

# Parent and Family Resource Guide

2025-2026



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COLLEGE

New England's **top Christian** College



# Welcome to the Gordon College family!

As current Gordon parents ourselves, Jennifer and I are excited for the partnership your family has formed with Gordon College. We have experienced firsthand that Gordon College is committed to challenging our students with academics to build a career, experiences to build confidence and a Christian community that builds character. Generations of families have joined the Gordon community, and we are so grateful that yours has, as well. We are here to provide resources as you encourage your student to thrive during their college years and flourish in their life beyond. God is at work at Gordon College and in the life of your student.

It is a privilege and joy for our family to be on this journey with your family!



*Mike Hammond*

**President Mike Hammond**

# Meet the Team

Our team is here to serve you—the parents, guardians and families of Gordon College students. Our goal is to strengthen the connection between the College and families, ensuring you are informed, involved and invested in your student's academic and personal growth.

**Chris Carlson '87, P'16, P'18**  
*Dean of Students*

**Peter Bayreuther '07**  
*Director of Alumni Engagement*

**Jill Hall '95, P'24, P'26**  
*Alumni Family  
Engagement Coordinator*

**Darlene Hubbard P'23, P'25**  
*Director of Student Life Operations  
and Title IX Coordinator*

[gordon.edu/parents](https://gordon.edu/parents)  
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# Academic Life

For over 135 years Gordon College has been committed to preparing the people of God for the work of God. Founder A. J. Gordon, who brought his vision of a missionary training school in the heart of Boston into reality, could never have imagined that the institution bearing his name would now consist of seven schools with thriving graduate programs. A Gordon College education is hallmarked by deep intellectual curiosity, academic rigor and the pursuit of Truth. With an incredible faculty student ratio of 10:1, Gordon College students have direct access to experts at the cutting edge of their fields. Key internship placements, high level research, opportunities to study and serve across the globe plus strong graduate school acceptance and job placement rates all reflect Gordon's commitment to prepare students for a life of vocational flourishing and meaning. We are excited to have your student with us dialoguing in the classroom, experimenting in the laboratory, making music and art together and teaching students in our schools and communities. We pray that they may draw closer to our Creator as they expand their minds and hearts for the betterment of our world.



*Sandra Doneski*

**Dr. Sandra Doneski '93**

*Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs*

B.M.Ed. Gordon College

M.M.Ed. The Hartt School, University of Hartford

Ph.D. The Hartt School, University of Hartford

# FERPA at Gordon College

Gordon College is committed to supporting students and their families while ensuring their legal rights and privacy remain protected.

## What You Need to Know

At Gordon College we respect your student's privacy. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), once a student enrolls, their academic and financial records belong solely to them. This means we cannot share details with parents or guardians without the student's explicit permission.

## Directory Information

Gordon may release basic directory details unless a student opts out by contacting Student Life or the Registrar. If a student restricts access, the College cannot verify enrollment or provide information to employers or parents and guardians after graduation unless they lift the restriction.



# Academic Calendar

## 2025-2026

Check out the  
online calendar!



Fall Semester 2025		2025-26
Orientation for new international students	8/8-22	8/22: Residence halls open for new students only
Orientation and registration for new students	8/22-26	8/25: Residence halls open for continuing students and meal plan begins
Classes Begin	8/27	
Labor Day	9/1	No classes
Online registration opens for spring semester	11/10	
Thanksgiving Recess	11/26-11/30	11/26: Meal plan ends at dinner 11/30: Meal plan resumes
Last day of classes and registration closes	12/11	
Final Exams	12/15-18	
Christmas Recess	12/19-1/12	12/19: Residence halls close and meal plan ends at dinner 1/12: Residence halls open and meal plan begins
Spring Semester 2026		
Classes begin	1/14	
MLK, Jr. Day	1/19	No classes
Quad 3 exams	3/6	3/6: Residence halls close and meal plan ends at dinner
Spring Recess	3/7-15	3/15: Residence halls open and meal plan begins
Deposit due for next year	3/16	
Easter Recess	4/3-6	No classes
Last day of classes	5/6	
Final Exams	5/8, 11-13	5/14: Meal plan ends
Baccalaureate	5/15	
Commencement	5/16	5/17: Residence halls close

*\*Note that dates are subject to change*  
*Check out the Academic Calendar online to confirm updates to this year's dates before making plans.*



For information on housing needs for breaks or early arrivals/departures, see the Residence Life and Housing page.

# Academic Offices

## OFFICE OF ACADEMIC ADVISING



**Jennifer Brink,**  
*Director of Academic  
Advising and First-Year  
Experience*

978 867 4563  
advising@gordon.edu  
[www.gordon.edu/advising](http://www.gordon.edu/advising)

## ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER



**Alyson Longacre '96,**  
*Director of Academic  
Success Center*

978 867 4743  
asc@gordon.edu  
[www.gordon.edu/asc](http://www.gordon.edu/asc)

## OFFICE OF REGISTRAR



**Alice Falcone,**  
*Dean of Academic  
Services and Registrar*

978 867 4242  
registrar@gordon.edu  
[www.gordon.edu/registrar](http://www.gordon.edu/registrar)

## GLOBAL EDUCATION



**Kristin Whitfield '93,**  
*Director of  
Global Education*

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## GORDON HONORS INSTITUTE

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honors@gordon.edu  
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# Student Life

## Dear Parents,

At Gordon College we believe that student care is not just a service—it's a calling rooted in our identity as a Christ-centered, academic community. Our mission goes beyond education; it's about fostering a place where your student can grow intellectually, spiritually and personally.

Whether it's through vibrant residence life, meaningful chapel services, engaging student organizations or wellness and counseling support, we are committed to creating a holistic environment where each student is known, supported and challenged to thrive. Our team in Student Life works closely with faculty, staff and student leaders to cultivate a campus culture of belonging, care and purpose.

We recognize that college is a time of great transition, and our commitment is to walk alongside your student through every high and low. From the first weeks of Orientation to late-night study sessions and faith conversations in the dining hall, your student is part of a community that believes in their God-given potential.

Thank you for entrusting us with this extraordinary season of your student's life. We are honored to partner with you and excited for all that lies ahead.



With gratitude,

**Chris Carlson '87, P'16, P'18**

***Dean of Student Life***

978 867 4263 | [studentlife@gordon.edu](mailto:studentlife@gordon.edu)

[www.gordon.edu/life](http://www.gordon.edu/life)



# Student Life Connections

## Athletics

Gordon is home to 24 NCAA DIII varsity athletic teams and many intramural and club sports.

**Jason Linders, *Director of Athletics***  
[athletics@gordon.edu](mailto:athletics@gordon.edu)

## Career and Connection Institute

The campus hub for on and off campus employment as well as preparation for vocational flourishing after Gordon.

**Pam Lazarakis '81, *Director***  
[cci@gordon.edu](mailto:cci@gordon.edu)

## Gordon Police Department

Our Massachusetts Special State Police officers are empowered to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth, and they strive to provide professional police services to campus. It is the mission and desire of the Gordon Police team to do everything in a spirit of Christian love and to the glory of God.

**Glenn Deckert '88, P'15, P'17, P'21, P'22, *Chief of Police***  
978 867 4444 (non-emergency)  
[police@gordon.edu](mailto:police@gordon.edu)

## Center for Technology Services

The Center for Technology Services (CTS) provides centralized support for all campus technology needs and works collaboratively with faculty, staff and students to explore, design and support effective and appropriate uses of technology in the curriculum.

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978 867 4500 | [cts@gordon.edu](mailto:cts@gordon.edu)

## Mail Services

**Lane Student Center (lower level)**  
978 867 4296 | [mailroom@gordon.edu](mailto:mailroom@gordon.edu)  
Monday–Friday, 8:30 A.M. – 4:15 P.M.  
Summer: 8:30 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Please use the following address:

Student Name, Box #  
Gordon College  
255 Grapevine Road  
Wenham, MA 01984

## Meet Your Student's Care Team

**Scott Hwang '05,**  
*Associate Dean of Student Engagement*  
[scott.hwang@gordon.edu](mailto:scott.hwang@gordon.edu)

**Porter Sprigg' 19,**  
*Student Care and Conduct Coordinator*  
[porter.sprigg@gordon.edu](mailto:porter.sprigg@gordon.edu)

**Deana Trefry, M.S.W.,**  
*Dean of Student Care*  
[deana.trefry@gordon.edu](mailto:deana.trefry@gordon.edu)

Oversees:

- **Center for Counseling and Wellness**  
[counseling.wellness@gordon.edu](mailto:counseling.wellness@gordon.edu)
- **Health Center**  
Lauren Becker, MA, BSN, RN  
*Director of Student Health Services*  
[healthcenter@gordon.edu](mailto:healthcenter@gordon.edu)

Check out the  
Student Life page!



# Residence Life & Housing

## Residence Life Staff

**Lis Moreau '03**, *Associate Dean of Residence and Community Life*

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**Ryann Soltero '22**, *Housing Coordinator*

[housing@gordon.edu](mailto:housing@gordon.edu)

Explore our **Residence Halls!**

Find room features, prices and packing lists.

[www.gordon.edu/residencehalls](http://www.gordon.edu/residencehalls)

Visit Metz Dining for **Meal Plan** Information!

Students with allergies should fill out the form on the website.

[www.gordonmetz.com](http://www.gordonmetz.com)

**Physical Plant** keeps our campus safe and clean!

Students may submit work orders at [go.gordon.edu](http://go.gordon.edu)

# Intercultural Engagement

The Multicultural Initiatives Office and International Student Office are home to many student clubs and organizations.

[www.gordon.edu/internationalstudents](http://www.gordon.edu/internationalstudents)

[www.gordon.edu/multicultural](http://www.gordon.edu/multicultural)

# Financial Aid

## Student Financial Services

**Dan O'Connell**, *Director for Student Financial Services*

Our team is available to assist you through the application and renewal process for the myriad of financial aid elements available. Please reference the website for important dates throughout the year.

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978 867 4246 | [sfs@gordon.edu](mailto:sfs@gordon.edu)

[www.gordon.edu/admissions/financial-aid](http://www.gordon.edu/admissions/financial-aid)

# Resources for Parents & Families

This is a new and wonderful time for your family. Our team is here to assist in any way we can, as you learn the rhythms of navigating this new season with your student. We are happy to provide resources along the way and look forward to partnering with you for the flourishing of your student.

## 10 Tips:

1. Remain connected
2. Allow your student space to individuate
3. Shift from being manager to consultant
4. Support your student
5. Allow them to process new viewpoints and opinions openly as they integrate their faith and learning
6. Stay positive—keeping a long term perspective
7. Keep open communication regarding their overall wellness
8. Learn about available resources in order to support them in self advocating
9. Listen well before speaking
10. Pray and trust God's work in their life—He is growing everyone in your family through these years





## RESIDENCES

1. Nyland Hall
2. Fulton Hall
3. Tavilla Hall
4. Chase Hall
5. Wilson Hall
6. Evans Hall
7. Ferrin Hall
8. Bromley Hall
9. Grace Hall
10. Hilton Hall
11. MacInnis Hall
12. Conrad Hall
13. Rider Hall
14. Shields House

## LANDMARKS

20. Clarendon Commons
21. Lindsay Gate

## ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Rodger Reception Center
- B. A. J. Gordon Memorial Chapel
- C. Lane Student Center
- D. Phillips Music Center
- E. Ken Olsen Science Center
- F. Frost Hall
- G. MacDonald Hall
- H. Emery Hall
- I. Jenks Library
- J. Roosevelt Hall
- K. Outdoor Education Building
- L. Physical Plant and Brand Marketing
- M. Barrington Center for the Arts
- N. Center for Balance, Mobility and Wellness
- O. 266 Grapevine Road
- P. Wilson House
- Q. La Vida Center
- R. Ropes Course

## ATHLETIC FIELDS AND FACILITIES

- S. The Quad
- T. Gavin Intramural Field
- U. Gedney Hall
- V. Bennett Athletic and Recreation Center
- W. Softball Field
- X. J. Tec White Field
- Y. Brigham Athletic Complex Tennis Courts
- Z. Brigham Athletic Complex Field





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# Links and Emails

## Academic Life

[www.gordon.edu/academics](http://www.gordon.edu/academics)

**Registrar contact:** registrar@gordon.edu

**Academic advising:** advising@gordon.edu

**Academic Success Center:** asc@gordon.edu

**Honors Institute:** honors@gordon.edu

**Global Education Office:** geo@gordon.edu

**La Vida:** lavida@gordon.edu

## Student Life

[www.gordon.edu/studentlife](http://www.gordon.edu/studentlife)

**Orientation:** orientation@gordon.edu

**Mailroom:** mailroom@gordon.edu

**Gordon Police:** police@gordon.edu

**Center for Technology Services:** cts@gordon.edu

## Spiritual Life

[www.gordon.edu/faith](http://www.gordon.edu/faith)

Faith in Christ is central to our mission and experience as a top Christian college. It's what unites us as Christians when so many other forces—political, cultural, generational—threaten to divide us. But it doesn't mean we're all the same. In fact, we welcome students from 49 different Christian backgrounds, believing that when we unite around our Christian commitment, these differences are opportunities rather than obstacles.

**Statement of Faith:** [www.gordon.edu/statementoffaith](http://www.gordon.edu/statementoffaith)

**Shalom Statement:** [www.gordon.edu/shalom](http://www.gordon.edu/shalom)

**Chapel Office:** chapeloffice@gordon.edu

**Family prayer resource:** [www.gordon.edu/praywithus](http://www.gordon.edu/praywithus)





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