FAMILY & FRIENDS WEEKEND
October 6-8, 2023
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

1 – 4 p.m.
Family & Friends Weekend Check-in
Dorsey Courtyard

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Mock Classes
Experience one of three classes that are critical to the Goucher Commons Curriculum, including Complex Problem Exploration and First-Year Seminar courses.

• Market Madness, with Dr. Gina Shamshak, professor of economics
  Location: Julia Rogers G50
  We will learn about key economic concepts while taking part in an in-class market activity. Will individuals pursuing their own self-interests lead to market madness or market maximization? Will we see the invisible hand in action? Join us to find out!

• How Do Machines Make Predictions? with Dr. Tom Kelliher, associate professor of data science
  Location: Julia Rogers G52
  Amazon, Netflix, and Spotify, among many other companies, use machine learning to make predictions. To introduce you to computational thinking and “Big Data,” we’ll explore one of the techniques used for making predictions in machine learning.

• How Algorithms Affect Society, with Daniel Swann, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology
  Location: Van Meter G11
  In this class we will explore the ways in which algorithms affect society. Using social media as a frame, we explore some of the large-scale effects that algorithms can have on social institutions and politics. We will also explore intersections with aspects of society like race, class, gender, and sexuality.

1:30 and 3 p.m.
Tour the Library & Special Collections (two tours will take place)
Ungar Athenaeum, Library Service Desk, third floor
Meet with a staff member to take a closer look at the building and resources of Goucher College Library. The tour includes an up-close look at the Special Collections and a new exhibit highlighting the process of writing a land acknowledgment statement. The land acknowledgement statement was composed in dialogue with and in response to the words and perspectives of the tribal members who have a kinship with this land.

2 p.m.
Men’s Cross Country 8K and Coach Caslin Classic
Goucher College’s Campus
The Coach Caslin Classic is held in honor of longtime Goucher track and field and cross country coach John Caslin, who retired following the 2019 season. Caslin came to Goucher as the head cross country coach in 1994 (the fourth season of the program), and later started the track and field program that began competition in 2000-01. He was a three-time conference Coach of the Year and coached over 100 All-Conference selections. John R. Caslin Course is a 2K loop. The meet will have 8-10 teams, from community college to DI and DIII. Alumni are invited to compete but must register by emailing erick.camodeca@goucher.edu.

2 – 3 p.m.
Academic Center for Excellence Open House
Julia Rogers, Academic Center for Excellence, second floor
Please stop by the ACE open house to learn about the academic and advising support provided at Goucher for all undergraduate students through the Academic Center for Excellence, or ACE. Programs in ACE include success advisors, academic coaching, and the Office of Accessibility Services. OAS works with faculty, staff, and students to provide appropriate accommodations so that students have an equal opportunity to participate inside the classroom and in college programs and activities.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
First-Year Reading Book Discussion: My Time Among the Whites, by Jennine Capó Crucet
Ungar Athenaeum, Reader’s Lounge 441
This year our incoming first-year students read the book My Time Among the Whites: Notes from an Unfinished Education, by Jennine Capó Crucet. The book is available as an e-book through the Goucher Library. This collection of personal essays examines the “theoretical American Dream” from the author’s perspective as a daughter of Cuban refugees and a first-generation college student. Every year, the summer read is the first step in new students’ exploration of Race, Power, and Perspective—a central component of the Goucher Commons curriculum, and an expression of Goucher’s social justice commitments. You are invited to read the book and participate in a discussion facilitated by Juliette Wells, professor of literary studies.
2:45 p.m.  
**Women’s Cross Country 6K**  
Goucher College’s Campus

3 – 4 p.m.  
**Meet and Greet at the Center for Race, Equity, and Identity**  
Ungar Athenaeum 125  
Come meet the center staff, interns, and students to learn about the support and affirmation we provide for all members of the Goucher community.

4 – 7 p.m.  
**Hispanic Heritage Month Marketplace**  
Van Meter Highway  
There will be artisanal vendors, food, and live folk-dance performances.

5 – 5:45 p.m.  
**Shabbat Welcome and Services**  
Heubeck Hall, Esther Ann Brown Adler Hillel Lounge  
Welcome Shabbat together with a songful service led by Hillel students and Rabbi Josh Snyder.

6 – 7:30 p.m.  
**Shabbat & Sukkot Family Dinner**  
Heubeck Multipurpose Room & Hillel Sukkah on the Lenrow Patio  
Join us for a communal dinner to celebrate Shabbat and Sukkot. We will gather for opening blessings in the Hillel Sukkah on the Lenrow Patio (weather permitting), followed by Shabbat dinner in the Heubeck Multipurpose Room. The cost is $23; tickets must be purchased in advance. Students may use their meal plan for themselves but not for guests. Capacity is limited to 80 guests.

8 p.m.  
**An Evening With Paula Poundstone (not an FFW event)**  
Dorsey Center, Kraushaar Auditorium  
This event is not part of Family & Friends Weekend; a separate ticket is required. For more information, please visit Ticketmaster.

9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
**Family & Friends Weekend Check-in**  
Dorsey Courtyard

10 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Community Update With Dr. Aarika Camp, Vice President for Student Affairs**  
Dorsey Center, Merrick Lecture Hall  
Learn about all the innovative things happening on campus.

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
**Academic Curriculum and Support Panel**  
Dorsey Center, Merrick Lecture Hall  
Provost Elaine Meyer-Lee and various leaders within Academic Affairs will highlight what makes the Goucher Curriculum unique and the resources that support academic success. During the last half hour, there will be a Q&A session, so please hold all questions until then.

12 – 12:30 p.m.  
**What’s Up With the FAFSA?**  
Dorsey Center, Merrick Lecture Hall  
For the first time in decades, the Department of Education’s Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is getting an overhaul. The goal is to “simplify” the application process, but there are a number of changes that will impact a student’s eligibility for federal student aid. This presentation will provide an overview of what to expect for the 2024-25 academic year and beyond.
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
**Sunday Brunch at Mary Fisher**  
Mary Fisher Dining Center  
The cost is $16 plus tax (cash/card only) per person. Current students can use their meal plan for themselves but not guests.

1 – 5 p.m.  
**Opportunity to Work Out at Decker Sports and Recreation Center**
EXHIBITION
ROSENBERG GALLERY
IN THE DARK: AN EXPLORATION OF CHRONIC ILLNESS
Dorsey College Center  •  Friday, Saturday & Sunday  •  9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Goucher is pleased to present In the Dark: An Exploration of Chronic Illness, an exhibition of new handmade cyanotype photographs by Baltimore-based artist duo DanaidX.

DanaidX, whose name culls from a Greek myth about women cursed by the gods to endlessly fill a cistern riddled with holes, is the collaborative formed by writer/data engineer-cum photographer Hope Brooks and artist Angela Yarian.

With a wide range of archetypal visual references from art history to punk-rock to science-fiction, Brooks and Yarian’s images of the female body in everyday domestic life explore the space between creativity and pain in quotidian experience. In so doing, the works invite viewers to question their own understanding of such concepts as rest, wellness, work/life balance, vulnerability, and the passage of time.
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