



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, March 1: Accelerated Session IV Classes Begin

Monday-Friday, March 1-5: Spring Break-No Regular Classes

Wednesday, March 3: End of Drop/Add Accelerated IV

Sunday, March 7~ 12 noon: Residence Halls Re-open

Wednesday, March 10 ~ 4 pm
Room Selection Applications
Due-130 Loyola Hall

Wednesday, March 10 ~ 4 pm
Room Selection Deposits
Due- Campbell Solution Center

Sunday, March 14: Daylight Savings Time Begins

Friday, March 19
Room Selection Lottery
Numbers Distributed to resident mailboxes

Thursday, March 25 ~ 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm
Room Selection Information Sessions in St. Brigid Hall Glass Lounge

Thursday, March 25 ~ 4 pm
Request for Easter Break
Housing Due – 130 Loyola Hall

Monday & Tuesday, March 29 & 30 ~ 8 pm
Room Selection in Waldron Board Room

Thursday, April 1 ~10 am
Residence Halls Close for Easter Break

Thursday-Monday, April 1-5
Easter Holiday-College Closed

Monday, April 5 ~12 noon
Residence Halls Re-open

Did You Know?

In the most recent and nationally recognized resident study (ACUHO-I) Gwynedd-Mercy College students ranked GMC Resident Assistants "**9th**" out of the 269 participating colleges and universities across the nation to the question for Learning Outcomes – "To what extent has living in on-campus housing enhanced your ability to: Study more effectively."

Items for Pick Up

Anyone who had candles, halogen desk lamps, coffee pots or other items removed from their rooms during health and safety inspections may pick them up in Loyola 132 or Alexandria 130 to take home over Easter Break. Items not claimed will be discarded.

Students on Disciplinary Probation Reminder

Consequences for students on disciplinary probation include loss of the privilege to reside in the residence halls during any college break period. In addition, students on disciplinary probation who choose to participate in the next year's room selection process this Spring semester will receive their lottery numbers at the end of their rising class; these students are allowed to be "pulled into" a room by another student during the room selection process.

Looking for a Roommate?

If you are looking for someone to live with either on campus or off-campus check out the room selection area outside of the Office of Resident Life (Loyola 132). You can post your name and information for others to contact you OR you can check the posted information to see if there is someone that you would like to live with and contact them.

Thinking of Living Off-Campus Next Year?

If you are planning to move off campus next year and need additional resources to help your search process, **please visit the Off-Campus Housing link on the Resident Life website.**

Spring Cleaning!

Easter Break is an excellent opportunity to begin taking home some of your winter clothing. Help make your May move-out easier.



Campus Health Center

As you start going to your doctor appointments to have physicals completed, please make sure you make a copy for yourself and for the department requesting it. You should have at least three (3) copies on hand. Copies need to be made **before** handing in the physical form to Campus Health. Copy machines are available in the Lourdes Library and in the lounge area outside of the Resident Life Offices for your convenience.

Anonymous Tip Line

See Vandalism, Report Vandalism

Contact this anonymous College Tip line if you would like to provide information on vandalism.



Gwynedd-Mercy College Tip Line: X785

Sigma Phi Sigma Applications Now Available!

Do you have a heart for Mercy? Sigma Phi Sigma ($\Sigma\Phi\Sigma$), GMC's chapter of the National Mercy Honor Society, is dedicated to the ideals of fidelity, scholarship and service. This is a working honor society; members meet two or three times a semester, participate in one service and one academic event each semester, plan one Sigma Phi Sigma event per year, and serve as ushers at various College events. Students must have a 3.2 GPA, demonstrate evidence of upholding the mission and values of the College, and have a demonstrated commitment to service to the College and surrounding community. Applications for the 2010-2011 academic years are available now and are **due by March 12, 2010**. To download the application packet, visit

<http://www.gmc.edu/students/honorsocieties/sigmaphisigma/>. For more information contact Advisors Mary Reilly at 215-646-7300 x147 or Christine Eberle at 215-641-5590.

Alternative Break BINGO: Friday, March 12!

Come out for a great night of BINGO and support 50 GMC students traveling on Alternative Winter and Spring Break service experiences in Philadelphia, New York, New Orleans, Baltimore, Laredo, TX and the Dominican Republic. Thousands of Dollars in gift cards and prizes from local restaurants and businesses will be given away! BINGO will take place in the Gym of the Griffin Complex 6:30-9:00 pm, and will cost \$5.00 per person. The Student Rate is 2 for \$5.00! BINGO is sponsored by Mercy Works and the School of Nursing.

Career Services

There will be a Teaching Job Fair – Wednesday, **March 10th** at West Chester University. For more info, check out: www.dvec.net

IT Spotlight

Speed up your Gwynedd-Mercy internet connection.

There are 3 things you can do to improve internet performance at the Residence Halls. Just follow these steps to a better internet experience.

1. Make sure that you have installed an up-to-date anti-virus and anti-spyware software on your computer. Viruses and spyware may generate a LARGE amount of unwanted network traffic clogging the connection for you and others.

2. Avoid downloading large files from any source, especially peer-to-peer networks. This would include .avi or .mp4 full length movies and your favorite T.V. shows. Try to stick to watching them in streaming format on-line.
3. Finally, do not share files from your computer with peer-to-peer networks. This is very risky. It may compromise the security of other files on your computer and the school network.

Remember that you are sharing the Residence Hall internet connection with about 600 other residents. Applying the above rules will make your internet experience and that of others much more enjoyable.

Public Safety

Protecting Yourself & Your Property

You are the first line of defense when protecting yourself and your property. Below are some tips to remember while spending time on campus.

The Do's and Don'ts of Being Safe on & around Campus

- DO NOT let anyone "piggy-back" (follow you) into a building.
- DO NOT prop doors, this is how people who don't belong in buildings gain access.
- DO NOT "walk and talk." Talking on the cell phone distracts you from being aware of your surroundings.
- DO NOT flash large amounts of money when making purchases in public.
- DO NOT leave doors and windows to your room or home unlocked.
- If you feel unsafe at anytime, immediately go to a blue-light phone, or call 215-641-5522.
- DO travel with a group, especially at night. Don't hesitate to call for a walking escort. This goes for the men too!
- DO call the Police or Public Safety if you notice anything suspicious. Many crimes are prevented by phone calls about suspicious activity.
- DO report a crime if you are a victim. Sensitive crimes can be reported confidentially through our Public Safety anonymous tip line 215-542-5785.

[Did we mention to call us if you notice suspicious activity or feel unsafe? Call Public Safety at 215-641-5522.](#)

Theft Awareness @ Gwynedd-Mercy College

Theft comprises the majority of total crime reported on campus and in resident halls. A predominant number of these reported thefts are due to unattended or improperly secured items. Remember, serious consequences are associated with theft of personal items. Most theft occurs because an item is left unattended or is

improperly secured. At Public Safety we continue to say "Safety & Security is a Shared Responsibility."

Following the below tips can help protect your property and reduce overall crime on campus.

- Never leave your items unattended. Even for a few minutes. A theft can occur in as little as 30 seconds.
- Do not ask strangers to watch your items.
- NEVER use cable locks. They are easily defeated. Purchase a high grade U-Lock.
- DO NOT leave any items in your vehicle that are in plain view. This includes accessories to hold items like GPS devices on your windshield.
- Lock your doors and make sure your windows are secure when you leave your residence.
- Lock your resident hall room door when you leave even if walking down the hall to visit someone.
- Do not leave valuables and personal items in plain view when you or your roommate is hosting visitors.
- Do not place your bag, pocket book or other items on the back of your chair, under a table or anywhere out of your sight.

If you do not think someone belongs in your building call us by dialing 215-641-5522 or 111 and 522 from a campus phone.

Remember to keep your door locked and always carry your ID and room keys with you...even if you are just going down the hall to visit friends.

Also,

Please help keep our community safe!
NEVER prop open an exit door!!!

DON'T FORGET.....



**TURN YOUR CLOCKS
"AHEAD" 1 HOUR
BEFORE GOING TO BED
ON SAT. 03/13/10.**

REMEMBER...

