



# DEFENDER PARENT HANDBOOK



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# WELCOME

## President's Welcome

Welcome to Dordt University! Fall is an exciting time of new beginnings on campus, and I feel privileged to lead this Christian learning community as we work together for Christ-centered renewal in every aspect of life.

Our faculty and staff share that faith commitment, and we pledge to be your partner in this phase of your child's education. We will challenge, encourage, and assist your students in their academic journeys, as they continue to learn what it means to love the Lord with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love their neighbors, too.

We strive to be a community of integrity, conviction, and faithful service. Our goal for your sons and daughters is the same as yours—that they learn and develop as faithful disciples of Christ in every part of life, wherever God leads them in the future.

This booklet outlines the ways we will welcome them into the Dordt family. Please keep it as a reference for the year ahead, and please let us know how we can serve you or your student more effectively.

Dr. Erik Hoekstra  
President, Dordt University



# Mayor's Welcome

We are delighted your student has chosen to study at Dordt University. On behalf of the City of Sioux Center, welcome! Our hope is that Dordt and Sioux Center will soon feel like their home away from home.

Whether you are familiar with Sioux Center or still anticipating your first visit, we hope you get to enjoy our year-round recreation, restaurants, trail system, amenities, and retail options. Sioux Center is a safe and friendly community, and I think you and your student will find great places to eat, shop, have fun, stay, and worship. While both Dordt and the City are in an exciting time of construction (which may bring a few temporary inconveniences) our welcome mat is out for you! We're excited to share the end results, too.

I am proud of Sioux Center's relationship with Dordt. Together, the City, Dordt, and our community's schools have built a number of shared facilities: the All Seasons Center with its waterpark and ice arena, theatre space, our athletic field complex, and the American State Bank Sports Complex. These partnerships are part of what has shaped Sioux Center's reputation as a thriving community.

We hope your student will find ways to plug in locally, like getting involved with a church or volunteering as a youth coach. Their investment of time and talents will definitely benefit Sioux Center, but we also believe they will gain from the experience and connections.

I know many community members who graduated from Dordt and have chosen to make Sioux Center their home. Dordt alumni are finding life and career opportunities in local engineering and technology firms, health care, agriculture, business, manufacturing, education, and churches, and we're grateful for their impact here.

If you'd like to get to know more about Sioux Center, we invite you to call or visit our Chamber of Commerce office (712-722-3457) or our City Office (712-722-0761).

Dordt and its students bring diversity and energy to our community. My hope is that you find Sioux Center a welcoming place for your student and that you enjoy every visit.

Sincerely,

Dale Vander Berg

Mayor, City of Sioux Center



# Parent Relations Welcome

Our parent relations team has been involved in the communication you've received on your journey through the enrollment process as a prospective parent and we're excited to continue to serve you as a parent of a current student at Dordt University. We'll continue to communicate through the parent communication platform [dordt.campusesp.com](https://dordt.campusesp.com) and cater our communication to your needs as your student journeys through their academic career. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at [parents@dordt.edu](mailto:parents@dordt.edu).



Kaysha Steiger  
Director of Alumni & Parent Relations



# SERVICES

## ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT CENTER

The Academic Enrichment Center offers academic support services to help Dordt students adjust to college and strengthen their learning experience. Study skills assistance, tutoring in specific courses, academic coaching, and services for students with disabilities are all available through this office. Last year, more than 700 students made nearly 7,000 visits to the Academic Enrichment Center.

Approximately 40 students work in the Academic Enrichment Center as peer tutors. Students can schedule appointments by calling or stopping by the Academic Enrichment Center or by completing a request form on our internal website ([u.dordt.edu](http://u.dordt.edu)).

Tutoring sessions are available in the following formats: individual sessions, weekly small group tutorials with two to five students, and drop-in study sessions available before tests. Students are expected to faithfully attend and adequately prepare for all weekly sessions. Due to the high demand for these free services, students who miss multiple tutoring appointments, are unengaged, or are unprepared may lose the privilege of accessing tutorial assistance.

The professional staff in the Academic Enrichment Center provide academic coaching for students who need assistance with study habits, time management, course load, or other facets of the academic experience.

The Academic Enrichment Center is located on the lower level of the library and is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## BUSINESS OFFICE

The Business Office manages tuition payments, tuition statements, student employment payroll, tax forms, and cashing of personal or reimbursement checks.

**Tuition accounts:** Payments for tuition and fees are due on the first day of classes each semester. An interest-free payment plan is available for those who wish to make four monthly installments per semester taken directly from their bank account or credit card. You will need to sign up for a new plan at the beginning of each semester, you will not be auto enrolled. This plan requires a \$25 enrollment fee per semester. Go to [dordt.edu/parents](http://dordt.edu/parents), and scroll down to "Make a Payment for your Student." Click on "online" to make a single payment or "payment plan." More information regarding payment plan enrollments and online payments can be found at [dordt.edu/tuition-payment](http://dordt.edu/tuition-payment).

Students are responsible for their tuition accounts. If financial assistance is desired, students and their parents should contact Financial Aid for scholarship or loan options. Monthly emails are sent to the student's Dordt email that directs them to view their updated statement. Students can review their tuition account statement online at [u.dordt.edu/finances](http://u.dordt.edu/finances) and forward the online statement to a parent or individual of their choice.

## University Costs

Cost breakdown can be found at [dordt.edu/admissions-and-aid/cost](http://dordt.edu/admissions-and-aid/cost).

**Check cashing:** The Business Office cashes personal checks up to \$150 and Dordt issued student payroll or reimbursement checks of any amount.

**Student employee payroll:** All student employees need to enroll in the direct deposit program, so that funds are transmitted safely and efficiently to a valid U.S. bank account.

### Local banks listing:

- American State Bank (provides an ATM machine on campus) 712-722-4846, [myasb.com](http://myasb.com)
- Northwest Bank: 712-722-2791, [bank-northwest.com](http://bank-northwest.com)
- Peoples Bank: 712-722-0101, [peoples-ebank.com](http://peoples-ebank.com)
- Prime Bank: 712-722-4545, [primebank.com](http://primebank.com)

The Business Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more details, view the Business Office webpage at [dordt.edu/business-office](http://dordt.edu/business-office). If you have any questions, please contact Lindsey, student accounts manager, at [studentaccounts@dordt.edu](mailto:studentaccounts@dordt.edu) or 712-722-6013.

## CAMPUS INFORMATION DESK

The Campus Information Desk phone number is 712-722-6000. For safety reasons, the attendant cannot give out phone extensions, room numbers, or email addresses.

When school is in session, the switchboard is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is closed on Sundays. During vacation periods, it is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Summer hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Campus Ministries seeks to foster the growth of the entire Dordt community, focusing on the personal and spiritual development of students through worship, prayer, intentional relationships, faith formation, discipleship, missions, and service. Trained student staff and volunteers use their gifts to bring vitality to a variety of campus ministries. They are led by Justin Bailey, dean of chapel, and Kristin Brouwer, director of campus ministries.

Weekly campus worship opportunities include Monday Night Prayer, Wednesday Chapel, and Thursday night Praise and Worship, led by Ray Badudu, director of campus ministries. Most of these worship events are students-driven. Sunday worship in local churches is encouraged, and transportation to all Sioux Center churches is provided.

Faith Formation opportunities include small groups, pastoral care and counseling, spiritual direction, retreat, prayer groups/events, and various other opportunities to be formed and shaped even more into the image of God.

Service and outreach opportunities are available through the Community Outreach Program, PLIA spring break service projects, and AMOR international mission trips.



## CAMPUS STORE

The Campus Store prioritizes student success and affordability, whether it's finding the right textbook for class, Defender gear, or graduation essentials. It's also a convenient spot for everyday needs like pens, paper, binders, tissues, medication, and more.

Students can also order textbooks online (at [bookstore.dordt.edu](http://bookstore.dordt.edu)) and pick them up in-store at the beginning of each semester.

The Campus Store is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Check the website for hours during scholastic breaks.

Shop online at [bookstore.dordt.edu](http://bookstore.dordt.edu), and stay connected on Instagram and Facebook @[dordt\\_campus\\_store](https://www.facebook.com/dordt_campus_store).

Phone: 712-722-6420

Clip this in-store only coupon!

**20% Off One Regular-Priced Item**

This coupon cannot be combined with other store discounts.

EXPIRES: Nov. 1, 2025

(Some exclusions may apply)

## **CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

The Career Development Center encourages all current Dordt students in vocational and career development, equipping students with the tools necessary to find employment or enroll in graduate school. The Career Development Center staff is comprised of Amy Westra, director of career development, Dave Schenk, employer relations and mentor coordinator, and Missy Mulder, career development coordinator and certified professional résumé writer. They are conveniently located within the Student Services offices.

Career Development staff assist students with writing résumés, writing cover letters, creating LinkedIn profiles, composing graduate school application materials, interviewing, and more. They also provide guidance to students who are discerning their career path or looking for help in choosing a program of study. The staff are available to meet with students to aide in navigating the job search process and ways to improve application materials. Career Development sponsors several career-related events each year such as job fairs and an etiquette dinner.

Career Development utilizes the Handshake platform ([dordt.joinhandshake.com](http://dordt.joinhandshake.com)) to communicate job and internship opportunities to students. Each Dordt student has a Handshake account which allows them to view these openings; they can also make appointments with staff and find resources to help with career goals on the platform. For more information about the Career Development Center, see [dordt.edu/about-dordt/alumni/career-development-center](http://dordt.edu/about-dordt/alumni/career-development-center) or email [cdc@dordt.edu](mailto:cdc@dordt.edu).

## **COMPUTER SERVICES**

Computer Services staff provide information technology services to students, faculty, administrators, and staff of the university. All Dordt students are given a computer account that gives them access to the wireless network, software, a learning management system, [u.dordt.edu](http://u.dordt.edu), library resources, file and print access, and more.

Computer Services is located on the first floor of the classroom building, and computer labs are found throughout campus. Questions regarding computers, cable TV, and telecommunications may be directed to the Computer Services help desk at 712-722-6299.

## **DINING SERVICES**

Dordt Dining Services offers an excellent dining experience for students, staff, faculty, guests, and alumni of Dordt. Parents and students can call directly with questions, dietary concerns, or ideas. Email [dordtdining@dordt.edu](mailto:dordtdining@dordt.edu) or call 712-722-6450.

Some ways Dordt Dining meets students' needs:

- Missing a meal because of a class conflict, work schedule, or co-curricular practice commitments? You have three options:
  1. Green "To Go" box available seven days a week from The Atrium.
  2. Cold meal exchange at the Defender Coffee Co. Monday through Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

3. Anytime Dine option for just the basics is available 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Enhanced seating, community space, and large-screen entertainment in The Atrium.
- Students are encouraged to download and use the dining app, where students can check their balances (meals and Defender Dollars) and order ahead with the mobile ordering option at Defender Coffee Co.
- The allergen awareness program identifies the nine most common allergens present in foods, and the chef will work with those who have special dietary intolerances. New in the dining hall this year will be an allergy free line called the Zone, where a full meal will be offered, including salad and soup.
- Dordt Dining Services uses high-quality ingredients, including low-fat and low-sodium options. They use only olive oil or zero trans-fat soy-based cooking oil.
- Ingredients are gathered from local sources, and sustainable products are used whenever possible.
- We employ sustainability initiatives to reduce to-go waste and reduce water and chemical usage.
- Residential dining is available at both The Atrium and Defender Coffee Co.

## **Dining Hall options and availability:**

### **The Atrium**

Monday - Friday: Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.; Lunch 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: Breakfast 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.; Brunch 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.

Anytime Dine: Just the basics 9:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Late night at The Atrium: 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### **Defender Coffee Co.**

M - F 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.



# FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Students and families who have concerns about covering education expenses are welcome to visit the Financial Aid Office which is located in the Campus Center. Personnel are available between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to answer any questions you might have about the financial aid process. Financial assistance may be in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and employment on campus. A complete description of these programs can be found online at [dordt.edu/financial-aid](http://dordt.edu/financial-aid).

If a student has applied for financial aid, that financial aid award information is available online via [u.dordt.edu](http://u.dordt.edu). The financial aid award offer and a student checklist (to make sure you have completed all required documents for financial aid, including required loan paperwork and an employment application) is available under the Self Service Financial Aid Portal on [u.dordt.edu](http://u.dordt.edu).

The Financial Aid phone number is 712-722-6087, or you may email personnel directly:

**Harlan Harmelink**, director of financial aid, at [Harlan.Harmelink@dordt.edu](mailto:Harlan.Harmelink@dordt.edu) or 712-722-6082

**Jody Rozenboom**, financial aid coordinator, at [Jody.Rozenboom@dordt.edu](mailto:Jody.Rozenboom@dordt.edu) or 712-722-6247 (financial aid and loans, U.S. and Canadian)

**Andrea Westerbeek**, financial aid assistant, at [Andrea.Westerbeek@dordt.edu](mailto:Andrea.Westerbeek@dordt.edu) or 712-722-6084 (financial aid and scholarships)

# HOSPITALITY GUIDE

When planning a visit to campus, use this guide to help you with lodging and dining. In order to learn more about what Sioux Center has to offer, check out [siouxcenter.org](http://siouxcenter.org).

## Lodging

Econolodge 712-722-4000  
Fairfield Inn & Suites 712-722-3131  
Holiday Inn Express 712-722-3500  
GrandStay (Rock Valley) 712-476-9200

*Please note that the surrounding towns also have lodging options.*

## Cell service providers

AT&T 712-574-8669  
1607 1st Ave SW  
Wireless World Verizon 712-722-4771  
1919 S Main Ave

## Mechanics and Auto Repair

Co-op Gas & Oil Co. 712-722-2501  
Mike's Service Garage 712-722-2449  
Mouw Motor Company 712-722-0085  
Ver Hoef Automotive 712-722-0143

## Dining in Sioux Center

Bamboo Garden Chinese Restaurant  
Casey's Bakery (Centre Mall)  
Culver's  
Dairy Queen  
Four Brothers Bar & Grill  
Hy-Vee Deli  
Jimmy John's  
La Rancherita Taco Shop  
Late Harvest  
Los Tulipanes  
McDonald's  
Mi Lupita

New Grounds Coffee  
Olivia's Bakery  
Pizza Hut  
Pizza Ranch (Centre Mall)  
RJ's Indoor Golf & Bar  
Season Chinese Buffet  
Sioux County Livestock Co.  
Subway  
The Fruited Plain Café  
The Ridge Grille (golf course)  
Veró's

## HULST LIBRARY

The Hulst Library is named after Dr. John Hulst, Dordt's second president, and his wife Louise, who was a librarian. At one point, architects wanted to make the chapel the focal point of campus. Dr. Hulst reportedly said, "No, the center of campus is the library."

The library takes that centrality seriously. We care about how people learn, how they use information, and how they participate in Dordt's learning community.

### Hulst Library Space:

- The library is a popular place for individual and group study.
- The Academic Enrichment Center, the Kuyper Honors Program, the Dordt University Archives, Global Education, Online Education, and the Kielstra Center for Research and Grants are located within the library.

### Hulst Library Collections:

- Course Reserves. Students save money by using library copies of required textbooks.
- Teaching Resource Collection. This collection includes children's literature and PreK-12 curricular materials.
- Books. The library collects leisure reads, new releases, current topics, and faculty recommendations. Our ebook collections cover many academic disciplines. The library also has equipment, board games, and movies.
- Online databases. These licensed collections cover academic research in many disciplines.
- Dordt Digital Collections. This online platform allows Dordt scholarship to be read around the world.

### Hulst Library Services:

- Research Assistance. Librarians partner with faculty to teach research skills. We work with freshmen, graduate students, and everyone in between. Our online research guides are curated and designed for common Dordt research assignments.



## **INSURANCE**

- **Health Insurance:** Consider contacting your health insurance carrier to inform them that your student will be away at college and to discuss how the student should access care while outside of your network area. Some regional HMO plans can create challenges.
- **Property Insurance:** Dordt University does not insure the contents of rooms in our residence halls and apartments. Your homeowner's or renter's insurance normally covers the contents of a student's room. You may wish to check your coverage, particularly if your student will be bringing many valuable possessions such as a large television to college.

## **MAIL SERVICES**

All students enrolled at Dordt will have an identifying DU box number, which should be on every piece of mail that is sent to them. Students will NOT have an actual mailbox, but this DU number is necessary to route their mail correctly. An email will be sent to students when any piece of mail (letter or package) is received for them, and Print and Mail Center hours will be stated in the email. The Print and Mail Center is located in the classroom building.

**Please use the following address to have mail or packages sent to students:**

Student Name  
Dordt University  
DU Box (\_\_\_\_)  
651 6th St NE  
Sioux Center, IA 51250-1668

## **MEDIA FOR PARENTS**

The Marketing and Communication Office publishes *The Voice*, Dordt's publication for alumni, parents, and friends of Dordt. Published two times a year, the magazine contains information about Dordt's programs, activities, and news and is sent out to all parents of Dordt students. *The Voice* articles can be found online at [dordt.edu](http://dordt.edu).

Interested in what's happening at Dordt? Want to know more about what Dordt is doing to encourage your child as a student, a scholar, and a Christian witness in this world? Subscribe to Dordt's parent email newsletter by registering online at [dordt.edu/parents](http://dordt.edu/parents). The informative email newsletter provides event information, stories from campus, and more for parents and guardians of Dordt students. Dordt updates can also be found online on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

Join us for chapel on Wednesdays from 11:10-11:50 a.m. Chapel is live-streamed on our website, and past recordings can be viewed at [dordt.edu/chapel](http://dordt.edu/chapel).

Cheer on the Defender athletes by watching live-streamed events at [dordtdefendernetwork.com](http://dordtdefendernetwork.com).

Have you recently moved? Send us your updated information so we can stay in touch with you. Visit [dordt.edu/about-dordt/alumni/update-information](http://dordt.edu/about-dordt/alumni/update-information), or email us at [parents@dordt.edu](mailto:parents@dordt.edu) with updates or requests for more information.

## **ONLINE STUDIES**

Dordt offers online courses each summer to provide students with the opportunity to get ahead, catch up, or just make some extra room in their schedule. Summer courses take place over eight weeks in June and July at a discounted tuition rate of \$405 per credit. A list of offered courses and more information is available at [dordt.edu/academics/graduate-and-online-courses/summer-courses](http://dordt.edu/academics/graduate-and-online-courses/summer-courses).

Dual Credit online courses are available to high school juniors and seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher in the fall, spring, and summer terms. High school students receive a discounted rate of tuition.

A list of Dual Credit courses and more information is available at [dordt.edu/academics/graduate-and-online-courses/dual-credit-courses](http://dordt.edu/academics/graduate-and-online-courses/dual-credit-courses).

Dordt offers 2-year and 4-year degrees in business online. More information is available at [dordt.edu/academics/graduate-and-online-courses](http://dordt.edu/academics/graduate-and-online-courses).

For questions, contact Joe Bakker, dean for online, graduate, & partner programs, at 712-722-6379.

## **RESIDENCE LIFE PROGRAM**

The focus of the residence life program at Dordt is to develop a vital Christian learning community that fosters spiritual, academic, and social growth. Twenty-six residence life staff work in underclassmen residence halls with Derek Buteyn, director of residence life.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Dordt security staff is under the direction of the director of residence life. The primary responsibilities of the campus security staff are:

- To lock and secure buildings
- Report policy violations to residence life staff and/or Student Services
- Report emergency needs to the local authorities
- Maintain a daily incident log that is reviewed by the dean of students

Campus security team members are not trained as police officers and do not carry weapons. Campus security team members do not have the power to arrest but may detain an individual for questioning by police or members of the staff. They have direct communication with the local police via radio and telephone and will call for assistance whenever needed. The security team patrols campus seven days a week from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The annual security report may be found on the Dordt website at [dordt.edu/about-dordt/consumer-information/annual-security-report](http://dordt.edu/about-dordt/consumer-information/annual-security-report).

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Dordt Student Activities is a group of students who initiate, organize, implement, and facilitate campus-wide activities. The committee meets weekly to discuss current and future activities, assessing current programs to meet the needs of the student body.



## STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

The Student Employment Office encourages all Dordt students to become involved in on-campus employment. Student employment at Dordt University is viewed as a co-curricular program that enhances the overall education of students by teaching valuable life skills. It also assists students with the cost of their education as a tool within the Financial Aid program, allowing students to earn money while attending Dordt University. The Student Employment Office utilizes a web-based jobs platform in which students can apply for on-campus employment. The Student Employment Office also provides information for off-campus job opportunities as those arise during the school year.

The Student Employment Office number is 712-722-6075 or you may email personnel directly with any questions.

Kyle Achterhoff, Director of Talent Acquisition & Student Employment at [Kyle.Achterhoff@dordt.edu](mailto:Kyle.Achterhoff@dordt.edu)



## STUDENT HEALTH AND COUNSELING CENTER

The Student Health and Counseling Center strives to support students by promoting and maintaining optimal physical and emotional health as they pursue their academic and life goals.

**Location:** Lower level of the Campus Center next to Defender Coffee Co.

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Phone:** 712-722-6990 **Email:** [counseling@dordt.edu](mailto:counseling@dordt.edu) [health@dordt.edu](mailto:health@dordt.edu)

## Medical Care

Student Health and Counseling provides on-campus health care for full-time, undergraduate Dordt students during the academic year. Visits are free of charge; a fee is incurred for purchase of medications, immunization clinics, or when the services of an outside laboratory are used.

**Staff:** A registered nurse is on staff daily to care for students.

### Appointments:

Walk-in Clinic: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

By appointment: 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. Students can self-schedule at [dordt.medicatconnect.com](http://dordt.medicatconnect.com) or by calling 712-722-6990

**Services:** For a complete list visit [dordt.edu/student-life/residential-life/health-and-counseling](http://dordt.edu/student-life/residential-life/health-and-counseling).

- Ill visits
- Testing for strep, mono, Covid, Influenza, and urinary tract infections
- Minor injuries
- First aid
- Tuberculosis testing
- Suture removal

**Sioux Center Health Hospital and Medical Clinic: Located at 1101 9th St. S.E.  
Phone: 712-722-1271**

- **Sioux Center Medical Clinic** and Same Day Clinic are located within the Sioux Center Hospital. Physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners provide care by appointment, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 712-722-2609. Students should be prepared to provide insurance information at the time of service. Charges for services at Sioux Center Health are the financial responsibility of the student.
- **Sioux Center Health Urgent Care**, located within Sioux Center Health and Hospital is open Monday through Thursday from 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. No appointments are needed for Urgent Care visits.

**Health and Immunization Requirement:** Students are asked to have health and immunization information on file in the Student Health and Counseling Center prior to July 1 (for fall semester entry) and January 2 (for spring semester entry). Students who have not completed the health requirement will receive email reminders in September and October. The Health and Immunization Requirement must be complete prior to registration for a second semester.

[dordt.edu/student-life/residential-life/health-and-counseling/health-immunization-requirements](http://dordt.edu/student-life/residential-life/health-and-counseling/health-immunization-requirements)

**Chronic Health Concerns:** If your student has a chronic or recurring health condition, please provide us with a summary letter from your local physician.

Ask your student to schedule a get acquainted visit in Student Health where we can review the letter together and discuss how to best meet their healthcare needs while at Dordt.

**Students with a history of asthma**, who have used inhalers or nebulizers in the past to control symptoms, are advised to have those items available to them on campus. Students who have been free of asthma symptoms in recent years are often affected by the fall harvest that takes place around campus.

**Health Insurance:** Planning ahead will help smooth the path to care if your student needs to receive medical attention off campus. Dordt does not require students to provide proof of health insurance, but we encourage you to take time to be sure your student knows how your health insurance works.

- Provide your student with an insurance card that includes policy numbers, billing address, and pharmacy information. Remind your student to carry the card at all times.
- **Consider contacting your health insurance carrier to inform them that your child is away at college and to discuss how the student should access care while outside of your network area.** Some regional HMO plans can create challenges.

## Personal Counseling

On-campus mental health counseling is available to all full-time, undergraduate Dordt students during the academic school year.

**Staff:** Two licensed mental health therapists strive to provide faith-based Christian counseling with respect for the unique needs of each client in a safe, confidential environment, relying on God to bring restoration.

**Appointments:** A limited number of sessions per year are available to students at no cost. Appointments are necessary and can be made by contacting 712-722-6990, or by emailing [counseling@dordt.edu](mailto:counseling@dordt.edu). Students must schedule their own appointments.

**Services:** For a complete list visit [dordt.edu/student-life/residential-life/health-and-counseling](http://dordt.edu/student-life/residential-life/health-and-counseling).

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Difficulty adjusting to college
- Problems with eating
- Relationship difficulties
- Roommate trouble
- Social difficulties

**Off-Campus Referrals:** Referrals for off-campus counseling are made for long term needs, on-going therapy, more intensive services, or specialized services. Off-campus referrals may also be made due to conflicts of interest, waiting lists, counseling needs through summer months, or scheduling conflicts between the student and counselor. Cost of off-campus referrals, whether for inpatient or outpatient treatment, are the financial responsibility of the student; students are encouraged to use their health insurance to defray the cost of off-campus services.

A list of area mental health providers is available at [dordt.edu/student-life/residential-life/health-and-counseling](http://dordt.edu/student-life/residential-life/health-and-counseling)

## **Privacy**

In compliance with professional standards of practice as well as state and federal laws of privacy and disclosure of information, the Student Health and Counseling Center protects the health and counseling information of each student and does not release or discuss health and counseling information with parents without the student's signed consent. Should your student's medical or psychological health reach a threshold where they are unsafe or become a threat to themselves or others, parents/guardians will be contacted by Student Health and Counseling, a counselor, or the Vice President for Student Success and Dean of Students.

## **TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**

Dordt provides transportation at the beginning and end of each semester as a service to students. Dordt will assist with travel arrangements to transport students to campus who arrive by plane in Sioux City, Iowa; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; or Omaha, Nebraska. Bus pick-ups are available from Sioux City and Sioux Falls. The cost for transport from Sioux City or Sioux Falls is \$30, and from Omaha is \$60.

Students must go to [u.dordt.edu/dordt/shuttle-service](http://u.dordt.edu/dordt/shuttle-service) for the form and information regarding dates and times that transportation is available. Please contact the Dordt Transportation Coordinator at 712-722-6400 if you or your student have any questions.



# PARENT EVENTS

## OCTOBER 17 AND 18: DEFENDER DAYS

This weekend is the biggest event on campus, as students, alumni, and parents celebrate Dordt and reunite for home sporting events, concerts, the fall theatre production, and much more.

## CHAPTERS

Our regional chapters hold events in 13 locations across the United States. We aim to connect alumni, parents, and friends of the university in communities outside of Dordt. We hope that as connections are made, the Dordt community will be extended, remembered, and passed on to the next generation.

### Chapter Locations

Chicago, Illinois

Denver, Colorado

Lynden, Washington

Manhattan, Montana

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Northwest Iowa

Pella, Iowa

Phoenix, Arizona

Ripon, California

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Visalia, California

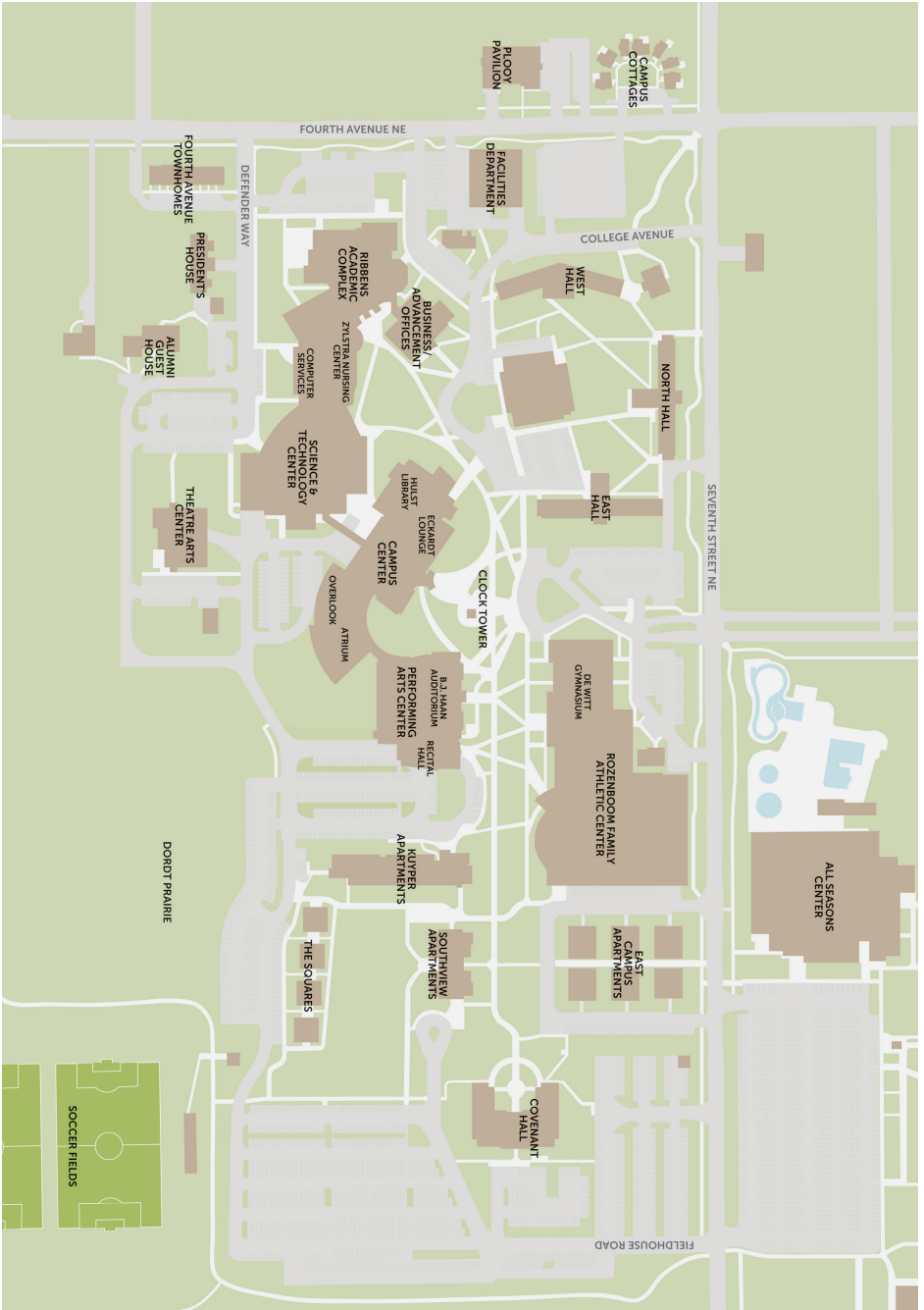
Washington, D.C.

West Michigan

We have many other regional events that we host throughout the year and will send out invites via email if you live in those areas.



# CAMPUS MAP



# CHURCHES

## SIoux CENTER CHURCHES

### **Activation Church**

101 19th St SE – PO Box 201  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
10 a.m.

### **Amistad Cristiana**

130 3rd St NW – PO Box 122  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
3:30 p.m. (Service in Spanish with translation to English)

### **Bethel Christian Reformed Church**

341 S Main Ave  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
10 a.m., 6 p.m.

### **Bridge of Hope**

(Worship at the Intermediate School Gym)  
550 9th St NE  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
9:30 a.m.

### **Centerpoint Church**

160 10th St SE  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
9:30 a.m.

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Sioux Center, IA 51250  
9:30 a.m.

### **Central Reformed Church**

113 N Main Ave  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
9:30 a.m.

### **Christ Community Evangelical Free Church**

945 7th Ave SE  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
9:30 a.m. (English), 3 p.m. (Espanol)

### **Christ the King Catholic Church**

501 2nd Ave SW – PO Box 141  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
Mass: Saturday at 5 p.m. (English), Sunday at 1 p.m. (Spanish)

### **Covenant Christian Reformed Church**

106 2nd Ave NE  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
10 a.m., 5 p.m. (Evening services only on second and fourth Sundays)

### **Faith Christian Reformed Church**

801 9th St SE  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
9:30 a.m., 5 p.m.

### **First Christian Reformed Church**

321 2nd St SE  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
9:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

### **Good Shepherd Church**

(Kinsey Elementary)  
397 10th St SE  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
10 a.m.

### **Hope Lutheran Church**

7 16th St SE  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
9:15 a.m.

### **Lebanon Christian Reformed Church**

2142 380th St  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
9:45 a.m., 6 p.m.

### **Maria Magdalene Reformed Church**

303 N Main Ave  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
10:30 a.m.

### **Netherlands Reformed Church**

435 N Main Ave  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
9:30 a.m., 7 p.m.

### **New Life Church**

232 16th St SE  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
9:30 a.m.

### **Peace Lutheran Church**

2512 380th St  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
10:15 a.m.

### **United Reformed Church**

744 N Main Ave  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
9:30 a.m., 5 p.m.

\*A shuttle service is available each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. from the clock tower for churches in Sioux Center.

## OTHER AREA CHURCHES

American Reformed (Orange City)  
Calvary Protestant Reformed Christian Church (Hull)  
Calvary Christian Reformed Church (Orange City)  
Calvin Christian Reformed Church (Rock Valley)  
Carmel Reformed Church (Carmel)  
Cornerstone Baptist Church (Orange City)  
Cornerstone United Reformed Church (Sanborn)  
Dover Avenue Alliance Church (Orange City)  
First Christian Reformed Church (Hull)  
First Christian Reformed Church (Orange City)  
First Christian Reformed Church (Rock Valley)  
First Reformed Church (Maurice)  
Free Grace Reformed Church (Orange City)  
Harvest Community Church (PCA—Orange City)  
Hope Christian Reformed Church (Hull)  
Hospers Presbyterian Church of America (Hospers)  
Hull Protestant Reformed Christian Church (Hull)  
Immanuel Christian Reformed Church (Orange City)  
Living Water Community Church (Orange City)  
New Hope Evangelical Free Church (Orange City)  
Protestant Reformed Church (Doon)  
Redeemer United Reformed Church (Orange City)  
Trinity Christian Reformed Church (Rock Valley)  
United Reformed Church (Doon)  
United Reformed Church (Rock Valley)

# COMMUNITY

The Sioux Center app is a quick connection to Sioux Center information, events, restaurants and businesses, maps, and more. Available on the App Store and Google Play. Scan the QR code to download to your phone.



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Business Office	712-722-6013
Campus Store	712-722-6420
Campus Security	712-722-6116
Career Development Center	712-722-6024
Computer Services Office	712-722-6299
Dean of Chapel	712-722-6079
Dordt Dining	712-722-6450
Financial Aid Office	712-722-6087
Library	712-722-6040
Print and Mail Services	712-722-6052
President	712-722-6002
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