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Gustavus gears up for Homecoming 2019

Students celebrate by participating in Gustavus traditions



As pictured, student organizations paint the windows in the Evelyn Young Dining Room.

Homecoming preview



Gustavus Sports Information

After a close loss to No. 4 ranked St. John's University, the Gustavus Football team is hoping to rebound in this year's homecoming matchup against No. 8 ranked Bethel University.

The team enters the contest with a record of 2-1, while Bethel boasts a perfect 2-0 record.

In last year's homecoming game the Gusties defeated the Concordia Cobbers by a score of 27-14 and the team is hoping for similar success this year.

This year's homecoming game is set to kickoff at 1 p.m. this Saturday.

The Campus Activities Board has a number of events surrounding homecoming including Boom Boom Bingo, Insomnia Cookies, and the annual homecoming rave.

**Elsa Beise
Staff Writer**

Homecoming Week has arrived and the Campus Activities Board has planned an eventful several days for Gusties.

From painting to lip syncing, Homecoming brings an abundance of fun for all: students, alumni and faculty alike. This year's theme "Going for the Gold" is inspired by an Olympic and competition oriented theme. "Going for the Gold" encompasses the idea that Gusties strive for excellence, whether that is through literal competition, in the events like the Lip Sync Battle and the games, but also in self expression and community building, with events like Window Painting and the

Rave that strengthen friend/organization bonds," sophomore, traditions executive on the Campus Activities Board, Alexia Vonruden said.

On Monday night, student organizations, athletic teams and Greek life. were given the opportunity to paint the windows in the cafeteria, displaying the expansive options and ways for students to get involved during their time here on the hill. On Wednesday, the Campus Activities Board hosted a Dive dance with an Olympic theme, echoing the entire Homecoming theme for this year. Friday night brings the Lip Sync Battle, where student organizations on campus can compete for a monetary prize to help benefit their respective organization. Following this annual event will be Boom Boom Bingo at 8:15

p.m. and Insomnia Cookies at midnight. Boom Boom Bingo is a new event this year, offering a new spin on Homecoming's usual events.

"It's a three hour bingo event that will run three games of bingo, in which the winners receive cash prizes. The game has a disco-party twist with a DJ, confetti, and interactive mini games between number calling with smaller like inflatable items and life size cutouts of celebrity's, and others. There will also be pizza," Vonruden said.

The Campus Activities Board ensures that students and their opinions are heard regarding the Homecoming events.

"The entire student body plans the events. Through the General Committee, any student can be involved in direct input regarding what activities

they want, how much should be spent on an event, and other things like that. We also take student feedback into consideration when determining which events will be putting on; if the student body doesn't respond to a particular event, we reconsider what we will put on in future years and how we can improve certain events," Vonruden said.

The Campus Activities Board has been planning this event since last year.

"CAB has been planning these events since the end of the Spring semester so we are so excited for everyone to attend and enjoy everything we're offering this week," junior and co-Traditions executive, Katie Orcutt, said.

Vonruden made sure to recognize the help that the rest of

the board and the Director of Campus Activities, Andrea Junso, contribute to Homecoming, in addition to the Traditions Co-Executives and Co-Presidents.

"[The executive board] help us determine certain events by voting and providing input, making and hanging posters, and being on the ground working the actual events as they happen. They do as much heavy lifting as anyone else. And finally, the biggest superstar is our Director, Andrea Junso. She provides the contact information for anyone on campus we need to talk to, is usually

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Campus Safety Report

Monday, September 16th
• No incidents reported

Tuesday, September 17th
• Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm at Uhler Hall.

Wednesday, September 18th
• Campus Safety was called to the Health Service office for a student that had fallen down outside of South West Hall. The student was transported to River Edge Hospital for further evaluations.
• Campus Safety responded to a Welfare check on a student in Gibbs Hall.
• Campus Safety responded to a theft report in the

Jackson Campus Center. A student had personal items taken from the 3 Crowns room.
• Campus Safety responded to a student of concern in Pittman Hall.
• A CF was approached by a student that was concerned for another student in Pittman Hall.

Thursday, September 19th
• Campus Safety and the SPPD responded to a mental health concern in Uhler Hall.
• A student was given a medical escort to Rivers Edge urgent care.

Friday, September 20th
• A student reached out to a CF in Pittman Hall because they couldn't trust themselves to be alone. An AC was called in to help with the situation.

Saturday, September 21st
• Campus Safety responded to a medical assist on the soccer field. A student had a broken arm and was transported to the hospital by ambulance.
• Campus Safety responded to a underage liquor violation in Pittman Hall, eight students and one non-Gustavus student cleared by arrest, students referred to the campus

conduct system.

Sunday, September 22nd
• Campus Safety responded to an alcohol violation in Norelius Hall.
• Campus Safety responded to Norelius Hall for a welfare check of a student who threatened suicide.
• Residential Life staff needed to contact a minor involved in an alcohol incident in Pittman 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:
Protect Your Property - Thefts are crimes of opportunity and occur primarily when property is left in unlocked or unattended areas.
Avoid bringing cash, wallets, watches, or other valuables to the athletic facilities, and keep your locker locked whenever unattended. Don't leave laptops or other valuables unattended in classrooms or other public spaces. Always secure your belongings if you will be out of the room for any length of time, no matter how short.
Report suspicious persons and incidents of theft to the Campus Safety Department



As pictured, CAB members promote Homecoming events and sell t-shirts.

Katoe Mattinen

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the initial contact for anyone we contract, and provides the brainpower to help keep track of all the details. None of Homecoming would be possible without her," Vonruden said.
Orcutt mentioned a couple of events that she has enjoyed and is looking forward to including Insomnia Cookies and the Homecoming Rave.
Homecoming has been a tradition at Gustavus for several decades. Looking back throughout the years, some events have remained the same: the Saturday football game, Homecoming court, etc. These traditions can be found in the articles of The Gustavian Weekly from as far back as 1947.
In addition to these traditions, there is window painting, which has been an event on campus for decades and can even be found in an edition of The Gustavian Weekly from 1988. Another that Gustavus does not continue, but was once part of Homecoming, is Powder Puff (event from 1969's Homecoming).
One tradition that won't be lost in Homecoming is the idea of unity, community and inclusivity.
"Homecoming is an important event that brings the stu-

dent body together to celebrate the culture and students of Gustavus. Not only does it provide easily accessible and inclusive entertainment, but it also brings students and organizations on campus together; Homecoming brings an opportunity for making memories with friends, self expression, and creating a sense of togetherness here on the Hill. No matter where you're from, Gustavus can be a home to you, and it's important to encourage that idea," Vonruden said.

New Wayfinding Program helps welcome visitors to campus



The new wayfinding signs, as pictured, can be found throughout campus.

Katloe Mattinen

Emily VanGorder
Staff Writer

The new wayfinding and signage program began last year, but discussion about a wayfinding plan “began around 30 years ago,” Vice President for Marketing and Communication Tim Kennedy said.

“Gustavus... does so many things so well, but one of the things it didn’t do well was direct first time visitors, welcome them to campus, get them to a place to park, and get them directions to where they need to go... It’s something that’s been a passion of mine since I moved into this position as the Vice President about nine years ago,” Kennedy said.

Tim Kennedy, Director of Marketing Services Anna Deike, and Physical Plant Director Travis Jordan led a committee of people from all departments on campus which came together and looked into companies that made signs, finally deciding on Ayers Saint Gross, a company based out of Baltimore, MD. Ayers Saint Gross came to campus and met with the committee, which had previously met with students, faculty, alumni, the Three Crowns Council, and the Board of Trustees to determine the needs of the campus. “We’ve been waiting to do this

for so long, we wanted to do it right,” Kennedy said.

“Every single person in that committee had such a diverse background in different departments on campus that we felt we got a really good feel of what would we brought campus... it really fit us as a whole,” Deike said.

“We sat down and looked at campus to see where we really needed signs... We went in and walked campus, went to major first-time visitor buildings like the Campus Center, Lund, the Library, Nobel... areas where we would have people come in to visit and hold public events... to see where we needed to strategically place signs,” Deike said.

“Part of the fun of this was the brainstorming process,” Deike said.

Ayers Saint Gross brought in examples of signs to get inspiration for designs, which the committee selected options from. “From all this information they came up with, they took pictures of our Chapel’s stained glass, came back, and showed us three different designs,” Deike said.

“People love the fact that the angle at the side of the sign is a photo of Christ Chapel, and that the stone at the bottom is Kasota stone... we really wanted to make sure these signs fit the feel

of Gustavus and the area where we live,” Kennedy said.

This process has been broken down into four phases. The signs currently on campus are part of phase one, which includes renaming the roads coming into campus and creating parking signs for each lot, which light up so they are visible at night. The map of campus was also redesigned, and the new version is on the large parking signs.

Phase two includes installing pedestrian signs to show visitors where to go after they are parked, and installing student parking lot signs. Phase three will be building identification, with signs that display everything inside the building.

Lastly, phase four will bring a redesign to the main campus entrances and new signage inside the buildings that tells people where to go once inside. Phase one should be finished by the end of the semester and phase four is estimated to be complete by summer of 2022. There have been some changes, but the entire budget of the project is about 1.3 million dollars, broken up over five years.

“We had to pay attention to cost,” Kennedy said.

“Initially, we wanted all the parking signs to have digital signs in them so we could change them for events, but

that was just too expensive... we built magnets into the signs, so we have magnets for special events that will tell you where events are happening and where you can park,” Kennedy said.

Additionally, parking lots around campus were renamed alphabetically.

The “room number and braille are permanent, but the faculty member name and room are removable. There is also a piece for professors to put their schedules in, and, in a handful of rooms, a digital piece, like outside the Heritage Room, which displays the schedule for the day and the room which is reserved,” Deike said.

“We did all the internal signage for the new Nobel renovation, so the signs will be easy for people to read and to navigate,” Deike said.

Another piece of the project was working with the emergency systems in St. Peter and Nicollet County and updating the street names. “Gustavus was a really confusing place to navigate if there was a fire on campus or if emergency services were called for ambulances. They put [the new names] into GPS systems so they could go right to buildings... it will be much easier for emergency vehicles to get onto campus quicker, which will provide better safety for the entire campus,”

Kennedy said.

Buildings will also have building identification on the outside, which will be especially helpful for people driving by.

“This redesign was a really smart idea, especially for people who don’t know the environment of the campus, making it harder for them to get around. These new signs should make it way easier for them to find where they need to go,” Sophomore Taylor Flemming said.

“It’s been really rewarding to get a ton of positive feedback... what Gustavus was really missing was a way to really welcome visitors to this place. This was a great opportunity for us to take Gustavus to the next step in regards to recruiting students, which has become so competitive amongst private and state colleges... we have to be able to have a plan here to make people feel really welcome and make this process easy for them. This, I think, was a really vital step in making this campus more welcome,” Kennedy said.

“I’ve been here for 36 years, I graduated from here. It was really refreshing to think about being on campus as a visitor. When we’re done, Gustavus will be a leader in campus wayfinding, and that will really enhance us to prospective students and visitors,” Kennedy said.

Gustavus Greek Life welcomes new members

Rush Week brings new faces to Gustavus fraternities and sororities



The Alpha Sigma Tau sorority gathered on the Gustavus sign for a photo.

Submitted

Jack Wiessenberger Staff Writer

Last week, Gustavus Greek Life organizations gained dozens of new members as Rush Week came to a close. Greek organizations have a long history on campus. Rush Week is an annual event where potential new members are asked to pledge to a particular group. "Rush Week is the week where students interested in joining either a fraternity or sorority go through the process of meeting the different chapters, learning more about the members, philanthropies, values of each organization, and deciding which organization to join," Senior and director of Fraternity recruitment Christiana Nelson said.

"Similar to other people, I rushed because I wanted to find a place I belong on campus. I was extremely hesitant to rush at first but then I went to open house night. I saw how happy all the current members were and this made me positive I wanted to join," Sophomore Laurell Reuvers said.

The recruitment process is meant to be as inviting as possible in order to attract as many new members as possible, even those who are reserved at first. Rush Week was the official start to recruitment season for the Greek chapters, but before participants could attend events this year, they were required to register online.

"There's a registration process - one for fraternities and one for sororities. Those inter-

ested in Greek Life needed to register online by September 18th in order to be considered for a Greek chapter," Greek Life Director Julianna Watterson said.

Online registration took place through the Gustavus Greek Life office. Those that registered were not required to attend Rush Week events. By registering, individuals were just stating their interest in Greek Life. Another reason for online registration is to make sure applicants met the requirements set by Greek Life.

"We ask applicants to register online so we can verify their grades and to make sure that there is no past record of misconduct on campus," Watterson said.

Those interested in joining a Greek chapter must have at least a 2.5 grade point average and a clean record. The latter of these requirements has become an even more prominent issue since 2016 when four Greek chapters on campus were suspended.

"It was mostly hazing. The hazing we have seen in our recent history was psychologically based. The creation of a power dynamic within Greek chapters was concerning behavior. The new member period just started last Monday, and I haven't gotten any hazing reports. It seems like the community is in a better place now than it was a few years ago," Watterson said.

Gustavus Greek Life takes issues such as hazing very seriously. The four Greek chapters that were suspended were each given a minimum of one year

forced inactivity. Hazing reports have historically come in during the time that follows Rush Week; the new member period. This stage began this last week when Greek chapters extended invitations or "bids" to applicants they wanted to join their organization.

"Once bids were extended, the new member period began. This was the period of time before the individuals that were extended bids become initiated members. During this time, active members of a chapter could learn more about the new members and new members could learn more about the chapter that they will be joining. Once the new member period is over, the initiated member becomes an active member," Nelson said.

The Greek organizations are all about welcoming their new members into Greek life culture. At the core of Gustavus' Greek chapters are the benefits they provide for their members and for the community around them. Every chapter has the goal of providing leadership, scholarship and service opportunities.

"I believe Greek life benefits its members by providing opportunities that would not ordinarily be possible. Greek life on the Gustavus campus represents a community where students support and care for one another and provide members with a positive experience that helps individuals grow and become more confident in themselves. I have benefitted from joining a sorority because I have developed leadership qualities that I will take with me

into my professional career, and I have made life-long friends that I know will support and care for me long after my time at Gustavus," Nelson said.

The goal of Greek Life is to serve its members by providing a sense of brother or sisterhood. On top of this, the members band together to benefit their community through philanthropy events. Many chapters have events they plan every year to

raise awareness for issues they believe are important.

Rush Week was a busy time on campus for Greek organizations as always, but it was only the beginning. The chapters wasted no time initiating new members. Now the work begins for the Greek members as they push each other to reach their goals of leadership, scholarship and service.



The Delta Phi Omega sorority posed for a photo.

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Choreographing climate change at Nobel 55

Elsa Beise
Staff Writer

One unique feature of the Nobel Conference is the student dancers who perform around campus during the conference, offering an artistic approach to the conference's topic.

This is a new tradition that began in 2017.

Last year, students put together a piece for the conference with this year's show being split into five different pieces.

"Last year, a student choreographed piece was performed on Big Hill Farm. This year, Professor Michele Rusinko in collaboration with students has put together a series of five dance pieces that focus on glaciers, nature and the global political climate," sophomore Amanda Hoffman said.

Student dancers are passionate about connecting science and the arts, showing how significant each one can be when it comes to our modern world.

"I think it's important to connect the arts and sciences because they're both an integral part of life. For a lot of issues, science is much more respected than the arts, but it's important



Katie Mattinen

Student dancers rehearse for their performances at the Nobel Conference.

to show how they can connect," senior and dancer in the conference Marissa Williamson said.

Williamson also emphasized the importance of connecting us back to our history and visualizing the repercussions and consequences of climate change.

"Science definitely gets to take center stage at events like Nobel, as they should. But in order to get people to care about important issues like climate change, you need to involve the arts. The arts were the first form of communication; before

we could write or speak to each other, we communicated with paintings and with dances. It's one thing to hear all of the harrowing statistics about climate change; it's another to be able to see the destruction and the agony. The arts role is to get people to empathize with the issue and take action," Williamson said.

Lisa Heldke, one of the Directors of the Nobel Committee, asked the Dance Department if they would be willing to choreograph performances for conference goers.

Williamson was able to choreograph some pieces herself that were performed at the conference.

"I'm really looking forward to presenting my own choreography at Nobel. I've put a lot of time and creative energy into this and I'm so excited for an audience to see it," Williamson said.

Hoffman expressed how music and art already play a significant role in the annual conference.

"Particularly at Gustavus, the arts are very involved in the activities of Nobel: music welcomes in attendees as they enter Lund, visual art can be viewed in the Hillstrom Museum, theater and dance will be performed throughout the event. There is an abundance of art and artists, from all mediums, that are respected and welcomed into this space along with scientists, historians, writers, and a diverse variety of other fields. The interaction between the thousands of individuals, all from different educational and professional backgrounds, is what makes an event such as the Nobel Conference so exciting," Hoffman said.

This year's Nobel Confer-

ence topic seemed to especially resonate with Williamson and it helped to make her even more passionate about how the dance performances could help to enhance everyone's Nobel experience.

"I was really excited to be a part of this event because I'm very passionate about the issues surrounding climate change. I saw it as a great opportunity to use my art to make a positive difference. As an artist, I feel like it's hard to get respect from the sciences, but I think the Nobel committee does a really amazing job at bringing the two together and showcasing how powerful art can be," Williamson said.

Hoffman, in addition to Williamson, is especially excited to intertwine her two favorite areas of study.

"I am really excited to be a part of the Nobel Conference because it brings together the two focuses of my education: art and science. I am very concerned with the environmental and geographical consequences of climate change, and want to address these issues through my work as an undergrad and into my professional career," Hoffman said.

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GUSTIES of Nicole Bauleke



Bauleke enjoys working with first-year students as a Peer Assistant.

Monali Bhakta
Staff Writer

This week, THE GUSTAVIAN WEEKLY is featuring Senior Nicole Bauleke of Belle Plaine, MN as one of our Gusties of the Week.

"[Bauleke is] one of the kindest hearts that I know. Ever since first-year working at the info desk with her I can count on her to make my day with every kind word she says and all the little things she does. I know I can always count on her for support and for someone who will truly listen. Her passion and drive so inspiring and makes me proud to call her a friend," senior Taylor Kniech said.

Bauleke is a communications studies major with a film and media minor. She came to Gustavus because it was her dream school, and since she used to visit her mother all the time in St. Peter.

Ever since Bauleke was little, she remembers the time she spent at Gustavus enjoying the childhood camps that her mom enrolled her in.

She was one of the kindergarteners who joined "Big Partner, Little Partner," which used to be called "Big Sister, Little Sister." She loved being on campus, and immediately knew from a young age that she wanted to be part of it. The camps took place Monday through Friday where kids could play games, enjoy the outdoors, and make crafts.

As a young person, she was in awe of the thrilling college life.

"I remember the food...they had to be so strict on us, kids, because we would always get

everything...our eyes would definitely be bigger than our stomachs...walking into that caf as a little kid is so different, it's like heaven," Bauleke said.

Even as a student, she loves how Dining Services has a wide selection of foods, and explains that we need to be more appreciative of what it provides us.

In terms of the campus, she also admires how it is a small, close-knit community, similar to the town she grew up in. Bauleke has met so many wonderful, down-to-earth people who impacted her life for the better.

She believes people do not come to Gustavus as "Gusties," but rather, become "Gusties," in the process of being here. As a new Peer Assistant (PA) who works with first-years, she reminisces about the beginning of her journey, putting herself in their shoes.

"Coming here, I can now have deep conversations with people, and stuff that I would've never had access to in Belle Plaine. Gustavus has made me so aware of everything, and I feel like I'm better equipped for the world," Bauleke said.

She praises the school for being the epitome of change, flourishing strong-minded leaders who are always willing to better themselves. In the process of growing, students become truly grounded when they are attentive about their personal feelings.

If they take advantage of the opportunity to blossom, they will certainly become wiser human beings. Bauleke values the importance of having close friendships in many areas, in-

cluding in her AST Sorority, PA's, and Hall Council. One of the most fulfilling parts about being in the Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority is the Women's Wellness Initiative.

"I love our philanthropy with CADA. When we do the Donation Drives, all of those things go straight to CADA. Because of that, it just made me so much more invested, and I was already interested in joining at that point," Bauleke said.

In AST, she has held leadership positions such as being the Director of Philanthropy and Director of Sisterhoods. These roles have taught her event planning, collaboration, and time management.

She is now the President of Gustavus Panhellenic Council, the governing body of the national sororities on campus.

Under her organized leadership, she worked with her Committee to plan their main event, Recruitment Week.

It turned out to be a successful and exciting experience for many potential new members of Greek Life.

As a certified Peer Educator, Bauleke wants first-years to remember that everything changes, and not worry if the course of their relationships change.

"The friends and partners you have now, you may not have during senior year. You may have a completely different clique, and allow yourself to not be in a bubble. Open up to everybody and make as many friends as possible. I honestly think that being at Gustavus makes you a better person," Bauleke said.



Bauleke is the President of the Gustavus Panhellenic Council.

Katie Mattinen

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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for a chance to have them featured!

If your suggestion is selected, a representative from the Weekly will be in contact with them to move forward with the interview process.

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& Jillian Downey

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Staff Writer

This year, the Gustavus community welcomes Gustie alum and Assistant Professor in Math, Computer Science, and Statistics Jillian Downey.

Downey is from the western suburbs of Des Moines, Iowa.

She graduated in the Gustie class of 2008 with a mathematics major and religion minor, as well as valuable recollections of her undergraduate experience.

"I loved being a Gustie," she said. "All of my close friends are my friends from college. I just have the fondest memories."

During her four years at Gustavus, Downey participated in Big Partner Little Partner. She also took full advantage of the school's liberal arts aspect.

"I took classes in a ton of different areas," she said. "I took a pottery class, which I loved, and I took a religion class, and I ended up minoring in religion."

In fact, this love of learning ultimately influenced her decision to specialize in statistics. After leaving Gustavus, she went on to get an MS in statistics from the University of Iowa and a PhD in statistics from Iowa State University.

Downey claim she liked statistics because of its real life applications, which she came to appreciate through Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner's

book 'Freakonomics'.

"One particular story I thought was fascinating was [when] they argued that the legalization of abortion was related to the drop in crime rates in the early '90s," she said regarding 'Freakonomics'.

"I want [my students] to always examine things that are presented to them with a questioning eye... I want them to always be questioning how data was collected and how an experiment was done because I think a lot of news sources and a lot of people incorrectly portray results or hide how the data was collected to be skewed and biased."

"There were just interesting aspects where they [used] statistics, and I thought it was really cool, so I thought 'oh,

I can do statistics, and then I could apply my knowledge to different fields'."

Recently, Downey has been developing a research idea of her own. She wants to investigate textbook use by college students.

"If I could do some kind of research about how much students use textbooks and if we could get them to use them more by making them free, or at least cut[ting] costs, I think that would be an interesting kind of research project," she said.

This way, students can say "hey, this is how much we're spending, this is how much we're actually using it, [so] maybe there's another source that we can use."

Downey wants to work with a student on this project. She loves teaching and working with young people, especially at the collegiate level. In college, "there's more freedom to explore different topics that students are interested in," she said.

Downey also enjoys the ability to teach life skills in the college setting. Not only does she teach students how to perform statistical analyses, but, more importantly, she wants them to be well-versed in "statistical literacy."

"I want them to always examine things that are presented to them with a questioning eye," Downey said.



Katie Mattinen

Downey was awarded her PhD in statistics from Iowa State University.

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Downey uses other methods to teach life skills as well. Sometimes, it's as simple as encouraging students to get to know each other in the classroom.

"A big thing in my class is you should introduce yourself to your groupmates, and you should make sure you remember their names," Downey said. She described it as "teaching them how to function in the world as well as statistics."

Downey is excited to be working with Gustavus students this year. She's been teaching elementary statistics this fall, and so far, she's given the experience a thumbs-up.

"So far it's been great. The students are really nice, [and] my coworkers are really nice," she said. She is looking forward to meeting new people on campus and developing close rela-

tionships with students.

"I have the most fun when I develop a bond with students, and I can mentor them and help them with their classes," Downey said.

When she's not teaching, Downey's hobbies include listening to TrueCrime and sports podcasts, playing fantasy football with her friends, and spending time with her husband and daughter.

As a former college student, Downey advises Gustie students to set aside time for their own hobbies and to enjoy the college experience, whether that means just hanging out with friends or taking a class for fun.

"Just take that art class that you might not be very good at but it's fun," she said. It's important to do "things for enjoyment rather than getting the checkmark on your resume."

Downey looks forward to co-teaching a J-term course in math modeling this January, as well as teaching classes in introductory statistics and theoretical probability and statistics in the spring.



Katie Mattinen

Downey graduated from Gustavus in 2008 with a mathematics major and a religion minor.

Kyara Craven
Staff Writer

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