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Budget cuts reach Residential Life

Collegiate Fellow compensation no longer covers entire room cost

Emily VanGorder
Staff Writer

Every Gustavus student is familiar with the Collegiate Fellow program, either through serving as CFs themselves or through living on campus. Recently, changes were made to the compensation CFs will receive as payment for their services to students and the campus.

Changes to the Collegiate Fellow program have "been discussed... over the past seven years," Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Dr. JoNes VanHecke said.

Planning for the upcoming changes started during fall semester, during which VanHecke spoke with the Director of Residential Life, Anthony Bettendorf, and the Deans of Student Life to reach a decision before the next round of CFs were hired.

The reasoning behind these changes is largely financial.

"How do you quantify \$1,315 into work? It's hard to make any changes to the job without it affecting our performance, the value of work we put in, or even student well-being."

-Aleah Felton

"Every year that room rates increase, CF compensation increases as well," VanHecke explained. "This means... the other Student Life division offices' budgets have to decrease to compensate for the CF room compensation increase."

CF compensations make up 42 percent of the Student Life division's total budget, making it the largest budgeted division within Gustavus. The CF stipend compensation is the second largest in the budget.

"When the Student Life division is asked to hold steady or reduce our operating budgets, CF compensation accounts for a



As stated by Dean VanHecke, Collegiate Fellows are the highest-paid student employees on campus.

Katie Mattinen

substantial portion of that budget and thus it is difficult year after year to further decrease all other budgets to account for continued increases in CF compensation," VanHecke said.

The room rates for the 2019-2020 school year range from

\$6,460 to \$8,600 for students. With the current changes to room compensations, CFs will now pay \$1,315 for their room and Residential Life will pay the remainder.

Returning CFs will receive a \$500 stipend, and Community

Coordinators will receive a \$750 stipend. All CFs will continue to receive expanded cable, priority J-term registration, and a room draw bump.

"Together, this compensation packet makes the CF position the best paid student employ-

ment on campus," VanHecke said.

"It may not come across as a big deal for most residents of Gustavus, but they will be impacted nonetheless. I never understood how much Collegiate Fellows did for their residents and the college until I became one," Junior Trevon Sladek said. "The sudden news has forced many current and prospective CF's to reconsider their plans for next year."

One concern about the changes is how they will affect work performance and quality.

"How do you quantify \$1,315 into work?" Senior Aleah Felton asked. "It's hard to make any changes to the job without it affecting our performance, the value of work we put in, or even student well-being."

Residential Life has scheduled several focus groups to listen to student input about the upcoming changes, which "shows how much Res Life values its student workers and their voices," Felton praised.

Felton said that initially, after hearing about the changes, "I and many others were frustrated because we didn't think that this change was fair... many feel an urgency for action."

Felton believes that these changes will have the largest impact on CF applications, namely on the number of returning CFs.

"Returning CFs are incredibly valuable to the training and even year-long processes," Felton said, adding that "There has to be a re-evaluation of CF duties... on top of that, student well-being and welfare is called into question because a CF's main function is to uphold the mission of the college by helping foster a conducive living environment, helping them feel welcome, included, and valued within the community."

"As a position, the goals and mission of the College, of ResLife, and of Collegiate Fellows doesn't change," Junior Thomas Prahl said. "Changes may be made to the position, but the focus of the Collegiate Fellow

is to provide a high-quality living environment for our students."

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Campus Safety Report

Monday, February 18

- Campus Safety received a request for a welfare check in the International Center.
- Campus Safety responded to an over 21 intoxicated student, St. Peter Police were called due to lack of cooperation and escorted him off campus at his request. Referred to the campus conduct system.

Tuesday, February 19

- Campus Safety responded to a suspicious motor vehicle, with the engine running in the Arboretum lot. SPPD was involved to investigate an odor of marijuana. Campus Safety

referred three students to the Campus Conduct System.

Wednesday, February 20

- Campus Safety was called to the Lund Center. One person was trespassed from Lund center.

Thursday, February 21

- Campus Safety responded to an age alcohol violation in North Hall.
- Campus Safety responded to a mental health concern in Johnson Student Union. The student was taken to the Counseling Center.
- Campus Safety responded to Norelius Parking lot for a car with a broken window.

Friday, February 22

- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist on college grounds - outside of Uhler Hall.
- Campus Safety and Res Life Staff responded to an odor of Marijuana in the International Center. Campus Safety referred two students to the Campus Conduct System.
- While investigating an incident in the International Center Campus Safety discovered an underage consumption violation.

Saturday, February 23

- Campus Safety responded to a call from a CF about alcohol consumption

in Norelius hall. Five students were referred to the Campus Conduct System.

- While patrolling North Hall Campus Safety discovered Underage Drinking. Five students were referred to the Campus Conduct System.
- While patrolling North Hall Campus Safety smelled the odor of marijuana. Four students were referred to the Campus Conduct System.
- Campus Safety responded to an odor of marijuana in the College View Parking lot. SPPD was called to assist. Campus Safety referred three students to the Campus Conduct

Sunday, February 24

- No incidents reported

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>

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Gustavus cancels two fall study away trips

The India and Malaysia trips for 2019 canceled due to low enrollment



The last time this trip took place was in 2017; the 2018 trip was canceled due to low enrollment, according to Hailey Concepcion.

Submitted

Jack Wiessenberger
Staff Writer

Students planning to go on the India and Malaysia Study Abroad trips were left disappointed after finding out both trips were canceled for the fall of 2019, including Sophomore Hailey Concepcion.

Concepcion is a Political Science and Peace Studies major with a minor in Latin American, Latino/a, and Caribbean Studies (LALACS) and had looked forward to furthering her studies in India next semester.

"I love to travel, and I love how different the culture is and how it'd help me for my future," Concepcion said.

After finding out about the cancellation, Concepcion had to decide on a different way to spend her semester.

"I was very disappointed, and my parents were pretty shocked... because I planned my four-year plan around it. I met with my advisor and re-configured things," Concepcion said.

In a country with over one billion people, students study issues of democracy, social change, human rights, environmental and economic justice, and religion through academic classes, travel to selected sites, and guest lectures.

"The theme was environmental sustainability and human rights, and I really want to go into human rights law eventually. So that fit quite perfectly with my Peace Studies minor at

the time. I thought that'd connect really well," Concepcion said.

"Once on-site, students will be in contact with people who work every day to improve living conditions in India... students are introduced to a topic through a series of class lectures, and follow through with the new knowledge by traveling to selected sites to learn directly about the subject from and with people who are actually being affected," the trip

social and economic issues firsthand and reflect on those experiences.

The Malaysia program offered students the opportunity to study at Universiti Sains Malaysia in Penang, as well as participate in additional field trips and community service.

Both trips had a mid-semester break which allowed students to travel the country or to other areas in the region.

Concepcion said she found out about the cancellation on Valentine's Day, saying she

"hadn't gotten any confirmation about the trip and went in to figure out where they were at."

The program needed at least ten students to participate between Gustavus and its corresponding school, Concordia, Moorhead, but it had low enrollment; Gustavus only had two applicants while Concordia only had three.

"I am going to Prague to study in a Peace Studies program. I am very excited to have the opportunity," Concepcion said.

offered for study abroad opportunity and there will be a J-Term 2020 Study Away fair on March 19, 2019.

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-Hailey Concepcion

description said.

"Examples of past sites include wildlife reserves, urban slums, medical facilities, a school for the children of temple prostitutes, and an indigenous village to learn about sustainable farming techniques," the online description added.

The trip to India offered students the opportunity to live in Visthar and engage with local experts regarding sustainability in the country. They would have been able to experience



Students on the India and Malaysia trips have the opportunity to study in the classroom environment, as well as in the community.

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Latinx Film Festival celebrates women in film

Samantha Walters
News Editor

Throughout the months of February and March, Gustavus is hosting the fourth Latinx Film Festival to showcase films from different Spanish countries like Cuba, Argentina, and Mexico.

Darío Sánchez-González, an Assistant Professor in Modern Languages, Literature, and Cultures; Spanish; Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies; and LALACS at Gustavus, suggested the idea of making the film festival a series, continuing from the first festival in 2013, the year before he was hired.

"The idea comes from a few years before I came to Gustavus. I actually had proposed to make it a series based off of films I teach in a film course," Sánchez-González said.

According to Sánchez-

"All of these films I aim to be somewhat entertaining, but I also aim for them to be challenging. There are a lot of pondering moments... You will leave the film with your brain on fire."

-Darío Sánchez-González

González, five films are chosen from the class and shown to the Gustavus community, as well as the general public, for free.

"When it comes to this festival, I always take risks. Normally when I choose the films back



LALACS faculty and staff attended both the Latino Film Festival and the International Film Festival in the fall of 2017 and the spring of 2018, respectively.

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in November, one of the rules is that they better be new. So in many cases I go and choose films that I've never watched," Sánchez-González said.

The first film, shown on February 25, was called *Tempestad* (Tempest) by Mexican film director Tatiana Huezo. Huezo's first film was *El lugar mas pequeno*, a 2011 documentary about the Salvadoran Civil War. This film was awarded internationally, according to her biography.

This film, *Tempestad*, "is the story of two women who suffer the consequences of human

trafficking in Mexico. It received the 2016 Fénix Award for Best Documentary," her biography stated.

On March 4 the film *El futuro perfecto* (The Future Perfect), by Nele Wohlatz will be shown. Her independently-directed film received multiple awards, including Best First Feature at the Locarno Film Festival.

Carla Simón's film, *Estiu 1993* (Summer 1993), will show on March 11. *Que horas ela volta?* (The second Mother) by Anna Muylaert will show on March 18.

The final film, a Cuban com-

edy called *El techo* (On the Roof) by Patricia Ramos, will show

"When it comes to this festival, I always take risks."

-Darío Sánchez-González

on March 25. All films will be shown in Wallenberg Auditor-

rium at 7 p.m.

The Spanish Film Club is an association that "provides us the films free of any distribution and projection issues and we get a grant where we basically just pay half the cost. It's always a new adventure to search a catalog and then choose the films," Sánchez-González said.

Sánchez-González grew up going to film festivals and gaining an appreciation for film and the community built through them.

"I didn't really have a lot of means when it comes to personal access to books or films. I got that access with film festivals, so I share in that community of film festival goers," Sánchez-González said.

Sánchez-González's goal is to "bring something fresh" and to entertain.

"All of these films I aim to be somewhat entertaining, but I also aim for them to be challenging. There is a lot of pondering moments, a lot of thinking to do," Sánchez-González said. "You will leave the film with your brain on fire."

All of the films shown this year are directed by women and are "known to be very risky," according to Sánchez-González.

The film festival takes place every two years and show five films from countries all over the world.



Residential Life is hosting focus groups for CFs to be able to voice their opinions on the compensation change.

Samantha Walters

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position will always remain the same, ensuring the residential college experience is positive and beneficial to the student."

Felton believes the changes do not take into account the importance of CFs as "front-liners in a lot of the situations we face

on a day-to-day basis, nor do they realize the consequences it may translate on student well-being."

She encourages her fellow CFs to "utilize whatever resources possible to let their voice be heard... We are stronger together than we are apart."

Current CFs will continue the 2019 school year under the old contract, and all CFs will begin work under the new contract in the 2019-2020 school year.

Though "emotions are high, and the topic is controversial, every interaction we have and conversation we participate in must be framed in a growth mindset," Prahl said. "We need to take time to understand how it came about."

"The CF role is an important one on campus. It can be a challenging position and... has great responsibility. For those reasons, changes to CF compensation were not made lightly nor readily," VanHecke said.

Recap: 2019 Lunar New Year Festival

Anh Tran
Staff Writer

This spring, the Vietnamese Students Association (VSA) and the Chinese Culture Club (CCC) collaborated to organize the Lunar New Year Festival celebration, which came to a success on Friday, February 22nd, 2019.

The celebration took place from 6 to 8 p.m. in Alumni Hall with the attendance of over 200 Gusties.

The festival features cultural info-sessions, trivia questions and prizes, performances from both students and professionals, boba tea, and other Asian delicacies for dinner.

The event opened its doors at 5:45 p.m. with lucky envelopes handed out at the reception table. These envelopes come in many colors, but traditionally red.

Containing a chocolate coin, each of these envelopes symbolized a wish for good luck and wealth for the new year to come.

Coming to the venue, on the left side of the entrance, were carts of boba tea. Volunteers from the student organizations has carefully brewed the tea and boiled the bubbles for his phenomenal beverage. VSA and CCC not only managed to bring this symbol of Asian pop culture to campus but also had multiple flavors to attendees' liking: black tea, mango black tea, blueberry black tea, black milk tea, and Thai milk tea. All came with chewy bobas.

The show started at 6:15 p.m. with the MCs briefly introducing the Lunar New Year and its significance to multiple communities that celebrate this holiday worldwide.

"The Lunar New Year is a major celebration in China and Vietnam. Yet it means new year not only for Chinese and Vietnamese, but also for the peoples from Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Singapore, and many other Asian countries," sophomore Kaitlyn Gruber, one of the emcees for the night, said.

Often known as the Chinese New Year, the Lunar New Year is actually celebrated within many other countries and communities.

It marks the beginning of the year according to the lunar calendar system, which does not coincide with the most commonly used Gregorian calendar.

The lunar year of 2019 started on February 5th (of the Gregorian calendar system). According to Chinese zodiac, this year is the Year of the Pig, which symbolizes wealth.

Even though the event came later than the actual date, the festival aimed to allow students who were unable to celebrate the holiday at home to celebrate the occasion together at Gustavus, as well as to promote their own cultures.

Lunar New Year is an occasion for them to celebrate a new beginning, family, life abundance, and to honor ancestors.



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The Lunar New Year Festival was a celebration of culture, food, fellowship, and fun.

Similar to Christmas and Thanksgiving, the Lunar New Year is when extended family come together, to cook and to care for one another.

This tradition has been so meaningful that no matter what you do and where you are throughout the year, your family will come together for the Lunar New Year.

"When I was little, Lunar New Year simply meant new clothes, good food, and lucky money. But as I grow older, I have realized that the Lunar New Year means so much more to me, especially when I celebrate it with my friends, my second family, away from home," VSA Co-President Giang Nguyen said.

"I hope that Gustavus will have more and more events like the Lunar New Year Festival, because we celebrate diversity as one of our five

pillars and we are also well-known for the cultural diversity of student backgrounds. These kinds of events will help Gusties explore the traditions, cultural celebrations, and religious practices of different countries that they have never had a chance to know before," Nguyen said.

A few highlights of the performances include the Chinese Dai Dance, the flute recital, the K-Pop/C-Pop dance, the poem recitals, and the Lion Dance.

The Chinese Dai Dance, also known as "She Sway" or "Happy Water," was performed on Dai folk music, by the trio dance minors: Sophomore Kristie Olson, Sophomore Rebecca Steffen, and Junior Giang Nguyen.

This performance surprised the audience with elegant and agile dance moves characteristic of Chinese folk dances.

The flute recital was brought to the event by Vietnamese First-

year Lam Nguyen. He plays the piece "Anh Nang Cua Anh" to celebrate love with beautiful sounds of the bamboo flute.

Another highlighted performance was the K-Pop/C-Pop dance by Konnect, the performance group from the K-Pop Club. The group showcased their powerful moves that brought the audience fresh energy.

Sophomore Ja'de Lin Till and First Year Junming Wu collaborated to present the audience with two poem readings and their explanation of the Chinese literature and its implications.

Last but not least, the event was proud to welcome the traditional Lion Dance by the Ha Family.

They came all the way from St. Paul to Saint Peter, bringing their ensemble and costumes, to provide Gusties with authentic cultural performances.

The dance featured two

traditional Chinese Lions, who performed powerful moves and even interacted with the audience.

First-year Emily Monicken attended the event and was most impressed by the Lion Dancers.

"My favorite moment during the festival was definitely the Lion Dance. It was very entertaining to watch the performers put on such an impressive performance in a crowded space. I've never seen a Lion Dance before and it definitely did not disappoint," Monicken said.

The end concluded with the serving of Hunan Beef, Pork with Broccoli, Veggie Lo Mien, Pork Lo Mien, White Rice, and Boba Tea.

The event came to be thanks to the collaboration of a diverse group of students on campus.

"GAC needs more events like this to immerse students in different cultural events that involve experiencing and appreciating. Lunar New Year is meant to bring people together and I believe this event did just that."

-Kristie Olson

"It really is a different event from the usual ones going on at campus, where people were pleasantly surprised by the variety of activities. It was a success because more than a single ethnic group/club planned the event together to come up with different ideas that worked splendidly together," Junior Shadman Azad said.

The talented Gusties from VSA, CCC, and other organizations who volunteered to help have successfully brought to Gustavus Adolphus College a festive and lively night.

"My favorite part of the festival was watching the whole thing come together. Planning the event was extremely tiring and stressful at times but watching people smile with the lion dancers, cheer for the dances and poems, win prizes with the trivia along with participating in the games on stage was completely worth all the hard work. GAC needs more events like this to immerse students in different cultural events that involve experiencing and appreciating. Lunar New Year is meant to bring people together and I believe this event did just that," CCC Co-President Kristie Olson said.

Representing CCC and VSA, Olson and Nguyen would like to thank again not only those who have helped out during the organizing process, but also those who came and shared a moment of celebration with them last Friday.

GUSTIES of Brian Mayén Perez

Parker Lindberg
Staff Writer

Brian Mayén Perez is a Senior Political Science, Spanish, and Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Studies (LALACS) major at Gustavus.

Originally coming to Gustavus to study physics, he soon changed his major to better fit his interests and passions.

Aside from being a Student Leader in the cafeteria, Brian spends much of his time working with the organization Language Buddies, which he's been a part of for the last four years.

Language Buddies is a community engagement program where Gustavus students can work with members of the Saint Peter community to improve language and transcultural awareness. The program partners with Saint Peter schools, community centers, and Cambria.

Brian has taken on a wide range of responsibilities in his work with Language Buddies.

He does a lot of the scheduling, orientation presentations, and meetings with advisors to improve the programs. He also works as a lead interpreter and liaison to many of the partners of the program.

Brian points to Language Buddies as one of the biggest highlights of his time at Gustavus thus far.

He has appreciated being able to work with Angela Dwyer, a Spanish professor and advisor for the program.

He hopes that people will remember the hard work that he's put into the program.

He'll continue to work to improve the program and help people in the community.

In addition to working with Language Buddies, Brian spent part of last year as an intern for the Minnesota Council of Churches working with refugee services.

His work here very much mirrored the work he's done with Language Buddies. He helped to provide resources to newly arrived individuals in the Mankato area, such as with health care options.

work for immigration issues.

His work with community engagement and immigration issues provides Brian with a sense of fulfillment and joy.

"There's nothing more rewarding than helping people and giving back to the community," Brian said.

"[Brian is] approachable and welcoming towards everyone he meets. He is a positive, uplifting asset to the Gustavus community."

-Junior Monali Bhakta

Brian was recently honored by Minnesota Campus Compact with the President's Award for his commitment to civic responsibility and leadership.

He looks forward to attending the annual summit in April at St. Catherine University.

After graduation, Brian plans to move to Minneapolis and hopes to work for a non-profit to continue his work with improving the lives of immigrants and refugees.

"There's nothing more rewarding than helping people and giving back to the community."

He currently interns for the Advocates for Human Rights, doing research and advocating



Submitted

Brian looks forward to working with refugees after graduation.

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 their name, position on campus, and a short description of why you think they should be recognized to weekly@gustavus.edu for a chance to be featured!

A representative from the Gustavian Weekly will be in contact with you via email if your suggestion is chosen to be featured in an issue of the paper.



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Perez is an active member of the Latin American, Latina/o, and Caribbean Studies major program.

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& Jamie Jennissen

Elsa Beise
Staff Writer

Senior Jamie Jennissen has made quite an impact on the Gustavus campus, whether it be her dedication to the Gustavus and Social Justice Chamber choirs, organizing as a Study Buddies coordinator or excelling in her academics as part of both the Education and English Honors Societies (Kappa Delta Pi and Sigma Tau Delta).

With all of these extracurriculars and more, Jamie makes a perfect Gustie of the Week.

Jamie is a senior Communication Arts/Literature Teaching major from Sauk Centre, Minnesota. "Growing up, I always played teacher. I taught my little sister how to spell words and I even created a lesson plan in my 'lesson book' on protractors. My mom is an English teacher, and she continues to inspire me. I am also a book nerd...So, combining two passions, boom: my major," Jamie said.

She enjoyed her recently completed student teaching and got the opportunity to work with a variety of ages.

"I just finished student teaching, and I had an absolute blast. I taught fifth grade English/Language Arts for the first

seven weeks of the fall semester, and then the second seven weeks I taught twelfth grade English/Language Arts, both in the St. Peter school district," said.

Choir has been an important part of Jamie's time at Gustavus. Specifically, her participation in the Gustavus Choir this year has required a significant amount of commitment and effort, despite her busy schedule.

"Choir has been such an influence on my experience here at Gustavus. This year, over J-term and Touring Week, we toured five countries in Europe, which will probably be a highlight of my life. The choir has given me an amazing sense of community," Jamie said.

Jamie also works for two offices on campus as a telecommunications operator and in the Education Department, where she has not only developed helpful skills for her career, but has also built meaningful and long-lasting relationships.

"The other activities I am involved in are academically and/or career-oriented, which I love because I am very passionate about my major. I also work two jobs on campus. I'm a telecommunications operator and I work in the Education Department. My work supervisors have been like my campus moms; they're always looking out for me, like giving me a mini humidifier when I was sick

or giving me gloves to borrow when I lost mine," Jamie said.

Her supervisor, administrative coordinator in the Education Department, Sara Sletten, noted Jennissen's eagerness to accomplish tasks and puts forth great effort into her work.

"Jamie represents the values of Gustavus so well, and lives her life with such sincerity each day. Jamie is one of the most caring people I know, and she has always been there for me. I'm very lucky to have her as my friend and peer."

- Senior Meghan Gallagher

"Jamie is a very valued employee. She shows up with positive energy and ready to work. She is eager to take on a new project or to find something to work on. She is an outstanding student employee," Sletten said.



Nate Habben

Jamie enjoys working in the Telecommunications Office.

Jamie spends her free time attending campus and Saint Peter community events with friends and enjoying time with family.

Jamie is grateful for her peers at Gustavus and for the love of learning that the college has helped her to develop.

"When my sister toured here, I remember coming along with her and thinking that this is where I wanted to be. I feel excited to go to class, and I love that I can have a close relationship with the professors, too. The feeling on campus is home to me. I have so many memories here because of the beautiful campus, awesome education program, but mostly because of the amazing people," Jamie said.

Jamie is regarded as a positive and inspirational Gustie on campus who moves forward in her educational journey with dedication and enthusiasm.

"Jamie deserves Gustie of the Week! She brings great enthusiasm to the Gustie way! She absorbs learning, collaborating with peers, getting involved, and doing all of this with a smile on her face," Sletten said.

Her peers regard her as a bright and committed student

on campus, especially with her choice to pursue a career path in education.

"Jamie represents the values of Gustavus so well, and lives her life with such sincerity each day. Jamie is one of the most caring people I know, and she has always been there for me. I'm very lucky to have her as my friend and peer. As an education major, she takes the values of "excellence" and "service" to heart and applies it to both her major and involvement in student orgs, such as in her work with Study Buddies. She will be an amazing teacher and I'm so excited to see where she ends up," senior Meghan Gallagher said.

Jamie plans to apply for middle school teaching positions in the future and is looking forward to the rewarding feeling that teaching can bring.

"I feel most passionate about teaching that age range because I remember what it was like to be their age, and it's hard trying to find yourself and be yourself when you feel so much pressure to fit in. It's my goal to inspire my students to not be afraid to be themselves and show their passions," Jamie said.

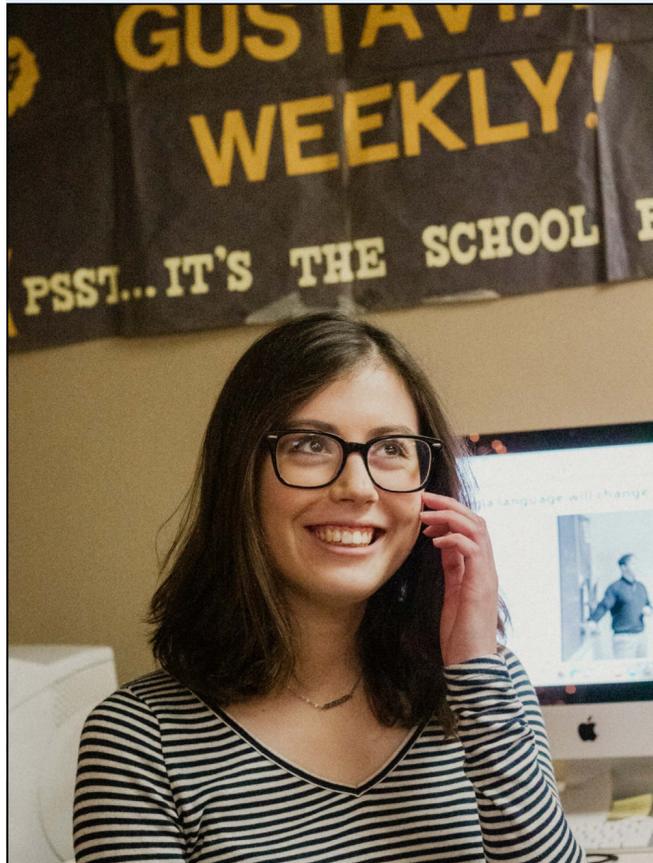


Nate Habben

Jamie recently completed her student teaching with fifth and twelfth graders.

Spring has sprung new Weekly staff

THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY has some new additions to the team for the spring of 2019. Four editors are studying abroad in Spain (Abby Anderson) and Sweden (Patrick Meadows, Lydia Kalenze, and Corinne Stremmel) for spring semester. THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY has welcomed a couple of new students promoted to roles as editors on the staff, in order to fill these vacant duties.



Emily Seppelt

Seppelt will be the Opinion Editor for the Weekly. She is a first-year double majoring in Political Science and Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies, and was previously a writer for Patrick Meadows' opinion section. She was motivated to join the Weekly because she wanted to ensure that she could continue to pursue her high school interest in journalism. She also thought it would be a fun organization to join to meet new people and express her opinions. So far, the best part about working at the Weekly has been the people. Even though she is a somewhat quiet person, she says everyone at the Weekly has made her feel so welcome and made her laugh. She is looking forward to getting to know everyone at the Weekly better this semester.

THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY welcomes Jenna Rieth as a new Copy Editor. Rieth is a junior Exercise Physiology major minoring in Spanish. She was motivated to join The Weekly as she is known for being so-called "grammar police" and wanted to put her skills to the test. For Rieth, the best part about being part on The Weekly is the new people that she has met. She will replace the position left by Lydia Kalenze, who is studying in Sweden.



Jenna Rieth



Kyara Craven



Katie Mattinen

Katie Mattinen fulfills the position of Photography Editor. She is a junior Biology major here at Gustavus. Originally, she joined The Weekly as a photographer this fall, but now she has stepped into the editor role whilst Abby Anderson is studying in Spain. She joined the Weekly because she had a secret passion for photography, but has never had the opportunity to express it until now. So far, the best part about working for the Weekly for Katie is that she can now do something she loves, while also getting paid for it.

Kyara Craven is the spring Features Editor for THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY. She is a sophomore Psychology and Spanish double major. She was motivated to join the Weekly because it gives her the opportunity to pursue her love of writing. She was also interested in meeting new people. So far the best part about working for the Weekly is seeing how everyone's contribution makes the paper what it is. "Everyone is important and without one person, the whole operation wouldn't function as smoothly," Craven said. She will resume Corinne Stremmel's role while Stremmel is away in Sweden.