



GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE  
**BRAND GUIDE**

USING THE BRAND

## WHY IS A GRAPHIC STANDARDS GUIDE NECESSARY?

The Office of Marketing and Communication at Gustavus Adolphus College has developed a brand identity—a “look” to be associated with the College—and in order for the identity to convey who we are, it must be used consistently in every facet of communication. This guide is designed to support and strengthen Gustavus’s graphic presence, which is imperative to the College’s success.

## IMPLEMENTATION

This graphic standards guide must be used by everyone who produces materials for Gustavus. While implementing the identity standards doesn’t mean that all materials must look exactly alike, it does mean they must look professional and look like they belong to the same family, with identifiers, fonts, and colors used consistently. All materials must adhere to the standards contained in this guide in order to maintain a high-quality look and feel, and be unique to Gustavus Adolphus College.

Materials governed by this guide include, but are not limited to, the following: letters, e-mails, product and service information, brochures, flyers, annual reports, publications, official websites, newsletters, print and broadcast advertising, promotional videos and social media sites, stationery and business cards, banners and posters, indoor and outdoor signage, promotional items, and merchandise.

## Contact Information

The information described in this guide is provided to help facilitate appropriate and effective use of the Gustavus identity. Identifiers—wordmark, icon, brand line, or signature—photography, and fonts can be obtained by contacting the Office of Marketing and Communication at 507-933-7520 or e-mailing [marketing@gustavus.edu](mailto:marketing@gustavus.edu).

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**Project Request Form**

[gustavus.edu/marketing/projectrequest](https://gustavus.edu/marketing/projectrequest)

**Graphic Standards/Brand Guide**

[gustavus.edu/marketing/files/graphicstandards.pdf](https://gustavus.edu/marketing/files/graphicstandards.pdf)

**Branding Resources**

[gustavus.edu/marketing](https://gustavus.edu/marketing)

Go to the drop down menu and locate Brand Resources

You will need your Gustavus log-in credentials

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## OFFICIAL COLLEGE IDENTIFIERS

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### THE WORDMARK

Subtle changes have been made from the original Gustavus wordmark, including larger crowns which align with the top and bottom of the “G” in Gustavus, and the College name is slightly smaller with more open letterspacing.



### THE G-ICON

Commonly referred to as the “thumbprint.” It can be used when the wordmark is not needed, but a strong identity of Gustavus still is desired. The G-icon should be used wherever the Three Crowns alone are currently used. The Three Crowns graphic is no longer in use and is retired.

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### THE BRAND LINE

Traditional and Decorative

The brand line is designed to stand alone as a statement, or be part of the full signature but not as the main College identifier.



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### THE SIGNATURE

The signature—the wordmark and the brand line combined—**must** be used in external publications, advertising, or anywhere “Make Your Life Count” is **not** part of the headline, or **not** a major part of the message of the creation.

**USE OF THE REGISTRATION TRADEMARK SYMBOL ®** The Wordmark, G-Icon, Brand Line, and Signature are registered trademarks of Gustavus Adolphus College. Therefore, as new pieces are created, use of the ® will be critical—especially on collateral and any external communication effort. The general guideline for usage is that it should be applied to the first, or most dominant, occurrence in any publication or other media..

**ELECTRONIC ARTWORK** Always use approved artwork when reproducing any of the Gustavus identifiers—wordmark, icon, brand line, or signature. Electronic artwork is available for download at [gustavus.edu/marketing](http://gustavus.edu/marketing) under brand resources or from the Office of Marketing and Communication by phone (507-933-7520) or e-mail ([marketing@gustavus.edu](mailto:marketing@gustavus.edu)).

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## THE OFFICIAL GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE SEAL

*The College Seal should only be used for official College business.*

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The college seal should only be used for official college business such as transcripts, commencement materials, etc. Whenever it is used, it should be used in its entirety. Under no circumstances should the seal be altered.

The preferred color for the college seal is black or gold (Pantone 7406, Pantone 872 Metallic) or gold foil. The college seal also may be reversed out to white.

*If you feel your reason for using the College Seal falls outside of official college business, contact the Office of Marketing and Communication for permission.*

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### **FOR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, OR DIGITAL FILES**

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## SUB-IDENTITY OPTIONS

*Always use approved digital artwork; do not attempt to recreate a Gustavus identifier.*

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Sub-identities may be used to identify organizations or programs related to the College (e.g., music ensembles, academic departments and programs, campaigns, etc.).

Any one of the following three options shown here (**Sub-Identity with Wordmark**, **Sub-Identity with Icon and Full College Name**, and **Sub-Identity with Icon**) may be used.

In some cases, the sub-identity may appear awkward or wrong in one or another of these formats—due to line length of multiple words in the program name, for example—so it is recommended that development of sub-identities be coordinated with and approved by the Office of Marketing and Communication. The use of any one of these three options will ensure that the sub-identity coordinates with the look of the College’s graphic identity.

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### SUB-IDENTITY WITH WORDMARK

Each College department or office may have its own identity. Displayed at left are examples where the department is combined with the Gustavus wordmark. This configuration is designed to give maximum impact to the sub-identity, while maintaining its relationship to Gustavus through the wordmark.

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### SUB-IDENTITY WITH ICON & FULL COLLEGE NAME

Each College department or office may have its own identity. Displayed at left are examples where the department is combined with the Gustavus icon and full College name. This configuration is designed to give maximum impact to the sub-identity, while maintaining its relationship to Gustavus through the icon and full College name.

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### SUB-IDENTITY WITH ICON

Each College department or office may have its own identity. Displayed at left are examples where the department is combined with the Gustavus icon. This configuration maintains its relationship to Gustavus through the icon.

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#### WANT A SUB-IDENTITY LOGO FOR YOUR OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT?

Contact the Office of Marketing and Communication by phone (507-933-7520) or by e-mail ([marketing@gustavus.edu](mailto:marketing@gustavus.edu)).

## HOW TO USE THE COLLEGE IDENTIFIERS

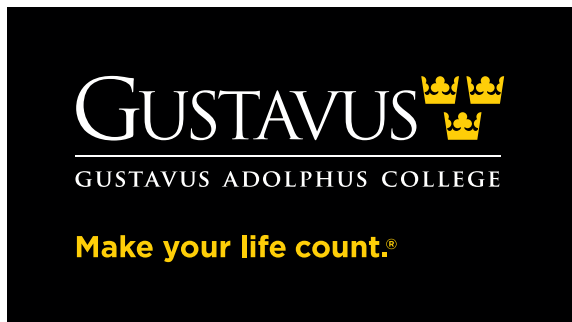
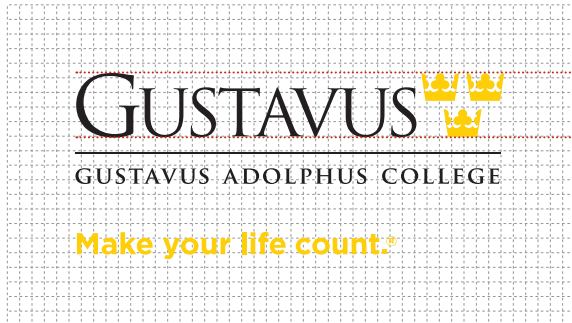
### Clear Zone



#### PREFERRED CLEAR ZONE

The immediate recognition and overall visibility of the Gustavus wordmark or signature can be enhanced by maintaining an ample clear area, void of typography or other elements, around the perimeter of the wordmark or signature. This area is referred to as the “clear zone.”

Measure the height of the “G” in Gustavus (X). A clear zone, represented by the gray grid surrounding the wordmark or signature on all sides, must be equal to or greater than X.



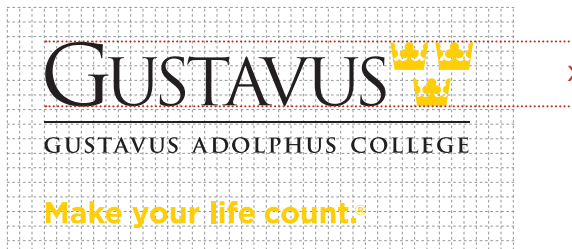
#### ENCLOSED IN A BOX

When the signature is enclosed in a box, use the preferred clear zone.



#### TIGHT APPLICATIONS CLEAR ZONE

Sign, banner, or website applications often require more flexibility. A clear zone equal to or greater than half (1/2-X) the height of the “G” in Gustavus (X) is acceptable for these limited or tight space applications.





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## HOW TO USE THE COLLEGE IDENTIFIERS

### Recommended Minimum size

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#### THE WORDMARK

Minimum size is a 1-1/2-inch width.

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#### THE ICON

When used on its own, the minimum size is a 1/2-inch square.

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#### THE BRAND LINE-TRADITIONAL

When used on its own, especially in Gustavus gold, the minimum size is a 2-inch width, including ®.

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#### THE BRAND LINE-DECORATIVE

When used on its own, especially in Gustavus gold, the minimum size is a 1-inch width, including ®.

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#### THE SIGNATURE

Minimum size is a 1-1/2-inch width. The signature minimum is slightly larger than the wordmark minimum. This allows for the readability of the brand line.

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#### SUB-IDENTITY WITH WORDMARK

Minimum size of "Gustavus" and the "Three Crowns" is a 1-1/2-inch width. A longer department name may extend past this measurement. *Same minimum size as the signature.*

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#### SUB-IDENTITY WITH ICON AND FULL COLLEGE NAME

Minimum size of the icon is a 3/8-inch square. This is slightly smaller than the icon used on its own.

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#### SUB-IDENTITY WITH ICON

Minimum size of the icon is a 3/8-inch square. This is slightly smaller than the icon used on its own. *Same minimum size as the sub-identity with icon and full College name.*

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#### THE COLLEGE SEAL

Minimum size is a 3/4-inch width.

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## WHAT NOT TO DO WITH THE COLLEGE IDENTIFIERS

*This applies to ALL College Identifiers*

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**DO NOT** modify, stretch, rotate, or distort any of the official College Identifiers in any way.



**DO NOT** crop any of the official College Identifiers in any way.



**DO NOT** use colors outside of the Gustavus Primary Palette (PMS 7406, Black, White).



**DO NOT** recreate any of the official College Identifiers with different fonts.



**DO NOT** use the G-icon without the use of the bounding box.



**DO NOT** use the G-icon as a letter in text.

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## NON-OFFICIAL COLLEGE IDENTIFIERS

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### ATHLETICS LOGOS

*Athletic Identifiers should be used for Athletics purposes only and are not intended to be used as official College identifiers.*

The Shield



The Emblem



The Ligature



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### GUS THE LION

*Gus the Lion should be used for internal College uses only.*

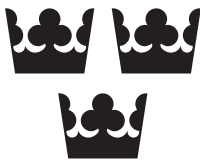


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### DISCONTINUED OR UPDATED IDENTIFIERS

*These identifiers have been discontinued or updated. Please discontinue their use or update to the newest version.*

Three Crowns  
*(discontinued)*



Brand Line  
*(discontinued)*

MAKE YOUR LIFE COUNT®

Brand Line  
*(updated)*

**Make your life count.®**

Lion Head  
*(discontinued)*



Signature  
*(discontinued)*

GUSTAVUS   
GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE

MAKE YOUR LIFE COUNT™

Signature  
*(updated)*

GUSTAVUS   
GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE

**Make your life count.®**

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## COLOR PALETTE

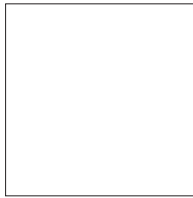
*It is permissible to use screens, or tints, of these colors to enhance readability or for aesthetic reasons.*



**PANTONE 7406**  
0C 18M 100Y 0K  
235R 183G 0B  
HEX FFCF00



**BLACK**  
60C 40M 40Y 100K  
0R 0G 5B  
HEX 000005



**WHITE**  
0C 0M 0Y 0K  
255R 255G 255B  
HEX FFFFFFFF

### PRIMARY COLORS

The main College colors are PANTONE 7406 or the equivalent in CMYK, RGB, or HEX, Rich Black, and White.



**PANTONE 872**  
Metallic Gold



**PANTONE 723**  
0C 43M 97Y 17K  
212R 137G 28B  
HEX D4891C



**PANTONE 7533**  
0C 22M 85Y 85K  
75R 57G 0B  
HEX 4B3900



**PANTONE 1805**  
0C 91M 100Y 23K  
191R 49G 26B  
HEX BF311A

### EXTENDED PALETTE

These colors are to be used as the primary Gustavus colors. This extended palette allows flexibility, yet narrows the spectrum of color choices in order to enhance consistency.



**PANTONE 7476**  
100C 0M 43Y 60K  
0R 89G 88B  
HEX EBB700



**PANTONE 7491**  
32C 0M 100Y 40K  
120R 142G 30B  
HEX 788E1E



**PANTONE 647**  
100C 56M 0Y 23K  
0R 86G 149B  
HEX 005695



**PANTONE 7449**  
72C 100M 77Y 40K  
73R 24G 45B  
HEX 49182D

### RESTRICTED COLOR

The spot color (Pantone 872, Metallic Gold) may only be used by the Office of the President or with permission from the Office of Marketing and Communication.



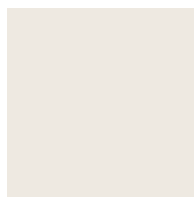
**PANTONE 7402**  
0C 6M 30Y 0K  
255R 236G 188B  
HEX FFECBC



**PANTONE 7492**  
12C 0M 50Y 7K  
212R 219G 144B  
HEX D4DB90



**PANTONE 552**  
15C 2M 0Y 10K  
193R 212G 227B  
HEX C1D4E3



**PANTONE 7527**  
0C 2M 6Y 7K  
237R 231G 221B  
HEX EDE7DD

### BACKGROUND COLORS

These neutral, grayed-out tones should be used as background or field colors, and serve as a foundation for the primary colors.

#### DEPENDING ON THE MEDIA, COLORS CAN BE REPRODUCED USING THESE FORMULAS:

**PANTONE** For offset printed materials or signs with match colors, use the PANTONE version.

The PANTONE colors are the same regardless of paper stock specified (i.e., gloss coated, matte coated, uncoated, etc.).

**CMYK** For printed materials using the four-color process.

**RGB** For Microsoft Office Suite, other computer, or broadcast media use.

**HEX** For websites and online use.

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## TYPOGRAPHY: GENERAL APPLICATIONS

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# TRAJAN

TRAJAN: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ1234567890

TRAJAN BOLD: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ1234567890

# ITC Galliard

Galliard Roman: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

*Galliard Roman Italic: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890*

Galliard Bold: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

*Galliard Bold Italic: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890*

Galliard Black: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

*Galliard Black Italic: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890*

Galliard Ultra: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

*Galliard Ultra Italic: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890*

Trajan, ITC Galliard, and Gotham — Gustavus's main type families — are used in the majority of communications applications such as: brochures, flyers, annual reports, publications, newsletters, print and broadcast advertising, promotional videos and social media, stationery and business cards, banners and posters, indoor and outdoor signage, promotional items, and merchandise.

### Preferred use:

TRAJAN, an all capital letter, classic, serif typeface, is used for headlines, titles, and initial caps.

ITC GALLIARD, a traditional serif typeface, is used for body text, but it can be used for headlines and intro segments.

GOTHAM, a contemporary sans serif typeface, is used for headlines and intro segments to text, but it can be used for body text as well.

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## TYPOGRAPHY: GENERAL APPLICATIONS

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# Gotham

Gotham Thin: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

*Gotham Thin Italic: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890*

Gotham XLight: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

*Gotham XLight Italic: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890*

Gotham Light: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

Gotham Condensed Light: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

*Gotham Light Italic: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890*

Gotham Book: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

Gotham Condensed Book: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

*Gotham Book Italic: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890*

**Gotham Medium: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890**

Gotham Condensed Medium: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

*Gotham Medium Italic: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890*

**Gotham Bold: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890**

Gotham Condensed Bold: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

*Gotham Bold Italic: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890*

**Gotham Black: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890**

*Gotham Black Italic: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890*

**Gotham Ultra: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890**

*Gotham Ultra Italic: ABCDEFGabcdefgghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890*

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**TYPOGRAPHY:  
MICROSOFT OFFICE SUITE AND WEB APPLICATIONS**

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## Garamond

Garamond: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

*Garamond Italic: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890*

**Garamond Bold: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890**

***Garamond Bold Italic: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890***

## Verdana

Verdana: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

*Verdana Italic: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890*

**Verdana Bold: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890**

***Verdana Bold Italic: ABCDEFGabcde fghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890***

Garamond and Verdana — Gustavus’s default typefaces — are used for Microsoft Office Suite and Web applications such as: PowerPoint presentations, letters, memos, faxes, e-mails, websites, and Word templates.

**Preferred use:**

GARAMOND is used in place of Trajan or ITC Galliard for body text, headlines, titles, initial caps, and intro segments.

VERDANA is used in place of Gotham for headlines, intro segments to text, and body text.

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## BRAND RESOURCES

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### Gustavus Identifiers

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**eps** Use for quality reproduction, scalable vector art created in Adobe® Illustrator.

**jpg** Use in Microsoft® Office Suite and Web applications.

**png** Use in Microsoft® Office Suite and Web applications when wanting transparent backgrounds.

*The eps, jpg, and png artwork will work in both Macintosh and Windows platforms.*

### Presentation Templates

Standard (4:3) or Widescreen (16:9) PowerPoint templates are available for download in Microsoft PowerPoint. These templates can be used for presentations and digital screens around campus.

### Newsletters and Info Sheets

Gustavus 4-page and 2-page newsletter templates and single sheet templates are available for download in Microsoft Word or Adobe Indesign.

### Letterhead

The College's letterhead and stationary can be customized to an individual, office, or department. Available for download in Microsoft Word or Adobe Indesign. Letterhead and stationary can be preprinted/laser printed or laser printed using Microsoft Word or Adobe Indesign.

For any additional stationary sizes, order directly from Gustavus Print Services. [gustavus.edu/printandmail](http://gustavus.edu/printandmail)

### Envelopes and Mailing Labels

Gustavus envelopes and mailing labels can be ordered directly from Gustavus Print Services. [gustavus.edu/printandmail](http://gustavus.edu/printandmail)

### Business Cards

Gustavus business cards can be ordered directly from Gustavus Print Services. [gustavus.edu/printandmail](http://gustavus.edu/printandmail)

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## CANVA

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Canva has become a widely-used graphic design platform for internal promotion of on-campus or virtual events; highlighting speakers, students, or faculty; and announcing information that would be beneficial to the campus community.

While the Marketing and Communication Office encourages departments and groups to promote their events, we do ask that all Gustavus Brand Standards be adhered to, including colors, typefaces, and appropriate use of all Gustavus Adolphus College logos and identifiers. The Marketing and Communication Office reserves the right to request alterations or remove any materials if brand style is not followed.

If you want to make sure you are adhering to all brand standards you can submit a proof of your work to [neely@gustavus.edu](mailto:neely@gustavus.edu) for a 24-hour or less review and approval.

If your event is geared toward an external-facing audience and requires professionally designed materials, contact the Office of Marketing and Communication by phone (507-933-7520) or by e-mail ([marketing@gustavus.edu](mailto:marketing@gustavus.edu)).

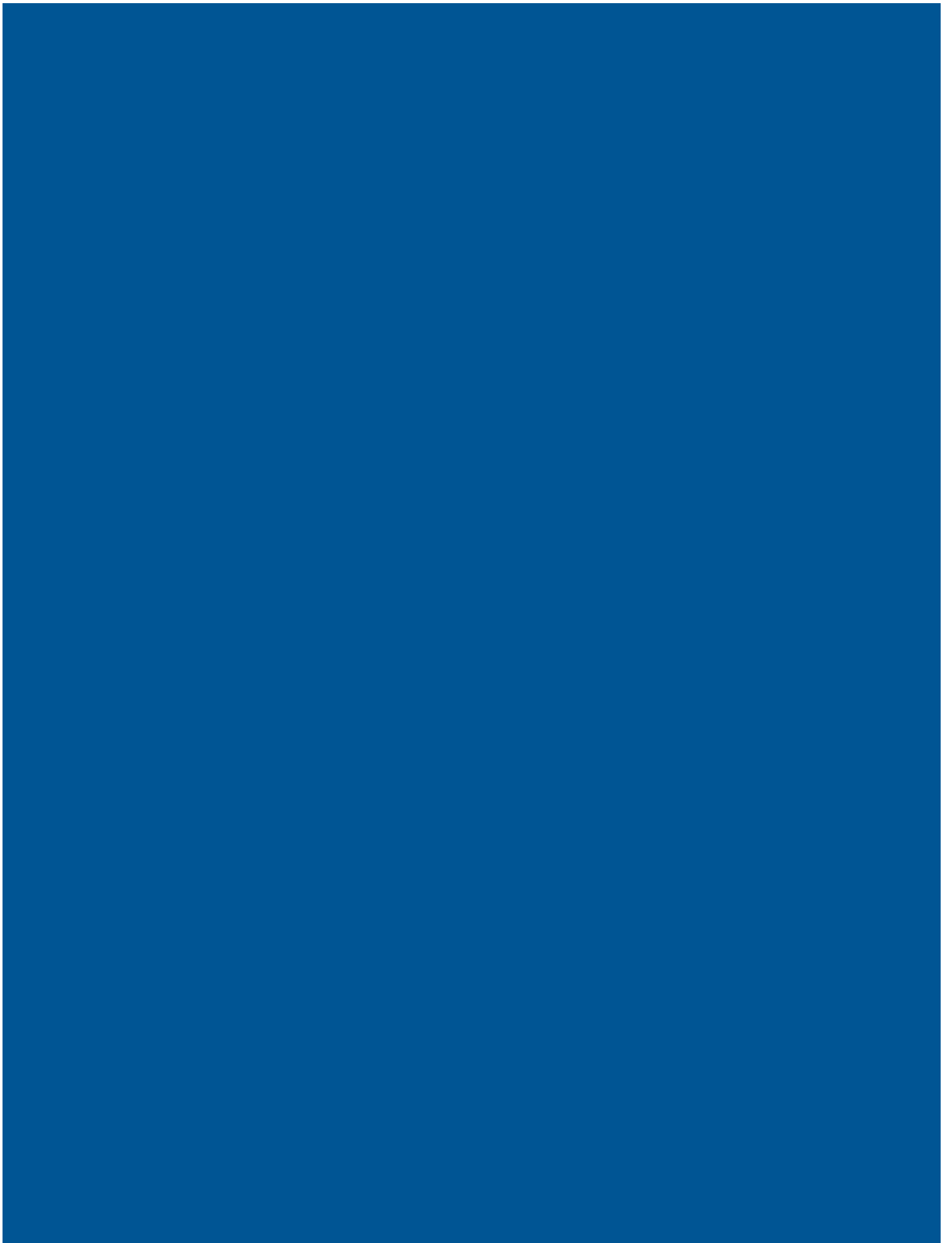
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