Welcome to Residential Life

You have accepted an interesting, fun, and rewarding challenge for the next nine months…that of being a Collegiate Fellow. This position is an integral part of the total college experience for students at Gustavus. You have been selected because we think you have the skills, ability, and attitude to make a positive impact both on the students in your area of responsibility and on the campus as a whole.

Your year has formally begun now with the training and orientation you are currently receiving. The program that you are learning, the theories and practical matters discussed will be vital to you as you move through the year. The year will be filled with enjoyment and sadness, fun times and challenges, laughter and tears. You will feel satisfied when a student seeks you out for assistance and you are able to help; you may feel anger or frustration when a person is making noise during quiet hours and you are trying to study. Ultimately, you will feel that you have had an impact on the lives of many other students when the year has ended and “YOUR floor/section/women/men” are checking out.

One responsibility of our office is to assist you in having a good CF experience. This manual has been constructed to provide you, the necessary information to perform the Collegiate Fellow position, in conjunction with the training and staff meetings. However, this manual has NOT been designed to allow us to say, “Here, have a good year as a CF, see you in May.” We will be with you: supporting and challenging you; guiding and pushing you through this wonderful experience called the Collegiate Fellow position. The manual is filled with resources, policies and procedures, and years of good advice so you can draw on the “wisdom of the ages” as you progress through this year as a Collegiate Fellow. Please read the information carefully and retain the manual in an easily accessible location as a reference and a guide.

Use the manual and all the support systems to their fullest this year.

Learn well, teach well, have fun!

Charlie, Troy, Jody, Andy, & Shawn