PREVIEW

Gannon University

Believe in the possibilities.

#previewGU
Preview GU is an opportunity to explore all of the wonderful things Gannon University has to offer you. You will have the opportunity to start building lasting relationships with your peers, as well as meet upperclassmen, faculty and staff members who can assist in shaping your college experience by introducing you to the many programs, clubs and organizations available to first-year students.

Be sure to check in at #previewGU throughout the events to see the latest updates and post your pictures of all the exciting things you are experiencing. Preview GU is all about opening doors for you, so remember to Believe in the Possibilities!
Saturday, August 23

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. | First-year Students Move In | Finegan, West, North, Wehrle Halls
First-year residential students will move into the halls. Welcome to your new home!

Noon - 2:30 p.m. | Welcome Cookout | AJ's Way, Friendship Green
Kick off the school year with a light lunch served by the Gannon community. 
Sponsored by the Division of Student Development & Engagement

3 - 4 p.m. | New Student Convocation | Hammermill Center
Please wear your new Gannon Possibilities t-shirt for the class photo immediately after the ceremony!
Faculty, staff and administrators will officially welcome you into the Gannon community during this opening academic ceremony. Students will meet in the Yehl Alumni Room and process in as a group.

4:15 - 4:45 p.m. | First-year Class Photo | Gannon Arch
Join in this special tradition of processing out of Convocation together through the Gannon Arch and participate in your 2014 first-year class photo!

5 - 7 p.m. | Dinner | Beyer Hall Cafeteria

7 - 8 p.m. | Residence Hall Floor Meetings
Required for all residential students
Meet your residence hall family including your Resident Assistant (RA), Resident Director (RD), and Resident Campus Minister (RCM). Start building community in your hall by getting to know your new neighbors and reviewing community standards. Look for signs in the residence halls or ask your RA for the location of your meeting.

8 - 9 p.m. | Residence Life Mixer | Lawn between Finegan and North Halls
Rain Location: Yehl Alumni Room (WCC)
Come join the Office of Residence Life for a relaxing hour of games, food, and prizes.

9 - 11 p.m. | Knight Time Festivities ~ go to one, two or hit all three activities!

- Movie “Divergent” | Friendship Green
  Rain Location: Zurn 104
  Find a spot on the grass on Friendship Green and enjoy a movie under the stars! Free popcorn will be provided.
  Sponsored by Activities Programming Board (APB)

- Coffee House | The Knight Club
  Head to the Knight Club to indulge yourself in some fair trade coffee and chill to cool music.
  Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services Ambassadors

- Carnival Knight | Recreation & Wellness Center
  It's a carnival in the Fitness and Activity Rooms. Funnel cakes and spinning rides are out, but healthy snacks and fitness are in... are you?

11:30 p.m. | First-year Hours Begin for Residential Students
9 - 10 a.m. | Sunrise Yoga Class | Recreation and Wellness Center
Participate in a mindful introduction to your new friends as well as your fitness journey. Yoga mats and blocks will be provided. Namaste!

11 - Noon | Common Ground | Waldron 219
Let’s come together and begin our year in prayer. This ecumenical worship service provides a comfortable atmosphere for the Gannon community to praise God and give thanks in our first week on campus.
Sponsored by Mission & Ministry

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Brunch | Beyer Hall Cafeteria

12:30 p.m. | First Year Experience Play | Schuster Theatre
Attendance at one of the showings is required for your first year seminar
Members of the Kappa Beta cast of the Alpha Psi Omega honorary theater fraternity will showcase how to positively solve problems, “as well as how to” avoid negative situations through improv comedy.
Additional times scheduled on Monday 3:30 p.m. or 6 p.m., Tuesday 9 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.!

1:30 - 4:30 p.m. | Fun in the Sun…Beach Trip | Presque Isle Water Works Area
Rain location: Recreation and Wellness Center
Meet under the Arch on 7th Street to hop aboard a school bus that will take you to and from Presque Isle, one of the area’s premier attractions. Come and experience the beach where you can play games and enjoy fun in the sun (and shade, too!) with fellow first-year students and meet with members of Gannon’s fraternities and sororities. You can also rent a bicycle, roller blades, paddle boats or a surrey. Sunscreen will be provided, but be sure to bring your water bottles!

4 - 6 p.m. | Dinner | Beyer Hall Cafeteria

6 - 7 p.m. | Welcome Mass | Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel
Experience vibrant worship by joining the students, faculty and staff in the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel for the first Mass of the academic year. Stick around after Mass to enjoy some wonderful treats and share fellowship with others.
Sponsored by Mission & Ministry

7 - 7:45 p.m. | Mission & Ministry Social | Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel
Stop by the Chapel for appetizers and desserts prepared by Gannon faculty and staff after Mass.

8 - 9:30 p.m. | Violence Prevention & Student Conduct | Yehl Alumni Room (WCC)
Required for all students
- **Violence Prevention:** Your college years, while a time to explore new environments and experience new things, are also a time in which you will be faced with new risks and potentially dangerous situations. Meet Gannon’s Violence Prevention Coordinator, Katie Allison, as you take the first steps toward keeping yourself and others safe by developing an awareness of potential risks and the need for personal responsibility.
- **Student Conduct: Is it worth the risk?** Learn how your current decisions will affect your future career path. Meet the Student Conduct Officer, Sue Majocka, and find out what you need to know about Gannon University’s community standards.

North & Wehrle Residents: Yehl Alumni Room (WCC)
Finegan, West Residents & Commuters: Zurn 104

9:30 - 11 p.m. | Knight Lights ~ go to one, two or hit all three activities!
- **Glow Party | Schuster Theatre**
Meet your fellow classmates at the Schuster Theatre for a graffiti and dance party under the black lights. This place about to glow!
Sponsored by the Division of Student Development and Engagement

- **Knight Tours of Campus | Meet in front of Schuster Theatre**
We want you to feel safe on campus day and night. Grab a glow stick and take a Knight Tour to learn about our G.U.E.S.T services, blue boxes and personal safety.
Sponsored by Students Against Violence Everywhere (S.A.V.E.)

- **Nash @ Knight | Nash Library**
Explore the library at night with free snacks, games, and activities. Discover all that Nash has to offer including single and group study/work areas, computer labs, academic resources, support services and the Student Technology Support Center.

11:30 p.m. | First-year Hours for Residential Students
8 - 10 a.m. | Breakfast | Beyer Hall Cafeteria

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | New Student Orientation Make Up | Waldron 219
Were you unable to attend a summer orientation session? Attend this make-up session to catch up on what you missed. As a new college student you will experience many changes in your life and this orientation will help answer your initial questions and concerns. We will share important information that will help make your transition to Gannon enjoyable and successful.
Sponsored by New Student Services

9:30 - 11 a.m. | Campus Conquer | Friendship Green
Come to Friendship Green where you will join a team and follow clues that will lead to different landmarks around campus. Some destinations will have surprises provided by APB. The final station will feature the Prize Cube, where you will be able to enter and win fun stuff. To enter the Prize Cube, you must have visited all ten landmarks and received all ten clues.
Sponsored by Activities Programming Board (APB)

11 a.m. - noon | Spark | Yehl Alumni Room (WCC)
Excited to get involved in college but not yet sure where you fit? Chat with upper class students who are involved in various groups and see what sparks your interest. From service, to leadership, to globalization, to wellness, to academic and professional opportunities, Spark is a chance to get a taste of all Gannon has to offer outside of the classroom and a preview of what you will experience this afternoon at IgKNIGHT!

Noon - 1:30 p.m. | Lunch | Beyer Hall Cafeteria

Noon - 12:30 p.m. | Commuter Pizza Lunch | AJ’s Way
Rain location: Lobby of Zurn
Calling all commuters! Come and enjoy free pizza before the commuter student meeting. This casual lunch will take place right outside Zurn in the grassy area – be sure to stop by & enjoy a slice (or two)!
Sponsored by Commuter Life and Metz Culinary Associates

12:30 - 2 p.m. | Commuter Meeting | Zurn 104
Required for all Commuter Students
This important meeting will show you what you can do to make the most out of your Gannon experience! Get helpful information while getting to know other commuter students. Head on over to IgKNIGHT! Immediately afterward to start exploring all the great organizations you can join.

1 - 2 p.m. | Find Your Classes | Zurn, Palumbo, Morosky and Beyer Hall
Meet with upperclassmen at the designated meeting spots of each academic building to find your classrooms for the fall semester. You can also use this time to visit the bookstore and buy your books. Make sure to bring your class schedule!
Zurn - Seventh Street Entrance
Palumbo - Meet in front of the Bookstore
Morosky - Ninth Street Entrance
Beyer Hall - Waldron 2nd Floor Game Room

2 - 4 p.m. | IgKNIGHT! Activities Fair | AJ’s Way and Friendship Green
Rain Location: Recreation and Wellness Center
Your college experience outside the classroom begins here! Ignite your inner leader as you enter into a network of 100+ possibilities for student engagement. Explore these opportunities and sign up for the ones that will help you explore your interests, challenge yourself and shape the college experience you want to create for yourself! Bring your ticket from your Preview GU brochure and enter to win prizes. Both new and returning Gannon Knights are welcome to join this festival, to connect with one another, and get fired up for the school year! Amazing activities include:

- **TRONSYSTEM** (noon - 4 p.m.) | Friendship Green
  Be prepared for an all-out futuristic war in the most sophisticated touring laser tag event in the country.
  Sponsored by Activities Programming Board (APB)

- **Tables and Booths** | AJ’s Way and Friendship Green
  Fuel your fire by engaging with many of the university clubs and organizations.

- **International Bazaar** | AJ’s Way
  Come celebrate our diversity by experiencing various aspects of the cultures represented at Gannon.
  Sponsored by the International Student Office (ISO)

- **Dunk Tank** | AJ’s Way
  Sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA)

- **WERG Live Broadcast**
  Stop by our table and meet the staff of America’s #1 college radio station! Find out how you can become part of our on-air team.
3:30 p.m. | First-year Experience Play | Schuster Theatre  
*Attendance at one of the showings is required for your first-year seminar.*  
Additional times scheduled on Monday at 6 p.m. and Tuesday at 9 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

4 - 5 p.m. | Professor Confessions | Zurn 101  
Everything you need to know about thriving in the classroom and building relationships with your professors. Faculty members will be on hand to explain the ins and outs of college academic life.

4:30 - 6 p.m. | Dinner | Beyer Hall Cafeteria

6 p.m. | First-year Experience Play | Schuster Theatre  
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Additional times scheduled on Tuesday at 9 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

7 - 9 p.m. | Recreation Block Party | Recreation and Wellness Center  
Get to know the many club and intramural sports available on Gannon’s campus as well as find out how you can become a fitness instructor! It’s a high energy introduction to recreation and wellness activities that can lead to fun, fitness and friendships!

9 - 11 p.m. | Knight Time Festivities – go to one, two or hit all three activities!  
- **Salsa Knight | The Knight Club**  
  Spice up your night as the Knight Club heats up with Latin dance!  
  *Sponsored by Latino Student Committee and GU2*

- **Dive-in Movie | Recreation and Wellness Center**  
  Grab your bathing suits/goggles and head over to the pool and get ready to dive in and watch a thrilling movie. Just beware of the sharks!  
  *You do not have to enter the pool to participate in the movie.*

- **Game Knight | Recreation and Wellness Center**  
  Monday night is Game Knight at the Recreation and Wellness Center. What kind of games? You’ll just have to be there to find out!

11:30 p.m. | First-year Hours for Residential Students

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**Tuesday, August 26**

8 - 10 a.m. | Breakfast | Beyer Hall Cafeteria

9 a.m. | First-year Experience Play | Schuster Theatre  
*Attendance at one of the showings is required for your first-year seminar.*  
One additional time remains at 1:30 p.m. today.

9 - 10 a.m. | But First…Let Me Take A Selfie | Yehl Alumni Room (WCC)  
Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat...we live in a digital world and your selfie can last a lot longer than just a few seconds. Explore what really happens when you post your favorite selfie and where it can lead.

9 - 10 a.m. | Reality Check | Waldron 219  
New TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) students are required to attend this event but it is open to all students. Ask upperclassmen what it takes to be successful at Gannon in academic and campus life. Peer mentors and tutors will represent various majors.

10:15 - 11 a.m. | Mission & Ministry/Student Success Center Presentations  
*Required for All Students*  
Find out everything you need to know about these two vital offices that will support and help you throughout your time at Gannon.

  - **North & Wehrle Residents:** Yehl Alumni Room (WCC)
  - **Finegan, West Residents & Commuters:** Zurn 104

11 - 11:45 a.m. | Choose from these Mission & Ministry experiences  
- **Praise & Worship | Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel**  
  Join us for a time of contemporary, Christian praise and worship.

- **Notes for Neighbors | Waldron 2nd Floor Game Room**  
  Reach out to our neighbors in this mini service project. Join staff and students from the Center for Social Concerns to make greeting cards for veterans, senior citizens and local youth.

- **Meditation | Friendship Green**  
  Keep calm and meditate! Experience the calming effects of meditation that people around the world use as a means to relieve stress or encounter God.
Noon - 1 p.m. | Adviser Lunch | Zurn, Palumbo, and Morosky
Come have lunch with your academic adviser and department faculty while getting to meet other students in your major. Please see signs throughout the residence halls, Waldron Campus Center, Commuter Corner and academic buildings to find your meeting location.

1 - 2 p.m. | Find Your Classes | Zurn, Palumbo, Morosky and Beyer Hall
Meet with upperclassmen at the designated meeting spots of each academic building to find your classrooms for the fall semester. You can also use this time to visit the bookstore and buy your books. Make sure to bring your class schedule!

- Zurn - Seventh Street Entrance
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- Morosky - Ninth Street Entrance
- Beyer Hall - Waldron 2nd Floor Game Room

1:30 p.m. | First-year Experience Play | Schuster Theatre
Attendance at one of the showings is required for your first-year seminar. This is your last opportunity to attend the play!

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. | Knight Tours - go to one, two or hit all three activities!
- Forensic Investigation Center (FIC) | 246 West Sixth Street
  Come and explore one of the newest buildings on Gannon’s campus. The FIC provides comprehensive training in all aspects of a forensic investigation with a functioning forensic lab, multipurpose classroom, interview/interrogation room, Firearms Training Simulator and crime scene re-enactment.
- Trolley Tour of Erie | Pick-up at FIC, Drop-off at Old Main
  Start making your Erie bucket list during a trolley tour where you will get a front row seat to learn about all of the activities that the Snowiest City in the Country (2013) has to offer!
- Meet the President of the University | Old Main
  Get up close and personal with Dr. Taylor at an informal meet-and-greet session in the University’s historic Old Main building.

4:30 - 6 p.m. | Dinner | Beyer Hall Cafeteria

6 p.m. | Playfair | Friendship Green
Rain Location: Yehl Alumni Room (WCC)
A Preview GU favorite, Playfair is totally unlike anything else you have ever experienced. It’s entertainment. It’s fun. It’s the perfect way to make new campus friendships!
Sponsored by the Student Government Association

7:30 p.m. | Ice Cream Social and Gannon’s Got Talent | Friendship Green
Rain Location: First Floor Waldron Campus Center
Enjoy ice cream floats, live music, and the company of hundreds of Gannon students. This well-loved Gannon tradition is a great opportunity to meet your upperclassman peers. This year, the Ice Cream Social will play host to Gannon’s Got Talent. Come and see some of your soon-to-be favorite staff and faculty display some of their many talents!
Sponsored by Mission and Ministry

11:30 p.m. | First-year Hours for Residential Student
ITS technicians will be available in the Nash Library in the Student Technology Support Office for students needing assistance connecting to the Gannon wireless network. Don’t forget to bring your laptop and your power cord.

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Residence Life — The Office of Residence Life, located in the Student Service Building, will be open:

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Bookstore — The Gannon University Bookstore, located in the Palumbo Academic Center, will be open:

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Doc’s Landing — Located in the Waldron Campus Center, will be open:

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GANNON UNIVERSITY MISSION

Gannon is a Catholic, Diocesan university dedicated to excellence in teaching, scholarship and service. Our faculty and staff prepare students to be global citizens through programs grounded in the liberal arts and sciences and professional specializations. Inspired by the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, we offer a comprehensive, values-centered learning experience that emphasizes faith, leadership, inclusiveness and social responsibility.