Policy on underage in the presence of active alcohol consumption

Students under the age of 21 are not permitted in Goucher residences where alcohol is being consumed. If Goucher staff members have no reason to believe that a student was drinking alcohol while underage, but the student was found in the presence of alcohol consumption, the student will receive a Party Letter – a written message documenting the student’s involvement in the incident.

Party Letters are included in students’ disciplinary files, but are rarely required to be included as a disclosure for disciplinary record checks.

If a student receives multiple Party Letters in the same semester, or in consecutive semesters, the Office of the Vice President and Dean of Students may take additional action – including (but not limited to) an alcohol violation charge and/or educational requirements.

For questions on this policy, please contact the Office of the Vice President and Dean of Students at 410-337-6150 or deanofstudents@goucher.edu.