any questions about any information, please be certain to speak with your Collegiate Fellow, Area Coordinator or call the Residential Life Office. If you would like a paper copy, please stop in the Residential Life Office.

Residence Hall Information

Checking in: When you arrive, staff and students will be ready to welcome and assist you. You will be asked to check over the Room Condition Report form (RCR) to see that it accurately reflects the condition of your room before you will receive your building outside door key. This information is used at the end of the year to determine whether you are financially responsible for any damages. Take enough time to carefully assess your room, then, return the completed RCR to the check-in table.

Keys: After completing your RCR, you will be issued two keys – one for your room, one for the building access door. Hang onto these as there is a lost key charge of $75 for a room key.

Decorating: Personalizing your room with your roommate is encouraged and expected as long as it does not create hazards, violate fire codes, or cause structural damage. Lofts, plants, lamps, etc. may not be suspended from the ceiling or curtain rods due to structural limitations. Tacks, nails, etc. cause damage to walls and furnishings and, therefore, only removable tape/adhesive may be used to attach posters and articles to the walls. Do NOT use duct or packaging tape. 3M has removable tape that works very well. Please check with your CF if you have questions about room decorations.

Painting Rooms: You may not paint your room; however, if you feel that your room is in need of paint, please contact the Residential Life Office.

Cleaning: It is your responsibility to keep your room clean. Vacuum cleaners and brooms are available from the staff in your hall.

For loft, refrigerator, and futon rentals go to BEDLOFT.COM

Trash and items to be recycled should be carried to central collection points in the hall.

Furniture: Your room is furnished with beds, desks, dressers, bureaus/wardrobes, desk chairs, wastebasket, and recycling bin. All college owned furniture assigned to your room must stay inside your room. DO NOT MOVE FURNITURE OUTSIDE OF YOUR ROOM OR LOAN IT TO SOMEONE ELSE. If you have a problem with any of the furniture, please see a Residential Life staff member.

Lounge Furniture: The furniture in all public lounges is for use by all the residents and should remain in its original location. Removing furniture from its designated area is not permitted.

Audio equipment: You
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may certain bring equipment that plays music (speakers, etc); however, the rights of your roommate and other residents in the hall must be respected. Headphones are highly recommended. Also, speakers may not be placed in windows/be played so loud as to be heard outside.

Hallways: No personal belongings may be left in the hallway where they might create an obstruction and/or fire hazard. Also, for safety reasons, game playing of any kind (Frisbee, golf, hockey, etc.) in the hallways is NOT PERMITTED.

Laundry Facilities: Washers and dryers are available in each hall and use is free for the residents of that hall. Ironing boards are also supplied; however, you must supply your own iron.

Break Housing: The residence halls close during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Breaks. Students who are unable to leave for these periods due to distance will be housed in the Southwest Hostel space. Check with the Residential Life Office for more information.

Electrical Appliances: Lamps, computers, microwave ovens, pop-up toasters and coffee pots are permitted within your room; however, some appliances are prohibited. Sun lamps, Halogen lamps, electric blankets, portable heaters, cooking appliances (e.g. hot plates, toaster ovens), and air conditioners are not permitted in the halls. If in doubt about a particular appliance, inquire before bringing it.

Tobacco Policy: All public facilities at Gustavus, including residence hall corridors and rooms, are designated “tobacco-free” as provided by Minnesota’s Clean Air Act. All housing is smoke-free. Students who smoke must agree to smoke outside the residence hall.

Pets: Animals are not permitted in the residence halls for health reasons, either to stay or to visit. The only exception to this policy is fish kept in aquariums not to exceed a 15-gallon capacity.

Cable Television: Students contract directly with Mediacom for all cable service. Use of a satellite dish is not permitted in any campus housing, including ILS houses and residence halls. A television with cable access is located in the TV lounge of each residence hall.

Refrigerator: You may bring your own refrigerator, however, it must be no larger that six (6) cubic feet. Refrigerators may also be rented. See the enclosed Bedloft.com flyer.

Bed Linens: The College has several different sizes of beds and mattresses. As a result, we recommend that Twin XL sheets be purchased.

Visitation: Please see the complete Guest and Visitation Policy.

Candles/Flammable Materials/Incense: Possessing or utilizing anything with a wick or flame or consuming flammable material (including but not limited to candles, incense, oil lamps, potpourri simmer pots, and gas or Sterno cans) are NOT allowed in residence hall rooms or College-owned apartments or houses.

Room Responsibility: It is the responsibility of residence hall occupants to ensure that all policies of the college are understood and followed by themselves and their guests. Failure to ensure compliance with policies of the college may result in disciplinary charges against the room occupant(s) as well as the policy violators.

Important Things to Remember

Communication: Be sure to check your campus PO and Gustavus e-mail regularly.

Questions about:
• Your Campus PO Box: See Post Office on the lower level of Jackson Campus Center
• College E-mail account: Call the GTS Office 507-933-6111.
Thoughts on Social Media

Social networking websites are great innovations. They offer you an opportunity to interact with a surprising number and diversity of people from across the US and the world. They can be a wonderful tools. Tools are only as effective as the people who use them, and this technology is subject to hazards of context, circumstance, and interpretation. Please consider the following as you utilize social networking websites while beginning your time at Gustavus.

Freedom and responsibility: Gustavus strongly believes and cherishes the right of individuals to express themselves freely. As you have heard, however, freedom comes with responsibility. These sites are excellent examples of this. Individuals are responsible for any consequences of their postings - given that we live in a world with rules, judicial discipline, employers with their own interests, as well as other people who will make judgments about what they see on these types of sites.

Now, here is the responsibility part: no one is going to limit people who are authorized to use the Internet or view Facebook-type sites from seeing what you post on-line. Facebook-type sites are open, now, to anyone that chooses to sign up. Therefore, you should have no expectation of privacy on these sites unless you limit access by others.

Unintended consequences: There are many examples of unintended audiences viewing virtual community information and acting on it. An example: a non-Gustavus student who posted questionable pictures of herself and others only to have a school district to whom she had applied for a teaching position look at the site and withdraw its offer of employment. She removed the information from the site before continuing her job search.

It is also important to think about the pictures and postings you make concerning other people. Please think not only about what identity you create for yourself online but also how you represent others. At the very least be sure to take their feelings into account. Do not post any pictures with other people in them without getting their permission first. You would not want to find yourself as a defendant in a tort case that alleged that you had invaded someone’s privacy.

Remember, behind every device, new computer program or piece of technology, there is a law, a social norm, an ethic or a business practice that warrants thoughtful and careful consideration. Please be cautious.

We support and encourage the responsible use of social networking. Be sure to check us out on Facebook and Twitter for important and fun information!

Residential Life Staff Members

The Residential Life staff welcomes you to Gustavus. In order for you to become more acquainted with full-time Residential Life personnel, an explanation of the positions and personnel of the Residential Life Office follows.

Charlie Potts, Assistant Dean of Students & Director of Residential Life. The Director is responsible for overall administrative and programmatic operation as well as supervision of the Residential Life Office.

Melissa Shugarman, Assistant Director of Residential Life. Melissa’s primary focus is the Collegiate Fellow program with additional responsibilities of overseeing the Hall Council program and the ILS Houses.

Danny Sandberg, Assistant Director of Residential Life. Danny’s primary focus is housing assignments and operations, and he also oversees Chapel View, College View, and Arbor View Apartments.

Sue Myhara, Administrative Assistant. Sue assists the Director in coordinating administrative processes for all of campus. Sue has been with the Residential Life Office for over 35 years. She is the office manager as well as coordinating processes dealing with keys and budget tracking.

Area Coordinators in Residential Life. Area Coordinators are full-time professionals who coordinate personal, community, and relationship development endeavors as well as administrative and programming efforts in an assigned area. They live in one of the halls in their area as well as coordinate administrative processes for the central office. They have offices in Johnson Student Union 209 and are available for meetings to discuss roommate concerns, issues in your hall, leadership opportunities, and just general college & life advice!

Mandy Rae Fairbrother is responsible for Norelius Hall, International Center, and Prairie View Halls. Mandy Rae is starting her 3rd year at Gustavus!

Abbey Lane is responsible for North, Sorensen, Gibbs (Complex) as well as Uhler and Rundstrom Halls. Abbey is in her 1st year at Gustavus!

Lindsay Henderson is responsible for Southwest, Pittman, and Sohre Halls. She is starting her 3rd year at Gustavus!
From the Office of Campus Safety

The faculty and staff of Gustavus are committed to making your time here an educational-ly and developmentally rewarding experience. An essential part of this experience is creating and maintaining a safe environment. Your understanding of safety and assistance in creating this environment is essential to your well-being as well as the welfare of all Gustavus community members.

Gustavus’ emergency notification employs a number of avenues to help keep you safe—but only if you sign up online at https://gustavus.edu/gribly. The state-of-the-art system, implemented in 2007, will notify students of important safety information through email, the campus telephone system (land line phones), student mobile/cell phones, and text messaging if—and only if—such contact information is provided by you AND only if there is an emergency on campus.

Student can opt into the system through the “Gribly” website which also serves as the college directory for students, faculty, and staff. To provide your contact information and update it when your information changes, simply enter your Gustavus e-mail address and password to log on. Although the information is being collected through the online Gribly directory form, the emergency information remains confidential and will only be used in an emergency. It is not and will not be viewable or searchable, nor will it be given to any third party.

Residence Hall DOs and DON’Ts

- **Do** always lock your door and windows, especially when sleeping, alone in the room or away from the room (even if you are “just running down the hall”).
- **Do**n’t let strangers into your room.
- If someone you do not know well is in your room, keep the door wide open.
- **Do** keep your blinds pulled at night. Pay attention to this especially if you have a basement or first floor room.
- **Do**n’t leave valuables in plain sight.
- **Do**n’t leave large amounts of cash in your room, even if it’s hidden.
- **Do** report suspicious persons immediately to Campus Safety at 507-933-8888.
- **Do** report defective locks on windows or doors immediately. Either call Campus Safety or your CF.
- **Do**n’t put your ID card, name or address on your key ring or with your keys.
- **Do** contact your Collegiate Fellow or Campus Safety if you lose your keys with identification, immediately at 507-933-8888.
- If you find that your room has been entered, do **not** go inside your room. Go to a neighbor’s room and contact Campus Safety.
- If you see a suspicious person in your residence hall, do **not** call Campus Safety at 507-933-8888.
- If you receive an obscene or harassing phone call, do **immediately** notify Campus Safety at 507-933-8888.

Parking and Bicycle Information

CARS/TRUCKS: Students who wish to park a vehicle on campus must obtain a parking permit from the Campus Safety Office. Parking permit registration is available online at https://gustavus.edu/safety/permits.

The online registration process requires the student’s e-mail username and password and a valid license plate. The cost of the permit is $270.00 and will be charged to the student’s account on the September billing statement. Parking permits will be sent to campus mailboxes on August 29. All vehicles must display a valid parking permit by 7am on the first day of classes, September 2. Visitor parking is closed to students and staff at all times. For complete information, detailed instructions, and parking and traffic rules, please visit the Campus Safety webpage at https://gustavus.edu/safety.

BICYCLES: Bicycles on campus must be registered. There is no charge for the registration. Students will find the online bicycle registration at https://gustavus.edu/safety/permits. Your bicycle permit sticker will be delivered to your on campus PO. All bicycles must be stored either within a student room OR in a bike rack. Those bicycles left in the grass, propped on buildings, or attached to trees, lamp posts, etc., will be removed and a storage fee will be charged. Overnight bicycle parking is prohibited in non-residential bicycle racks Thanksgiving Break through Spring Break. Seasonal bicycle storage may be available during this time. Watch for further details.

Questions? Contact Lisa Ocrigian, Campus Safety, 507-933-8809 or ocrigian@gustavus.edu
Residence Hall Fire Prevention Sprinkler System

Gustavus has completed the process of installing a sprinkler system within each residence hall room and hallway. While the system is wonderful and provides additional fire protection, it comes with some responsibility on your part. Please follow these instructions carefully as the consequences of activating the sprinkler are rather severe.

**Please respect the system:**

It is designed for your protection and will operate if the sprinkler head is activated. This will result in a substantial amount of water flowing before someone is able to turn it off.

**DO NOT activate a sprinkler head.** As stated above, a substantial amount of water will flow from the sprinkler head. It will soak everything within your room as well as at least affecting the room below yours. This may result in you being held responsible for the charges to clean up the water as well as any damage to property or possessions belonging to Gustavus, your roommate, or your neighbors. The minimum charge for clean up will be around $750.00. This amount does NOT include restitution charged to the student for damages to property belonging to you, your roommate, or the College.

**DO NOT hang anything from the sprinkler head or pipes.** (for example: clothing or lights). This may defeat the purpose of the sprinkler OR set it off. (See above)

**DO NOT play games within the hallway or in your room that may result in the sprinkler head being activated.** This is a policy which already exists but is particularly important in light of the new system. Accidentally setting off the sprinkler system will NOT remove your responsibility for the damages/restitution.

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**STORAGE**

Most residence halls have a storage room that is available to students whose permanent address is 350 or more miles away from Gustavus. Sealed boxes, suitcases, plastic bins, etc, are able to be stored. We do NOT store bicycles, refrigerators, couches and other large furniture, desk chairs, etc. We just don’t have the space for those items. But we will happily help you store some supplies you might need because you cannot easily bring things back and forth from home. Contact a Residential Life staff member and they can help you access the storage space in your building.
Alcohol Information For All Students

Medical Amnesty Policy

The College is concerned about the physical and emotional wellbeing of all students. The College also recognizes that there may be alcohol or other drug-related medical or safety emergencies in which the potential for disciplinary action could act as a deterrent to students who want to seek assistance for themselves or others. The Medical Amnesty Policy is designed to enable dangerously intoxicated or impaired Gustavus students to receive the professional medical treatment they need.

When one or more students aid an intoxicated or impaired Gustavus student by contacting Campus Safety, Residential Life or other appropriate College staff for assistance, neither the impaired individual nor the student(s) reporting the emergency will be subject to formal disciplinary action for the consumption or possession of alcohol or other drugs. The policy is thus invoked by taking action to notify College staff regarding a student in need of assistance. In rare circumstances, such as cases where other, more serious, violations occur, students may be subject to the student conduct process. Examples of this include, but are not limited to, physical abuse, verbal or physical harassment, disorderly conduct or major property damage. The medical amnesty policy does not preclude the College from referring involved students to participate in the College’s alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs.

Get Involved!

HALL COUNCIL

Each residence hall has a Hall Council—a group of elected representatives that work together to put on fun social events, discuss hall concerns, create opportunities for Gusties to connect and get to know each other and work to create a positive living environment!

Applications will be available soon and will be due in mid-September!

More information will be posted on our website. Go to www.gustavus.edu/reslife and click on “Leadership Opportunities” for more info. And watch our Facebook page for updates!
FIRST YEAR STUDENT RESIDENTIAL LIFE CHECKLIST

The Residential Life Staff is pleased to welcome you to Gustavus Adolphus College and this new chapter in your educational career. We are pleased to assist you in transitioning to your new home. Enclosed with this memo are tools to assist in that transition. Here is a check list of items for you to consider when making your plans to come to Gustavus on Friday, September 1st.

☐ Be sure to read this publication entirely. It provides a lot of important information for you to consider.
☐ Please read the letter concerning the online alcohol program called “Think About It.”
☐ Contact your roommate. This is one of the most important relationships you will have your first year at Gustavus. It is a great time to start planning your room, deciding who will bring what to campus.
☐ Bring the enclosed door hanger to campus with you on Move-In Day. It provides valuable parking information but is, also, used to help with traffic routing and control. Display it from your rear view mirror when approaching campus.
☐ Pay close attention to the move-in directions and map below. As 600+ students move into three buildings in 3 hours, patience and positive attitudes are asked of all.
☐ Questions…do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have a question. We are here to assist you. Call 507-933-7529 with any and all questions.

Have a safe trip. We look forward to meeting you on September 1st!

First Year Student Move-In Traffic

You will enter campus through the Jefferson Avenue or Grace Street entrances and follow appropriate direction to your hall. To facilitate the move in process, you are asked to unload your belongings from your car onto the boulevard and move your car directly to a parking lot. Be sure to have someone watching your belongings. There will be Gustavus students available to help move belongings up to your room. Please see the map below for other parking areas.