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Gustavus raises over \$493,000 for the Gustavus Fund

Annual Give to Gustavus Day successful after twelve hours of donating

Emily VanGorder
Staff Writer

For twelve hours straight, on November 8, Gustavus held its annual Give to Gustavus Day event, which saw over \$493,000 in donations.

Give to Gustavus Day focuses on raising money for the Gustavus Fund, which helps to support scholarships, financial aid, instruction, academic support, research, student services, institutional support, signature events, and outreach, according to Gustavus alumna and Director of the Gustavus Fund Katie Schroeder.

"Gustavus Fund gifts help close the gap between tuition income and the College's expenses... gifts are put to use immediately and impact every single student, every single day," Schroeder said.

"With gifts to the Gustavus Fund, today's Gustie students benefit immediately across all academic programs and aspects of student life, all student organizations and sports teams, all music ensembles and campus activities, everything students use and learn and love," Schroeder continued.

This year, there was a twelve hour livestream from the Evelyn Young Dining Room which showed viewers real-time interviews with professors, alumni, and student organizations.

Students from various departments and event technical services were involved in the event, as were students from the hockey team, who helped to set up and put everything back after the event had concluded.

This year saw "more student involvement than ever before. Students [assisted] with [the] live stream in many different capacities, we had student groups featured on the live stream, and we encouraged students to post on social media to join the celebration," Gustavus alumni and Assistant Director of the Gustavus Fund in Advancement Ben Miller said.

Give to Gustavus Day is "a day for the Gustavus community to celebrate the College we love so much and to raise support for the Gustavus Fund. When Gusties give back to Gus-



This year's Give to Gustavus Day was live streamed and included interviews from both students and faculty.

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tavus, they are supporting past, present, and future Gusties. Gifts to the Gustavus Fund go where they are needed most and

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-Katie Schroeder

are essential to the operation of Gustavus," Miller said.

"Give to Gustavus Day has a lot of meaning to me as a Gustavus alum. It's a chance to give back to a school, to a campus,

that gave me so much during my time on the Hill. It's also a day to reconnect with Gustie friends, with the college, and the great people I met while there," Gustavus alumnus Damon Larson said.

Larson was able to participate with fellow Gustie alumni in the Denver, Colorado area, and shared that "Although our graduation years ranged from 1984 to 2000, we had oh-so-much in common, and our shared love of Gustavus was palpable."

Many alumni were involved in Give to Gustavus Day this year.

Tane Danger, a Gustavus graduate from the class of '07, led tours for other alumni around campus to see what

had changed since their years on the hill.

"[This year], we had more student involvement than ever before... It's a day to reconnect with Gustie friends."

-Damon Larson

Class of '97 graduate Kara Buckner, as well as Mike Marcotte ('08), Marissa Haeny ('16), and Connor Myhre ('18) went with Gus the Lion to the Twin Cities to surprise alumni at

their work, and to walk around downtown Minneapolis to generate Gustie pride and discussion about the event.

Give to Gustavus Day begins with a faculty-and-staff-giving campaign, during which "many faculty and staff members choose to give to Gustavus to support students financially above and beyond the support they give to students on a day-to-day basis," Schroeder said.

Throughout the event, there were several challenges to meet, including a fifty-state challenge which required one donation from each state in order to reach a bonus \$50,000 dollar gift.

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Campus Safety Report

Monday, November 5

- Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm at Arbor View West.

Tuesday, November 6

- Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm at the Adolphson House. Cooking smoke set off fire alarm, no fire.
- Campus Safety responded to a report of Odor of Marijuana at Norelius Hall.
- Campus Safety responded to a lost key report in Anderson Hall.

Wednesday, November 7

- No incidents reported

Thursday, November 8

- Campus Safety responded to a welfare check in Southwest Hall.

Friday, November 9

- Campus Safety responded to a theft and criminal damage to a vending machine in the campus center.
- Campus Safety responded to Sohre Hall for a medical assist.

Saturday, November 10

- Campus Safety responded to a welfare concern in Norelius Hall. Campus Safety referred two students to the Campus Conduct System.
- Campus Safety responded to GAC property dam-

age, drop gate at Broadway Parking Lot was damaged by unknown person(s).

- Campus Safety responded to College View Apartments concerning theft of personal items.

Sunday, November 11

- Campus Safety responded to a student of concern in Pittman Hall. Campus Safety referred one student to the Campus Conduct System.
- Campus safety observed a alcohol violation. Case referred to the Campus Conduct System.
- Campus Safety responded to Sohre Hall for a controlled substance viola-

tion. One student referred to the Campus Conduct System.

- Campus Safety and residential life responded to a noise violation and students were referred to the campus conduct system for suspected underage consumption in Norelius Hall.

Note: Case dispositions are available online by viewing the daily crime log on the Campus Safety web page: <https://gustavus.edu/safety/incidents/index.php>

Tip of the Week:

The Thanksgiving week ahead is one typically filled with travel, a busy schedule and potentially bad weather.

Remember to take these simple steps to help ensure safe travel for you and your family:

1. Know the risks before leaving home. Listen to the radio or television for the latest weather forecasts and road conditions. If bad weather is forecast, drive only if absolutely necessary.
2. Keep your gas tank above half-full. When temperatures are extremely cold, condensation can build up in a near-empty gas tank, potentially freezing fuel lines and leaving you stranded.
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Delta Phi Omega hosts breast cancer event

Three speakers detail their experiences with breast cancer

Elsa Beise
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with contributions from
Lydia Kalenze

The Delta Phi Omega sorority held their annual Breast Cancer Benefit this past Sunday, November 11 in alignment with the sorority's philanthropy of breast cancer research and support. The event included a brunch, a silent auction, and speeches from three women who have experienced breast cancer in their lives in some capacity—Barbara Hensley, Michele Rusinko, and Megan Ruble.

One of the speakers, Barbara Hensley, is the Founder Visionary of the Hope Chest for Breast Cancer Foundation. She started this organization after losing her two sisters to breast cancer and witnessing firsthand the financial burdens that breast cancer patients and their families face. Half of the money raised from this event will go towards Hensley's Hope Chest Foundation, and half will be supporting the Angels of Breast Cancer charity, both of which are Minnesota-



The Delta Phi Omega sorority hosts breast cancer awareness events annually.

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"The benefit is an important event because it raises money for breast cancer research and helping women with breast cancer."

-Darby Hurlbert

based organizations that support women currently undergoing breast cancer treatment.

The Deltas host this event every year and find it important to support breast cancer patients and their families by helping to cover the many expenses that can come with this illness. Senior Callie Benge says that she

"absolutely loves the Deltas," and that their "dedication every year to fighting breast cancer is inspiring." Members of the sorority planned the event and promoted it throughout campus. They were also involved in donating the items that were bid on in the silent auction. "I [tabled] for the event as well

as [donated] a basket to be auctioned off along with the other members of the Delta Phi Omega sorority," Hurlbert said.

Entertainment was provided by Gustavus Women's A Cappella, the only all-women's a cappella group on campus. Its mission is to empower and encourage female leadership within the music industry, and to perform arrangements of songs by primarily female artists. This mission of empowering women and spreading hope and joy through music made them the perfect group to perform for the entertainment hour at this year's Breast Cancer Benefit.

This event raised funds for the necessary research and support for breast cancer patients and their families. "The benefit went so well. Everything was set up beautifully and there [were] amazing speakers...I highly suggest that anyone who gets the chance to attend in future years take that chance because it is so much fun and exciting knowing that we are helping make a difference," Hurlbert said.

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These challenges helped create a sense of friendly competition around donating to the College.

For the 2018 school year, Gustavus has a goal of raising \$2.65 million dollars for the Gustavus Fund.

Overall, 45 percent of all the gifts given to Gustavus are in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$100 dollars.

This year, a total of 1,136 donors raised \$493,138 dollars for the Gustavus Fund.

"Each gift connects to another, and another, and another, touching everything students carry into their future," Schroeder said.

If students are interested in participating in Give to Gustavus Day 2019, they can reach out to the advancement office, where they will be contacted before next year's event.

Videos and photos from the livestream and various events can be found on Twitter at @GustieAlum, and on the Gustavus Adolphus College Alumni Facebook page.



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Speaker Barbara Hensley, Founder Visionary of the Hope Chest for Breast Cancer, spoke this week for the Delta Phi Omega sorority.

Research on Botswana economy shared in lecture

Jack Wiessenberger
Staff Writer

Gustavus hosted speaker Hilary Chart in Confer Hall for a talk on Botswana and Capitalism at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 8.

Chart is a sociocultural anthropologist and professor at Macalester College in St. Paul. She has an interest in Africa as a whole and has done research on the economy of Botswana in particular.

Professor Paschal Kyoore, Director of the African Studies department, advertised for the talk in hopes to augment student attendance.

Some professors also made the talk a mandatory assignment for their course.

"I, and some of my colleagues, have required students in our classes to attend the talk. In my case, I will have a follow-up discussion on the talk in my class, Introduction to Africa," Kyoore said.

Botswana is a landlocked country in the south of Africa that has grown exponentially in terms of economic status since its independence from Britain in 1966.

According to the International Monetary Fund, Botswana's economy grew an average of 9

percent per year from 1966 to 1999.

"Enthusiasm for entrepreneurship is growing. It has a certain power to it."
-Hilary Chart

Botswana's citizens currently have a living standard similar to that of Mexico's.

A large portion of Botswana's economy has come from the government-managed precious metal mines, as well as entrepreneurship becoming a popular idea in the country.

Both of these were discussed by Chart during her talk.

The country's top export is raw diamonds.

These make up 62 percent of Botswana's total exports according to the Harvard Center for International Development.

The next most common export is another raw material: nickel.

The government owns and manages the mines that are responsible for extracting these valuables.

"The government is very rich. The citizens know this and see that wealth as their own

wealth," Chart said.

"Enthusiasm for entrepreneurship is growing. It has a certain power to it," Chart said.

Many people in Botswana are driven to take business into their own hands, partially due to Botswana's high level of economic freedom, inspired by Americans like Mark Zuckerberg. Many citizens long to be a successful business owner.

Citizens see the country's GDP almost as a personal responsibility.

Chart discussed how many people who desire the life of an entrepreneur will start by doing small things such as selling candy on the side of the road or by setting up their own car washes.

After Chart finished her talk, students in attendance were allowed to ask questions in order to learn more about the topic.

In all, the event lasted about one and a half hours.

Chart presented on the topics of entrepreneurship and Botswana's economy for around an hour, then questions took up half an hour.

"I thought the talk was actually very interesting and informative. I had originally attended because my class was offering extra credit but I was pleasantly surprised with the quality of the speaker and both

her interest and knowledge of the subject matter as well as how effective she was at delivering the message in an easy to understand and interesting way. I learned a great deal about a subject I had really never heard of before," Senior Chaselyn Miller said.

The subject certainly was a specific one.

It is a topic that not many students have ever considered to learn about before.

"It is inspiring to see people's hope in self-sufficiency and discovery. I think it offers a unique perspective into a unique country's strategy for economic development," Miller said.

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-Chaselyn Miller

This idea of entrepreneur-

ship has certainly taken off in Botswana.

There are many other countries around the world who are following the trend.

Other talks concerning those countries or topic similar to this one may come to campus in the future.

"I would definitely go to another talk by this speaker. I enjoy learning about different countries and I think it offers Gustavus students a way to see more perspectives and hear and learn about things that are happening in the world that they may know little about," Miller said.

Students seemed to be a fan of both Chart and the opportunity to learn about the world they live in.

"I really only went for extra credit but was so glad I went. I think it is great that Gustavus offers routine speakers as it allows students to gain a more encompassing perspective of the world as a whole. The lessons we learn can then not only be applied to our own lives but in how we are able to help and empower others through service or knowledge," Miller said.

Gustavus professors and administrators have been working towards offering more talks such as this one where students can learn about and connect



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Tales from Abroad: Josie Schieffert

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Junior Communications Studies Major Josie Schieffert is packing her bags and getting ready to say "hooroo," or goodbye, to her Australian adventures.

Having begun her study abroad experience this summer, when many other Gusties were celebrating the 4th of July, Schieffert was saying goodbye to her family and boarding a plane in preparation of spending the next five months in the Down Under.

As Schieffert began her trip, she wasn't sure what to expect, but was enthusiastic about witnessing the landscape of Australia firsthand.

"From glamorous cities to mountains and beaches, the country is so diverse and amazing," Schieffert said.

"My excitement has definitely been fulfilled." Since spending a semester in the continent, Schieffert has been able to further explore Australia by taking weekend trips to different parts of the country.

While it was the landscape itself that initially caused Schieffert to fall in love with



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Schieffert's time abroad has been filled with fun and learning.

Australia, it is ultimately the friendly community that won Schieffert over.

"I would say my favorite piece of my experience has been being a part of an Aussie community of uni-

versity students and having the opportunity to really connect with a handful of Aussie students," Schieffert said.

"It was amazing to me how open and welcoming they were from the very beginning and

it really gave me a true cultural experience living with and amongst them every day and seeing life from the perspective of a local," Schieffert said.

Although Schieffert notes she didn't experience too much culture shock due the many parallels that exist between Australian and American life, the hardest part of adjusting to her time abroad was the Australian pace of life.

"In America everyone seems to always be in a hurry to get somewhere, rushing around and on the go 24/7," Schieffert said.

"In Australia, daily life is much more relaxed and it's common to just sign off the clock for a bit each day and do something that is nothing."

Although Schieffert is sad to leave behind her time in Australia, she is also excited to return to Gustavus and apply the new perspectives she's gained to both her schoolwork as well as her overall worldview.

"As a Communication Studies Major," Schieffert said, "I have found this experience to be beneficial for my studies in a few different ways, but one in particular. I think that studying abroad has given me a better understanding for not only

Australian culture, but so many cultures around the world. It has allowed me to have a fresh perspective of how other cultures view America, how much influence we have around the world, and how much the rest of the world has to offer that I might not have been able to realize without this experience."

Schieffert is also excited to apply what she has learned from her time abroad to her post-graduation plans as she leaves Gustavus.

"I feel that I will be able to work in the business world more confidently," Schieffert said, "as I have been able to strengthen my skills of working alongside those who are not Americans and really understand people for who they are."

Schieffert would encourage every Gustie to study abroad during their college years. "It truly is something that changes your life for the better," Schieffert said.

"If you are considering studying abroad, don't be turned away by the length of time away from home or the fears you may have. You might surprise yourself with what you're capable of in these years, so don't hold back."

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Katie Mattinen

Sienczak is described as self-driven and ambitious.

Parker Lindberg
Staff Writer

Alexis Sienczak is a senior Geography and Biology double major. Besides being heavily involved on campus in a large number of organizations, Sienczak organized the Minnesota River Biosphere conference.

This conference, which took place on Nov. 14, is part of her effort to make the river valley into a biosphere reserve.

In January of 2018, Sienczak won the Wallenberg Internship Award. While abroad in Sweden, Sienczak had to decide what project she wanted to work on.

She first looked at the environmental problems facing Sweden. However, she wanted a project that she could take home to Minnesota. Her host father lived on a biosphere reserve, with a focus on sustainable ecotourism.

She decided that she wanted to try to create a biosphere reserve in Minnesota. Right now, there are only about twenty biosphere reserves in the U.S. and most of those are in national parks. These are drastically different than the reserves in places like Sweden where people live and work on the reserves.

The prairie biome is not commonly found in Europe, so our local ecology would give Minnesota a unique contribution. Ideally, Sienczak says the biosphere would stretch from Fargo to the Twin Cities.

The conference consisted of

several lectures from a panel for the first part of the day, including Sienczak giving a talk, and workshops during the second half. The goal of the conference was to introduce the concept of a biosphere and create a committee of local members. Present at the conference were Gustavus students, local farmers, members of the Minnesota DNR, and more.

“Through all of this experience, I learned a lot of things. I learned more about myself, I learned when to quit, and I learned when to say ‘no’. I also learned how to be a kid, and not get bogged down by life”

Outside of organizing the conference, Sienczak has been very involved on campus during her four years. She was a member of the swim team during her first two years, was a big partner in the “Big Partner, Little Partner” program, and was involved in Building Bridges.

“I didn’t really find my place

being involved in all of these clubs, and so I made my own”, Sienczak said in regard to the biosphere conference. “Through all of this experience I learned a lot of things. I learned more about myself, I learned when to quit, and I learned when to say ‘no’. I also learned how to be a kid, and not get bogged down by life.”

Sienczak also works in the library. One of her coworkers, Jeannie Peterson, says: “Sienczak is a self-driven, ambitious student employee who repeatedly gives one-hundred percent to her job. She is flexible, approachable and sees the best in people and the world around her.”

Sienczak said her goals have changed drastically during her time in college. She was intending to study biology with geography as a minor but realized the importance of geography as a field and decided to double major. After she graduates, she would like to find a job working with a nature conservancy.

“Geography is a lot more than just maps,” Sienczak said. She has been particularly interested in studying urban geography. Her favorite quote is from Ronald Horvath: “People in university have a sense of scale but no sense, communities have sense but no sense of scale.”

With her remaining time at Gustavus, Sienczak says she wants to leave it all on the table. While originally being anxious about leaving college, she is excited to have another story to start. “Life won’t happen until you start it,” Sienczak said.

Do you have a suggestion for a Gustavus student, professor, or staff member who could be our next Gustie of the Week?

If so, send us an email with their name, position on campus, and a short description of why you think they should be recognized to

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Katie Mattinen

Sienczak is the organizer of the 2018 Minnesota River Biosphere conference.

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& Meghan Gallagher

Monali Bhakta
Staff Writer

Meghan Gallagher is a cheerful and well-rounded senior in the class of 2019 who is double majoring in Spanish and LALACS.

She appreciates how these two areas of study really worked well together, and how language can be used to change the world in a positive way.

One of the most significant moments she has had in relation to her majors is studying abroad in Alicante, Spain. It was one of the most memorable experiences that changed her life.

She loved seeing a new part of the world, especially since it was her first time abroad in Europe. She realized that studying her two majors is so much bigger than in the classroom.

Because she hopes to work with immigrant families after graduating from Gustavus, and she believes her world experiences will help her accomplish that.

"I think we live in a world today where we really need to embrace our differences instead of have our differences divide us. Spanish is my way of connecting to another culture and another group of people," Gallagher said.

One of the insights she gained was how the lifestyle

was much more relaxed in Spain, along with the emphasis on mental well-being which she appreciated.

Meghan was also fond of the importance of family communication and being at home with loved ones. She compared that to the United States where individuals are more work-focused and industrialized to the point of not taking care of themselves.

She thought it was the place where she learned how to appreciate herself more, and gained independence from travelling alone because she was the only student from Gustavus who went there.

In fact, she was the one of only two students from Minnesota in the entire program. Before studying abroad, she took a variety of interesting classes that prepared her for this experience such as "Faces of Spain," with Ana Adam.

It taught her the cultural differences and improved her language skills a lot. This class touches on the history of how Spain's influence touches on various countries such as Columbia, and Argentina.

She also enjoys taking classes from her LALACS advisor, Suzanne Wilson, such as "Globalization," where she learned the importance of embracing other cultures.

"In the United States, we expect everyone to be the same

as us, in the sense that everyone should know who we are as Americans as people should respect our Westernized norms, and our views of the world, and the truth is there are a million views in the world and each perspective is unique to each person, so it's important to see each perspective as a story and each person as important," Gallagher said.

Aside from her academic pursuits, she has also been apart of many student organizations throughout Gustavus. This includes being a Marketing Executive on the Campus Activities Board, a member of Choice Council, and is currently the President of Hall Council for the International Center.

When Meghan first came to Gustavus, it was scary because of the new environment and because she was living away from home for the first time.

She really found a home by living in a Choice section in Co-Ed, and still keeps in touch with several of the girls that were in her section in 1A.

The most remarkable part of the Choice Program for her is that it gives the option for someone to be substance-free, especially during their first few years at college.

She also enjoys participating in many of the Christian organizations on campus such as Proclaim. This is also her fourth



Ingrid Iverson

Gallagher is passionate about changing our society through service.

year working in the Career Development Center where she enjoys helping students edit their resumes and cover letters, and learn about life after Gustavus.

"The environment in the Career Center is so positive and uplifting. I love every single staff member there and I've made connections with my co-workers that are meaningful. I really enjoy helping students from all stages whether it's a first-year coming in wanting to take the strong interest inventory or a senior that's finalizing their resume for that first job interview," Gallagher said.

She loves seeing how different students come in and are changed because of the help they received in the Career Center. Along with that, she has made various meaningful memories which revolve around the long-lasting friendships while establishing lifelong connections with so many wonderful people.

One of the best moments was being a CAB Executive and was planning the Big Concert for 2016.

"I got to meet Hunter Hayes and help out with that event and it was one of the first times where I felt that I was truly part

of something greater. I was part of an event that was helping the community and providing entertainment for the community," Gallagher said.

In terms of her plans for the future, Meghan's main goal is to serve humanity, whether it is assisting families trying to become citizens of the United States, helping individuals learn through means of education, or translating for people who need help learning English.

She thinks communication, positivity, and loving others are qualities she will carry into the real world. She also values standing up for her beliefs and is eager to use that into a work environment.

She credits Gustavus as making her a more caring and empathetic person which she will be able to use for the rest of her life. In a larger sense, she wants to take additional time to enjoy on-campus events, and to live each moment day by day.

"I would say not every day is good but there's good in each day. Even though college can feel like an insurmountable task, if you find the little things to appreciate and enjoy, it will be worth it in the end because it flies by," Gallagher said.



Ingrid Iverson

Gallagher's experience studying abroad in Spain transformed her worldview.

What's the Weekly thankful for?

"Having the Weekly family as my little second family"

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MANAGING EDITOR



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"Gratitude is a virtue most deified and yet most deserted: it is the ornament of rhetoric and the libel of practical life."
- J.W. Forney



"I'm thankful for heated seats in my Subaru and that my parents are getting a THIRD dog."

CORINNE STREMMEL
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VARIETY EDITOR



"Cats and coffee"

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"Coffee (and the Hot Apple Blast) from the Courtyard Cafe. The amazing and supportive community of Gustavus Residential Life"

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"Having the thermostat dial that controls the heat of the apartment in MY room and my puppy"

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"I am thankful for good music, good coffee, and good grammar."



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