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Career Development receives \$25 million gift

Corbyn Jenkins
Staff Writer

On November 27, 2017, President Rebecca M. Berman announced that a new and expanded career development program would launch at Gustavus Adolphus College due to a very generous and anonymous \$25 million grant.

Not only will the grant help provide an exceptional career development center, but it will also provide substantial funding for scholarships, financial aid, and capital projects at Gustavus.

The generous gift is from a donor-advised fund which was established by a Gustavus alumni couple with a strong history of engagement with the College.

"The donors, a Gustavus alumni couple who wish to be anonymous, worked with representatives from the college to identify places of intersection between their philanthropic interests and the college's needs. Ultimately the generous donors decided that supporting schol-

arships for Gusties, the Career Center, and capital projects was what they wished to do for Gustavus," Gustavus Dean of Students, JoNes VanHecke said.

The grant is also made in support of the bold 10-year plan here at Gustavus.

The college describes the 10-year plan as a "vision to equip students to lead purposeful lives and to act on the great challenges of our time through an innovative liberal arts education of recognized excellence."

The grant itself focuses on several essential areas within the new Acts Strategic plan.

"We received this generous gift because of the good work of our College Advancement team and the generous hearts of alumni!" Director of Career Development, Cynthia Favre said.

\$10 million of the grant will be used to endow the Gustavus Center for Career Development in support of student vocation and readiness.

"In Career Development we expect to receive \$2 million a year for five years into an endowment fund. This means that Career Development will have

access to the income of those endowment funds," Favre said.

The college aims for all students to engage in a thorough and extensive four-year career development process by the year of 2025.

Gustavus hopes that in the future, students will take part in career-relevant engaged learning experience as well as develop a working relationship with a specialist in a career interest cluster in the career office.

Most importantly, this grant will allow for the college's career staff to work one-on-one with all students over their four-years at Gustavus.

"As an office, we are elated to be granted this opportunity. As a team, we understand the importance of this gift and its goal. We are eager to continue supporting our students with the intent of being strategic and purposeful about how we engage and assist all students as they explore and pursue their personal and professional goals,

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Student orgs team up for Swab Drive



Abby Anderson

A student registers in the St. Peter Room during Swab Drive.

Samantha Walters
Staff Writer

The Match has teamed up with Love Your Melon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, and Tri-Beta Biological Honors Society to hold a Swab Drive at Gustavus earlier this week.

The purpose of the event was to find a match for someone suffering from blood cancer or another disease.

"The purpose of the Swab drive is to increase the registry for people to get bone marrow transplants... it's very rare to find a match," Love Your Melon, first-year member Maicy Vossen said.

Most of the time, the family or relatives are not a match, so the person has to receive a transplant from someone else in

order to save their life.

Members of all three organizations tabled outside of the caf earlier this week, as well as last week.

They also posted events on Facebook to help spread the word.

"We count on a lot of social media and word of mouth... we just try to promote awareness to get people involved," Vossen said.

The Swab Drive took place on Wednesday and Thursday and consisted of very little commitment with a large reward. "There's no appointment needed you just walk in in between that time and they just swab your cheek with a Qtip," first

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The entrance to the Career Development center in the Jackson Campus Center.

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Campus Safety Report

Thursday, November 30

- An online report was submitted about gender identity based bias in a classroom discussion and referenced prior gender and race based bias.
- Campus Safety responded to Schaefer Fine Arts - Art to take a report of an employee receiving an unwanted communication from a former Gustavus student.
- Collegiate Fellows responded to a candle policy violation in Norelius Hall

Saturday, December 2

- Campus Safety and Residential Life responded to a smoking policy violation in Norelius Hall. One student and three non-Gustavus students were cited by the Saint Peter Police Department for underage consumption of alcohol. Two non-Gustavus students were issued a trespass warning.
- Campus Safety and Residential Life responded to an alcohol violation in Norelius Hall involving one student.
- Campus Safety and Residential Life responded to an alcohol violation in Norelius Hall involving two students.
- An anonymous online report was submitted about a video of someone smashing a bottle in a parking lot was posted to social media.
- An online report was submitted of inappropriate communications written on a Collegiate Fellow's white board.
- Campus Safety responded to a report of damaged Gustavus property in Sorensen Hall. A phone

was knocked off a wall.

Sunday, December 3

- Campus Safety Responded to a report of an alcohol violation in Norelius Hall. One student was transported to the hospital by ambulance.
- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist at Bjorling Concert Hall. A student feeling ill was transported back to their residence hall.
- Campus Safety responded to a welfare check for a student of concern in Schaefer Fine Arts.

- A Collegiate Fellow reported a student of concern and possible College policy violations in Norelius Hall based on videos posted to social media.

Tip of the Week:

- Those people leaving for the winter recess should lock their rooms, offices and windows and either take computers and electronics with them or secure these devices in their rooms prior to leaving.

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Her Campus presents “12 Days of Giveaways”

Various appealing prizes to be given in light of Christmas season

Elsa Beise
Staff Writer

Her Campus is a website that publishes articles written by women on college campuses across the country. This publication is based out of Boston, Massachusetts. It features articles written by over 350 colleges and from thousands of women.

The goal of this website is to empower women through the form of writing.

Gustavus began its own chapter right here on campus.

“The founders of our chapter at Gustavus are Katie Allen and Shailagh Lannon, two amazing seniors. They started Her Campus here at [Gustavus] in the spring of 2016, so we’re still a relatively new organization,” Sophomore Linsey Wolf said.

This month, Her Campus is encouraging readers to participate in a “12 Days of Giveaways” event. Each day, Her Campus is posting a photo of the gifts on Instagram in each giveaway as well as rules on how to win.

Some rules include liking the post, sharing it, or tagging friends in the comments.

Prizes this year include apparel, finals week stress relief packages, and even makeup

from high-end brands like Tarte. “Some prizes include Tarte makeup, Bedhead hair products, Aeropostle accessories, and other items from Her Campus sponsors,” Senior Shailagh Lannon said.

This isn’t the first event that Her Campus has hosted.

Back in October, the young organization held a “Halloween in the DIVE” event that drew in a significant-sized crowd.

Recently, we hosted a Halloween DIVE that was a huge hit,” Wolf said.

This group also hopes to host more events for students on campus in order to bring awareness and interest in the growing group. “We’re hoping to host more campus and community events in the spring, such as a writing showcase at The Coffee Hag in Mankato, and a Gusties After Dark event,” Senior Kjersten Piper said.

Her Campus is hoping to connect to students and to help create a lighter environment during this time before the Holidays and winter break.

“Our “12 Days of Giveaways” is simply meant to provide some joy to the Gustavus community during this stressful time, while also spreading the word about Her Campus,” Lannon said.



All photos submitted

Her Campus is giving out special presents each day of their giveaway. A few of these gifts include a interview prep kit (left), workout tanks (top), and a travel survival kit (bottom).

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from their first day on campus, and each day going forward, Franta said.

The Career Development staff has plans and ideas of what they want to do with the resources that will be made available.

“We plan to work on developing Career Interest Clusters communities, expanding the Mentoring Program, and expanding relationships with employers. We are also eager to have student input in our planning, so we plan to ask students what they would find helpful,” Favre said.

The office is also planning to enhance areas of the center eagerly.

“One of the main areas we are eagerly enhancing is the mentorship program which is already off to a successful start with over 200+ individual student and mentor matches. We also plan to enhance a four-year career engagement strategy and guide for all students focused on key areas of personal and professional exploration, experiential learning and career path engagement. Finally, we plan to create multiple and repeat opportunities for engagement with our career specialists and business partners representing each of the seven career clusters,” Career Development Specialist, Jess Franta said.

The generous gift will allow the Center of Career Develop-

ment to grow along with many new opportunities that the staff is excited about.

“Our office is incredibly excited to strengthen our efforts of developing professional programming to all students and employer engagement across all career clusters. We see this amazing gift as wonderful opportunity to examine what our students need truly and how can we support each individual’s professional goals toward living a purposeful life,” Franta said.

It will be exciting to watch these changes and improvements take place on campus throughout the next few years.

“I am grateful for this generous gift to Career Development and am excited about the opportunities it will provide for the students at Gustavus,” Career

Development Specialist, Laura Diaz said.

As well as the \$10 million allocated towards Career Development, \$5 million will be earmarked for capital projects on campus and another \$10 million to endowments for scholarships and financial aid.

The \$5 million for capital projects on campus will go towards the expansion and advancement of the Nobel Hall of Science.

It will also help update the athletic facilities on campus.

“I am very grateful for the generous hearts of alumni who are giving this gift to current and future Gusties! It is wonderful that Career Development will have on-going resources to develop programs and initiatives to support students in naming their gifts and talents

and finding ways to act on the great challenges of our time,” Favre said.

The Gustavus community is very grateful for this incredible gift.

“As the Dean of Students, I am so excited about what this means for Gustavus students. Building on the Career Cluster Specialist approach that was implemented a year and a half ago, this grant will allow the college to provide more one-on-one assistance to individual students throughout their college to career transition. Further, because it is endowed funds, it provides that crucial student support into perpetuity. That is truly exciting!” VanHecke said.

English Department in search of new professor

Qualified candidates apply for Professor in Poetry and Writing

Laura Stickney
Staff Writer

Since early in the term, the English Department has been hard at work in its search for a new assistant professor in poetry.

This grueling process of search committee meetings, application reviews, and eventually candidate evaluations will hopefully end in the hiring of a brilliant new professor.

The need for this new addition stems largely from the fact that Professor Joyce Sutphen is retiring after the end of this year, leaving an important role in the English department unfilled.

"The process is both our evaluation of the candidate, but also candidates' evaluation of our college too"
-Professor Sun Hee Lee

In particular, the English faculty hope that the new professor will be able to fill that role by not only teaching the essential poetry and writing courses within the English curriculum but also the ever-popular Introduction to Creative Writing class.

As they review applications, the English faculty and search committee are looking for candidates who demonstrate not only a strong sense of scholarship and a background in poetry or poetry publication, but also experience with teaching, publishing, and editing.

It is also expected that the new professor will be heavily involved in the student literary magazine, the *Firethorne*, as well as the online journal, *Razor*.

More than anything else, however, the English Department would especially like to see a candidate who brings a certain edge to the current course curriculum.

"For instance, we have a new



Caroline Probst

Confer-Vickner hall is where most English department classes are held and where professors offices are located.

writing course at the 300-level -- it's called Writing in the World -- and we're hoping that this new person will teach it in the

way that he or she would like to," Professor Sun Hee Lee, who is on the search committee, said.

"Currently that course is taught by Becky Fremo and Baker Lawley in sort of different ways, and so we imagine a

new person who would come into that position to have his or her kind of unique take on that."

As is typical of most searches for permanent college faculty, the English Department must go through a detailed process in order to find and eventually select a professorial candidate.

Gustavus mandates that the department does a national search when seeking a new faculty member, so the position is first advertised in national venues. Those interested can then apply for the position.

"We initially have hundreds of applications," Lee explained. "So this is a very competitive process."

After candidates apply, the department and search committee review each application and compile a "semi-finalist" list of candidates they wish to interview; these interviews are usually done over the phone.

From there, finalists are chosen and invited to come to Gustavus for a one-and-a-half day interview, which mainly involves a teaching demonstration and an organized talk.

"For this position, the finalists will give craft talks," Lee said. "which are kind of a combination of some poetry reading and just discussion of the poet's writing process."

Aside from these two main events, the candidates will also have the chance to meet with people like the Provost and the Dean of Humanities, interact with students, and take a tour around campus in order to get a better feel for what Gustavus is like.

"The process is both our evaluation of the candidate but also candidates' evaluation of our college too," Lee explained.

"So it's a really grueling process, and then at the end of that, the search committee meets and hopefully we have someone that we will recommend the Dean to make an offer to."

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year Grace Ann Rerat another member of Love Your Melon.

If you're a match, you can donate blood or bone marrow to help save a kid's life.

Love Your Melon has partnered with Be The Match and donated \$100,000 to the program to help add more people to the bone marrow registry.

Founded at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, the goal of Love Your Melon is to put a hat on every kids' head whose suffering from cancer, as well as donate 50% of profits to pediatric cancer research and families with kids battling cancer. They have donated over \$3 million and

123,000 beanies to kids in need.

"[The purpose] is to help save lives because it's really hard to find bone marrow donors so if we can find at least one person on campus, it makes it worth it."

-Anh-Tuan Tong

"The Gustavus Adolphus College Love Your Melon Campus Crew will be spreading the mission, selling products to raise money, and personally giving hats to children in treatment in our community." the Love

Your Melon Facebook page says.

"We're just trying to promote Love Your Melon and what the organization does," Vossen said.

Be The Match is operated by the National Marrow Donor Program and manages the "largest and most diverse marrow registry in the world," according to the organization's website.

They have raised \$3.3 million for 1,800 families and helped 6,200 people receive bone marrow transplants in 2016.

They also added 472,000 potential donors to the registry in the same year.

The organization has partnered with many corporations and foundations, such as American Airlines, Ford, Wells Fargo, and The United States Postal Service, as well as other colleges and universities.

There were Be The Match rep-

resentatives at the Swab Drive who talked about their mission and answered questions.

"Seeing the lives that are saved through transplant drives our never-ending passion and dedication to find the match they need,"
-Be The Match

"[The purpose] is to help save lives because it's really hard to find bone marrow donors so if we can find at least one person on campus, it makes it worth it," sophomore member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and Tri-Beta Anh-Tuan Tong said.

Even if you didn't make it to the event, you can still test to see if you're a match and donate marrow and blood, as well as money, by signing up on bethematch.org.

You have the option of hosting drives, donating monthly, volunteer, or join legislative advocacy efforts.

Money goes towards the families as well as research efforts.

"Even if you're not a match, you're still willing to help someone else," said first-year Love Your Melon member Beth Bowerman

"Seeing the lives that are saved through transplant drives our never-ending passion and dedication to find the match they need," Be The Match said.