



The Buzz

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Important Reminder about Alcohol and Other Drug and Illegal Substances Policies

Alcohol

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus is forbidden. (Refer to Gwynedd-Mercy College 2010-11 Student Handbook on-line). Therefore the following are prohibited in the residence hall community:

- **being present** in a room and/or being the resident of a residence hall room in which alcohol is found
- possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in a residence hall
- presence of empty alcohol containers and/or cartons in a residence hall room (this includes any “decorative” alcohol containers and/or cartons used as a decoration in a student’s room)
- * intoxication and/or drunk and disorderly conduct

****Definition: a person who, having consumed alcoholic beverages regardless of age, experiences a loss of the normal use of his/her mental and/or physical faculties. This includes (but is not limited to) incomprehensible speech, loss of motor coordination, aggression, abusive behavior, or loss of consciousness.***

Repeated violations of the alcohol policy will result in removal from the residence halls, suspension or dismissal from the College (please review and note the Mandatory Minimum Judicial Sanctions for Alcohol/Other Drug Violations in the Range of Sanctions Section of the on-line handbook.)

Drug and Other Illegal Substances

Possession and/or use of illegal substances is against College policy as stated in the Gwynedd-Mercy College Handbook. Violations may result in immediate removal from the residence halls.

Mid-Semester (Fall) Break

The college’s mid-semester break is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, October 11-12. Regular classes will not be held. Accelerated classes **are** in session. The residence halls **will not be closed** for mid-semester break. Dining hours will operate on a weekend hour schedule Saturday through Tuesday. During this time, students should anticipate limited access to entry doors and use the St. Brigit front entrance.

Health and Safety Inspections

Health and Safety Inspections will be occurring on Friday, September 17th. The Resident Life Staff will be entering all student rooms between the hours of 2:30 – 5:30 pm to conduct health and safety inspections. Staff will be checking for fire safety, sanitation, and other safety conditions. Resident Life staff can and will confiscate items not allowed in the Residence Halls. They will also document any discovered policy violations. See the "Room Condition" section in the Resident Life Handbook (on-line) for additional information or contact any member of the Resident Life Staff. Please note that the Office of Resident Life is not responsible for any confiscated items that are lost, broken or damaged in any way.

Room and Board Refund Policy Per Semester

Withdrawal date from the residence halls is based upon official notification by the student to the Office of Resident Life and official check-out of the residence halls.

- 100% refund prior to the first day of the semester
- 75% refund through end of the drop/add period
- 50% refund through first week after drop/add period
- 25% refund through second week after drop/add period
- 0% refund after end of the second week after drop/add period

The residence facilities are designed to accommodate individual students and not a student’s family members. Students with special family needs are welcome to review the off-campus housing listing available through the Office of Resident Life.

Maintenance Requests

Maintenance requests can now be submitted online! If you have a maintenance request that you would like to submit, please go to the college’s web site:

www.gmc.edu/students/housing

Select “Maintenance Requests” and complete the request form. Click the submit button at the bottom of the page. If your request has not been addressed in 3 business days, notify a member of the Resident Life staff or resubmit your request. If you have an emergency request, please contact Public Safety and Security at x522.

Door Reminder

Please help us keep the Residence Halls safe by remembering not to prop open exterior entranceway doors. In addition, you should always keep your residence hall room door locked even when you are just going down the hall to visit friends.

Resident Life Appeal Board

The Resident Life Appeal Board is composed of a panel of residence hall students whose primary responsibility is to review cases that have been appealed as a part of the disciplinary process for residence hall students. When a formal appeal is submitted, the board is then charged with the responsibility of convening to review the disciplinary decision in question. The board consists of students who have demonstrated a commitment to the mission and values of the College. These residence hall students are appointed for their ability to be consistent and impartial. Students interested in serving on the Resident Life Appeal Board should contact the Associate Director for Training and Judicial Affairs who is located in Loyola Hall 140 or at johnson.keisha@gmc.edu.

Residence Hall Association (RHA)

RHA is the representative body for students living in the residence halls. The purpose of the RHA is to provide feedback regarding residence life to the resident life staff and to organize social events for the residential community.

RHA is looking for new members who are interested in planning activities, addressing campus issues, developing leadership skills, networking with students at colleges across the nation and other new experiences. The first meeting is on Monday, September 13th at 8:30 pm in the Glass Lounge.

From the GMC Wellness Committee

Welcome to a new academic year at Gwynedd-Mercy College! As you walk around campus, please remember to observe the areas where smoking is permitted. Smoking is ONLY permitted at the picnic tables outside of St. Brigid Hall and at the tables outside of Alexandria Hall. The receptacles at these locations are for cigarette waste. Thank you for helping us to create a clean and healthy campus community for all to enjoy.

Campbell Solution Center

The Campbell Solution Center (CSC) located in Campbell Hall. It was created exclusively to get your questions answered and provide "One Stop Shopping". If you have needs regarding **billing, financial aid, registration, IDs, parking/auto registration** there is staff on hand to assist you. No appointment necessary.

Hours: Monday & Thursday: 8 am – 5 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday: 8 am – 6:30 pm

Friday: 8 am – 3:30 pm

Contact information:

#215-641-5595

campbellsolutioncenter@gmc.edu

Phone & Internet Assistance

Is your telephone not working? Are you having problems with your computer or connecting to the internet? Is your internet or phone outlet not working? The IT Service Desk (formerly known as the Help Desk) can assist you with these problems. Please contact them by phone at x444 or via e-mail at IT@gmc.edu for assistance. The IT Service Desk hours are:

Monday – Thursday: 8 am – 5 pm

Friday: 8 am – 4 pm

Upcoming Special Events

Constitution Day Program

"Maintaining Civility in the Political Process,"

September 16 at 7 pm

Julia Ball Auditorium

Mr. Dick Polman is a national political columnist at the Philadelphia Inquirer and a full-time faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania. He will share his insights about our current political contests, and the need for civility in this process.

Maranatha Band

September 20 at 7 pm

Julia Ball Auditorium

A unique group of talented musicians from the Dominican Republic that uses its meringue beat to raise awareness and funds for medical clinics and education.

Common Hour Programs

Academic Convocation

September 22, 1:30 pm

Julia Ball Auditorium

Sr. Mary Scullion, RSM from Project H.O.M.E.

"Enriching Intellectual, Moral, & Spiritual Lives"

GMC Study Abroad

September 29, 1:30 pm, Location TBD

Learn about the opportunity to reside in northern Italy next summer and earn credits.

Career Services

The mission of Career Services is to empower, support, nurture GMC students in their exploration and pursuit of lifelong career success. Our office, located in Campbell Hall, provides the following services to students:

- Choosing a major/career
- Career Exploration
- Resume Writing
- Job Search
- Interviewing Techniques/Mock Interviews

Contact us by phone at ext. 230, or e-mail us at careerservices@gmc.edu

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