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**Can't wait for college?
Get a head start at Goucher's
Early-Immersion Programs.
August 24-26, 2008**

At Goucher, we understand that college-bound students are anxious and excited and that the transition from high school to college can seem overwhelming. With that in mind, we've implemented several early-immersion programs. These optional experiences, which take place just prior to Fall Orientation, help students find the niche that will make them happy, comfortable, and, in turn, successful.

While all of the programs will introduce students to other members of the first-year class, each has its own unique focus.



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To apply for an early-immersion program, please complete the form below, answer the questions about the program of your choice, and mail with your check (payable to Goucher College) to:

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Application deadline is July 24, 2009. Programs will take place August 24-26, 2009. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please check the program that interests you and answer the questions in two pages or fewer.

- LEAP** \$125 per student
 1. How do you define leadership?
 2. What do you hope to gain from participating in LEAP?

- SERVE** \$75 per student
 1. Why would you like to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity?
 2. What do you hope to gain from this early-immersion program?

- FOSTER** \$75 per student
 1. Please discuss the importance of diversity in leadership roles you have held.
 2. What diversity issues interest you most?
 3. What most attracts you to participating in the FOSTER early-immersion program?

LEAP (Leadership Experience Adventure Program) Students participate in a fun and challenging two- and a half-day experience to build relationships and a foundation for academic and leadership success. Based on the belief that effective teams are built on a strong foundation of trust, a passion for the possible, and an unswerving compassion for others, LEAP will begin to explore each student's potential as a Goucher leader. Students will spend one day in a retreat and the other at a high-ropes course, returning to campus in the evenings for dinner and follow-up activities. All students will be assigned to a common section of Connections (the required first-year course), enabling the group to ease into college together. Participants in LEAP will be encouraged to continue their learning through other Goucher leadership programs spanning their four-year experience. Cost of the program is \$125 per student, with openings for 20 students.

SERVE (Students Engaged in Responsible Volunteer Experiences) Students work with Sandtown Habitat for Humanity in west Baltimore City. They become acquainted with the organization and the city and will enjoy the opportunity to work alongside faculty, staff, and fellow first-year students. Habitat volunteers participate in clearing out abandoned homes and yards, demolition, masonry, drywall, painting, landscaping, and in foundational work such as loading, unloading, and organizing materials. Participants will spend two days in Sandtown, returning to campus in the evenings for dinner and follow-up activities. All students will be assigned to a common section of Connections (the required first-year course), and they will set personal goals for continued service to the community, exploring the place of service learning in a liberal-arts education. Students will also have the opportunity to continue working with the service-learning project. Cost of the program is \$75 per student, with openings for 20 students.

FOSTER (Fostering Opportunities for Shared Togetherness, Engagement, and Reflection) The goal of FOSTER is to develop community-based open dialogue encompassing issues of diversity, power, oppression, and privilege among new students. Students will participate in a retreat the first day and then venture into Baltimore for practical application of the knowledge and experience shared. Students will have the opportunity to continue their FOSTER experience as campus diversity peer leaders, organizing diversity-related programs and assisting with FOSTER planning for the following year. Cost of the program is \$75 per student, with openings for 20 students.

Name

Permanent Address

Phone Number

E-mail Address

Dietary Concerns (vegetarian, kosher, etc.)

Physical Limitations

EARLY-IMMERSION APPLICATIONS ARE DUE **JULY 24, 2009.**