

Parent and Family Resource Guide

2026-2027



GORDON
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!



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 parents and families of Gordon College students, 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 P'29
*Director of Student Life Operations and
Title IX Coordinator*

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parentfamilyexperience@gordon.edu





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 Christ's love. With an incredible student to faculty 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 preparing 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, parents, or guardians after graduation unless the student removes the restriction.



Academic Calendar

2026-2027



Check out the
online calendar
to confirm
updates to this
year's dates.

Fall Semester 2026

Orientation for
new international students
Orientation and registration
for new students

Classes begin

Labor Day

Online registration opens
for spring semester

Thanksgiving Recess

Last day of classes
and registration closes

Final exams

Christmas Recess

2026-27

8/19-21

8/21-24

8/26

9/7

11/2

11/25-11/29

12/10

12/14-17

12/18-1/12

8/21: Residence halls open
for new students only

8/24: Residence halls open
for continuing students and
meal plan begins

No classes

11/24: Meal plan ends at dinner
11/29: Meal plan resumes

12/17: Meal plan ends at dinner
12/18: Residence halls close
1/11: Residence halls open
and meal plan begins

Spring Semester 2027

Classes begin

MLK, Jr. Day

Quad 3 exams

Spring Recess

Deposit due for next year

Easter Recess

Last day of classes

Final exams

Baccalaureate

Commencement

1/13

1/18

3/3

3/6-14

3/15

3/26-29

5/5

5/7, 10-12

5/14

5/15

No classes

3/5: Residence halls close and
meal plan ends at dinner

3/14: Residence halls open
and meal plan begins

No classes

5/14: Meal plan ends

5/16: Residence halls close

**Note that dates are subject to change*



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

ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER



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

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OFFICE OF REGISTRAR



Alice Falcone
*Dean of Academic
Services and Registrar*

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GLOBAL EDUCATION



Kristin Whitfield '93
*Director of
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GORDON HONORS INSTITUTE

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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 spiritual engagement, involvement with student organizations, active wellness habits, or 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
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

Career and Connection Institute

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

**Monique Cooper, M.Ed., Ph.D.,
*Director***
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

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

Mail Services

Lane Student Center (lower level)
978.867.4296 | mailroom@gordon.edu
Monday-Friday, 8:30 p.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, Ed.D.
Associate Dean of Student Engagement
Scott.Hwang@gordon.edu

**Deana Trefry, M.S.W.,
*Dean of Student Care***
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Oversees:

- **Center for Counseling and Wellness**
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- **Health Center**
Lauren Becker, M.A., BSN, RN
Director of Student Health Services
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*Check out the
Student Life page!*



Residence Life & Housing

Residence Life Staff

Sarah Snodgrass, M.A. *Director of Residence and Community Life*

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Explore our **Residence Halls!**

Find room features, prices, and packing lists.

www.gordon.edu/residencehalls

Metz Dining Information

Explore and select a meal plan option, review daily menu offerings with listed allergen information, and submit a student's allergy information all at the Gordon Metz website.

www.gordonmetz.com

Physical Plant keeps our campus safe and clean!

Students are directed to share work order needs with their Residence Life staff.

Intercultural Engagement

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

www.gordon.edu/internationalstudents

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

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

LANDMARKS

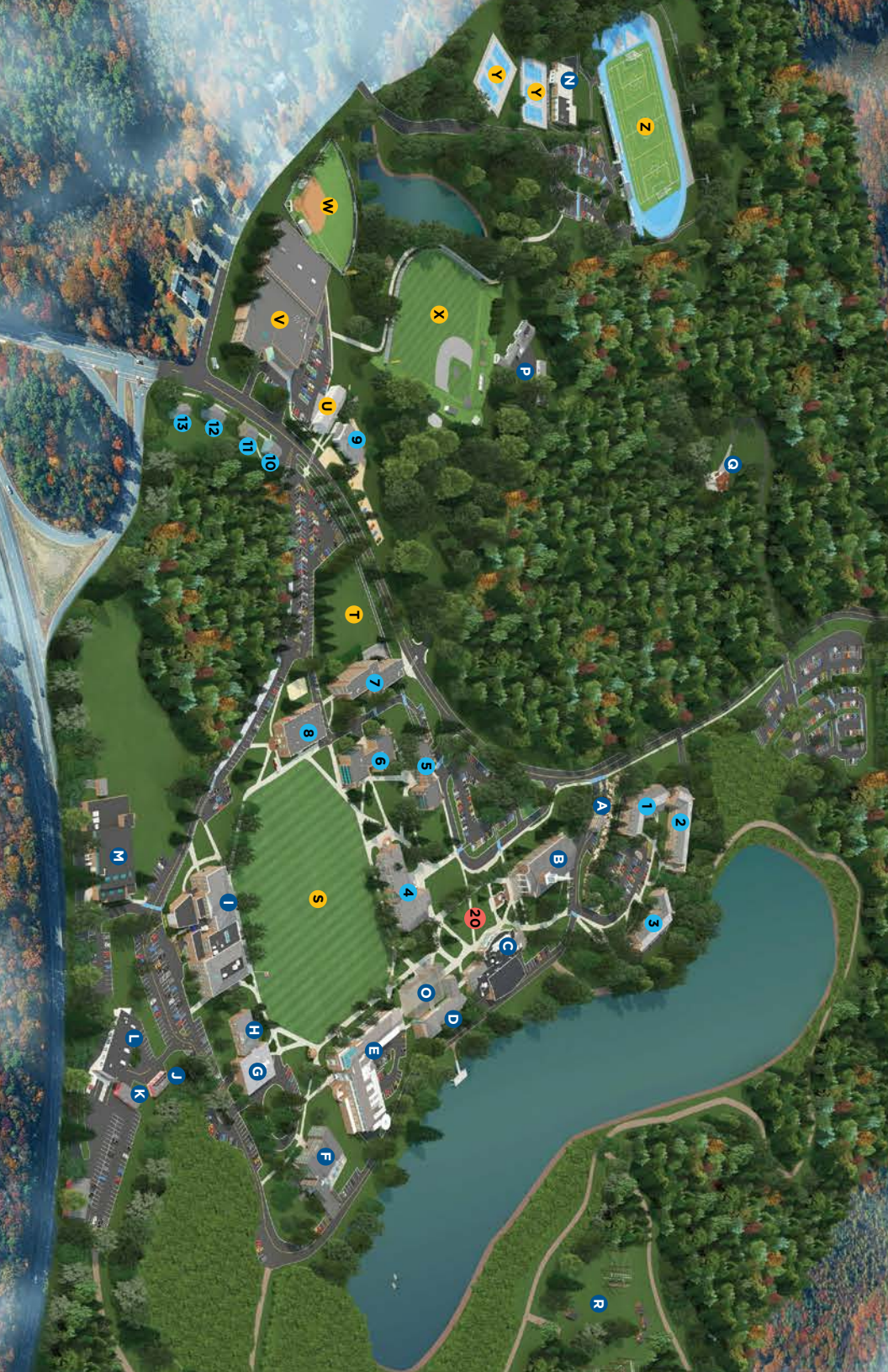
20. Clarendon Commons

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 Design Center
- M. Barrington Center for the Arts
- N. Center for Balance, Mobility, and Wellness
- O. Adams Center for Music - *Coming soon*
- 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 Fields



Links and Emails

Academic Life

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 Experiences Office: geo@gordon.edu

La Vida: lavida@gordon.edu

Student Life

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

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 threaten to divide us. But it doesn't mean we're all the same. In fact, we welcome students from 45 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

Shalom Statement: www.gordon.edu/shalom

Chapel Office: chapeloffice@gordon.edu

Family prayer resource: www.gordon.edu/praywithus





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