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The Canisius University Brand: "Where Leaders Are Made"

At Canisius University, the slogan "**Where leaders are made**" reflects the institution's commitment to shaping leaders who are compassionate, courageous, visionary, and thoughtful. These qualities define leadership at Canisius, emphasizing that leadership is not just about status or authority, but about creating positive change for the greater good.

What is a Leader?

At Canisius, leadership is seen in every individual, across all fields. Leadership is about embodying specific traits:

- Compassion: Seeing potential in others and working towards collective growth.
- Courage: Taking risks and acting with integrity to bring about change.
- Vision: Refusing to accept the status quo and pursuing a better future.
- Thoughtfulness: Carefully considering all aspects of a situation before making decisions.

The university also emphasizes core values that support these traits:

- Justice: Addressing social challenges and expanding access to transformative education.
- Community: A tight-knit, diverse group engaged in academic, creative, and spiritual growth.
- Determination: Driven by the belief that progress requires action and a commitment to positive change.

Emergency and Safety Information for Student Ambassadors

- **Emergency Contacts:**
 - **Campus Safety:** 716-888-2330 (Available 24/7)
 - **Buffalo Police:** 911
 - **Blue Light Emergency Phones:** Located across campus
- **Campus Alert System:**
 - Canisius uses the **RAVE alert system** for emergency notifications.
 - Students can sign up for alerts at any time.
- **Evacuation Procedures:**

- Follow instructions from **Campus Safety** or designated coordinators.
 - **Primary Assembly Point:** Quad in front of Christ the King Chapel.
 - **Secondary Assembly Point:** Spillman Parking Lot (behind Koessler Athletic Center).
- **Medical Emergencies:**
 - Call **Campus Safety** at 716-888-2330.
 - **Student Health Center:** Frisch Hall basement.
 - **Nearby Hospital:** Sisters Hospital is located on Main Street.
- **Severe Weather Protocols:**
 - Move to the lowest level of the nearest building.
 - **Designated Shelter Areas:** Basements of Old Main, Science Hall, and Koessler Athletic Center.
- **Active Threat Response:**
 - Follow the **Run, Hide, Fight** protocol.
 - If necessary, end the tour and direct participants to the nearest secure location.
 - Follow all instructions from **Campus Safety** or local law enforcement.
- **Fire Safety:**
 - Fire alarms and extinguishers are available on every floor.
 - Evacuate immediately to designated assembly points when alarms sound.
- **Lost Person Procedure:**
 - Instruct the group to stay in place.
 - Contact **Campus Safety** for assistance in locating the missing person.
- **General Safety Tips:**
 - Highlight well-lit paths, especially between Science Hall, Main Street, and residence halls.
 - Mention **Campus Safety's escort service** for safety on campus.
- **Reporting Suspicious Activity:**
 - Contact **Campus Safety** at 716-888-2330 to report concerning behavior or situations.
- **Canisius-Specific Points:**
 - **Tunnels Safety:** The underground tunnel system is monitored regularly.
 - **Metro Rail Safety:** Be cautious when crossing Main Street to access the Metro Rail stations.
 - **Residence Hall Security:** 24/7 desk attendance and swipe card access ensure secure entry to residence halls.
 - **Counseling Services:** Located in **Bosch Hall** for students experiencing mental health emergencies.

Tour Guide Expectations

Arrival:

Always arrive 15 minutes prior to scheduled tour shift time.

Check in with whoever is at the front desk, for information about the tour.

(Handicap needs, appointments following tour etc.)

Once checked in, sign out a room key and swipe (if needed) and head back to the student worker space to review student information and prepare for your tour

YOU are a representation of Canisius University. What you say and do reflects everyone on our campus. These tours are a way for families to experience our campus. Make sure you do and say the right things and are always mindful of who is around you.

While awaiting your tour, take this opportunity to review the profile of the student you will be guiding. This will provide you with more detailed information about the student before the tour, enabling you to tailor the experience to their specific interests and needs."

Personal Touch

As a current student guide, it is important to present yourself in a personable and relatable manner during campus tours. When sharing your personal experiences, be mindful to maintain a positive and uplifting tone, avoiding overly pessimistic or negative commentary. Highlight the various clubs, organizations, and leadership roles (Academic and social) you are involved with on campus, as this helps prospective students visualize the opportunities available to them. Ultimately, your goal should be to provide an authentic and inspiring representation of student life. If you are unable to convey a constructive, enthusiastic perspective, it may be best to refrain from sharing certain details about your experience

Tour Route



Tour Video: [copy_34C2E573-7C6E-4909-863D-48D84372537A.mov](#)

The Tour

This is a simple outline of the tour route.

Tour Intro:

Pick up your group in the reception area and greet them and introduce yourself. (Before elevator)

Ensure your group can hear you!

- **Name**
- **Where you are from**
- **Year in School**
- **Major/Minor**
- **Resident/Commuter**
- **Clubs/Activities**

Tour Start:

Exit the elevator and take a left going towards the front of Science Hall

Science Hall Commons (Either first in science hall or last with the conclusion)

- Event space
- Students are able to study in here as well
- Classroom example
 - Small class sizes
 - Example of your own classroom (*Story telling*)
- Mention our cybersecurity Grad Lab.
 - Cybersecurity has their own WIFI network
- Mention our ESPN3 studio.
 - We broadcast all of our home games that take place at the Demske field and in the KAC gym from here.
 - This Internship is open to any major to have an opportunity to work with ESPN and broadcasting.
 - They have green screen room as well that they use for Post or Pre-game interviews_
 - There is facility offices and labs for the program
 - It is a great internship opportunity that is open to any major if a student is interested in getting into broadcasting and working with ESPN

REST OF SCIENCE HALL

Continue walking towards the back entrance.

- Points to talk about.
 - Physician Assistance (PA) program in the basement. (All Year Program)
Additional details can be tailored by an admissions counselor.
 - Live plant wall.
 - Science Hall is home to Pre-Med programs.

- New programs in science hall – Anthro, ABEC (2nd floor of SH), Anthrozoology Biology

Unapologetic Café/ Robotic dinning (Costa and Just Baked)

Unapologetic is a community organization started by Canisius Alumni

- Mention the use of Griff bucks, however, will discuss the rest of the meal plan in the dining hall.
- Mailroom (Right side)
 - Residents only get a mailroom key and mailbox number can get packages sent and receive an email upon arrival.
 - Free for residents
- Animal Behavior Lab
 - Ghost screen but when opened you can see kittens and other animals on campus

Cross street **at walkway** in front of Science Hall (Jefferson)

- **Make sure to press the crosswalk button (Cars will not stop so ensure that your group is safe before proceeding) Mention the construction and all of the upgrades**

Cross Hughes and make your way up the walkway towards the library. (Jefferson)

- **Mention Hughes Houses**
- Private Housing - Housing option From alumni on Hughes and Blane
- Blue Light -blue-light telephones are located throughout the campus. Emergency phones are also located at the entrances to all dormitories. These can be used to report a criminal incident, fire or any other type of emergency.
- Emphasize safety: Dispatchers are on duty 24 hours a day to take your call and send campus safety Officers to investigate.

Stop in front of library doors (If it's super cold outside, you can go inside the library entrance and talk about it from that hallway before entering the library.)

- DO NOT Mention Lyons Hall
- Village Townhouses
 - Option for sophomore and upperclassmen housing
 - Apartment style living
 - Two/Three roommates, bathroom, kitchen, and living room
 - Parking available

MAIN CAMPUS:

Turn and face Churchill Towers

- Churchill Towers is home to a majority of professor's offices
- Facility members are grouped by major and assessable everywhere on campus
- First 2 floors are classrooms
- This is where they hold their office hours.
- 10 stories high

(Can walk forward or stay where you are depends on the size of the group)

To the left is Bagen Hall Bagen Hall is home to the President's office as well as the Deans of our schools and administration

Library:

Please walk INTO the library and go beyond the entrance. Take them on a little walk around the library.

- This is the main floor where students come to spend time with their friends and do their classwork
- We have a lot of room for studying both up here and on our basement floor, which is our quiet floor and where most of our books are available to check out for free.
- We also have board games, phone and computer chargers, and even DVD players you can check out, too.
- We have study rooms on the basement floor and on the main floor that students can book ahead of time - they have screens, whiteboards, and are great for group work or if you just need a quiet place to work.
- Whenever you need help with anything, whether it's research, looking for books, or things not related to the library at all, the librarians are always willing to help you with whatever you need.

Golisano Center for Student Success

Located on the 3rd Floor of the Library (Be sure to mention this and direct guests there during tours)

Please walk INTO the GCSS and go beyond the Glass entrance .

- Serves as a **centralized hub for student resources**, including:
 - Student Success Team
 - Academic Advisor
 - Career Coach
 - Success Coach
 - Financial Aid Advisor
 - Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
 - Tutoring Center
 - Veteran Services
 - Academic Mentoring Program
 - Testing Center
 - Laptop Loaner Program
 - International Office
 - ALANA

Please Take your first Right hand Turn Into INTO the GCSS and Head Towards The Testing Center

Testing Center/Rooms (Left)

- Designated space for:
 - Testing accommodations related to accessibility
 - Make-up exams

Student Rooms (right)

At the end of the Hallway point out the international office and the ALANA Center

Highlight the **International Student Programs/Study Abroad Office**.

- Tuition, credits, and room/board all carry over for half of the location (24 Location Total)
- Programs for two weeks, a whole semester, and over the summer.

Honors students have separate study abroad opportunities and programs

ALANA (African American, Latino American, Asian American, & Native American) Student Center
Reference “ALANA SIGN”

- Provides African American, Latinx American, Asian American and Native American (ALANA) students with various services that help students to succeed at Canisius and after they graduate. They strive towards the campus community goals of fostering, respecting, and exploring cultural differences.
 - Programs– ALANA orientation, soup with substance, cultural excursions

Please Take your left hand Turn towards to head towards the accessibility Center

Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

- Provides accommodations and resources for students with disabilities (example 504 plan)
- Students with learning differences, including those who had an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) in high school, may continue receiving accommodations at Canisius
- We recommend that all students who have accommodation or think they need accommodation should contact SAS. You would rather have it and not utilize it then not have it at all.
- SAS does not conduct diagnostics students will have to provide proper documentation from a medical professional
- Example . Athlete breaks their writing hand or IEP plan

Veteran Services

- Available to students receiving benefits from:

- Military
- Army
- Marines
- Other service branches

At the end of the Hallway point take a left and walk down to the Academic achievement Office and Success Coaches

Academic Achievement

- Students can meet regularly with their **Success Coach**
- Supports with registration support during ADD/Drop Week
- Every Student can benefit from utilizing them
- Split by major and specialty groups (Athletes, international,ULLC)
- We recommend if students are ever feeling underwater there should visit there success team to arrange resources

Things to help students transition:

- FYE 101 (First Year required courses for all freshman)
- Griff 105 (Course for any low academic first year students)
- For first-year students, Success Coaches assist with:
 - Course registration
 - Navigating class-related needs

Success Coach

- Assists students with non-advising academic concerns
- Connects students to helpful campus resources
- Students placed on academic probation will:
 - Meet with their Success Coach
 - Develop an academic recovery plan
 - Participate in biweekly check-ins

Walk straight to the Career Development Office

Career Development

- Offers support with:
 - Résumé and cover letter development
 - Career decision making (Choosing major)
 - On-campus recruitment opportunities
 - Career-related events and workshops
 - LinkedIn and Handshake profile creation
- Each student is assigned a **Career Counselor**
- Career development can begin **as soon as a student arrives on campus**

Lifetime alumni benefit: *“Once a Griff, Always a Griff”*

Turn Right and straight Through the door to the GSCC West Waiting room

GSCC work Space

- Dedicated spaces for student to study and hang out

Prayer room

- There is also a dedicated prayer room on the upper floor for those who need a quiet, private place to pray during the day.

Tutoring Center

- Offers **peer-to-peer academic support**
- Tutors are students who have successfully completed the course
- Provides **work opportunities** for student tutors

Academic Mentoring Program

- Matches students with trained academic mentors
- Mentors provide:
 - Academic support
 - Help navigating campus resources
- Support is provided through regularly scheduled meetings

Financial Aid Advisor

- Only success member that not located in The GSCC (located 3rd floor of science Hall)
- Assists students with:
 - Financial aid questions
 - Grants, loans, and scholarships

Understanding billing and aid packages

Tim Horton's

Mention that we have Tim Hortons, and explain what Tim Hortons is if the student is not local.

Walk toward the Art Gallery that connects the Library to Old Main.

(New work posted April 15th)

Art Gallery Display

- The photographs featured in the gallery are taken by students participating in study abroad programs.
- These photos are updated annually.

Optional/Additional Display

- Athletics may install the current photos of student-athletes from mid-January to mid-February while awaiting the new updated photos .

After entering Old Main, turn to walk towards the Golden Griffin Fund. While walking towards the Golden Griffin Fund Talk about Old Main

- Main Academic building on campus
 - Majority of our core classes take place here as well as business courses
 - Some student resources can be found here as well
 - First Floor: classroom and office spaces
 - Second Floor: Campus ministry and classrooms,
 - Fourth Floor: Classrooms (Digital Media Arts Lab, 3D printer, Bloomberg computers + 1 In library)
- Mention Religious classes: Ensure them that this is versatile in what they can choose and is more like a history lesson on different religions. They might think they are being forced to prescribe to another religion.

Utilize examples such as: (examples) RST 229: Religious Perspectives on Animals, RST 221: Native American Religions, RST 220: Religions of Asia

Stop in front of Financial Market Lab and Golden Griffin Fund

- Investment Management ...
- For finance students who participate in the Golden Griffin Fund (investment management course)
- Won the Global CFA research competition in 2015, beat 850+ schools.
CFA Steps: Regional < National < Global
- Students follow different stocks and do research on them and then make a portfolio to present their findings and whether the college should invest or not
- The proposal from the competition is used to reinvest into the Golden fund
(portfolio balance +\$870,000 and 2024 bring in +10 percent return on investment)

Move to New state-of-the-art "Hyflex" classroom space on 1st floor of Oldman

- New carpeting, ceilings, lighting, mobile furniture, whiteboards and advanced audiovisual equipment.
- The goal is to modernize all our academic spaces

Exit Old Main into the Quad

QUAD:

Stop after walking a few steps away from Old Main

Story telling

- How we're right in the city of Buffalo
- On a metro line
 - Delevan stop and Humboldt stops bookend campus
 - Can take the metro into the city
 - Metro rail pass are connected to student swipes once facilitated
 - Theater District, Harbor Center, Sahlen's Field, Canalside, Outer Harbor (Examples. Bison's game, Food, Entrainment places)
- Delaware Park and the Zoo is a mile away
- Elmwood Avenue
 - Events and great food (Examples – Food places, Local boutiques, Parks, Museums)
- Talk about Montante Cultural Center
 - Events and guest speakers
Walk forward towards the St. Peter Canisius statue.
 - This statue honors St. Peter Canisius, the university's namesake and a key figure in the Catholic Counter-Reformation. He was known for his scholarship, teaching, and dedication to education.
 - We dress him up for holiday (Respectfully)

Story telling

This is where we mention the University Brand

To the left is Loyola Hall where our Jesuit Priests live

- Often Loyola hall host visiting priest VISITING buffalo area for work
- Host Refugee along with meal services
- *Explain what a Jesuit education means:* Founded by the Society of Jesus, Canisius espouses the principles of human excellence, care for the whole person, social justice and interreligious dialogue.

To the right is Horan O'Donnell

- The majority of chemistry classes take place here. Occasionally has core curriculum and business classes.

Walk from the statue to the Chapel.

- Can enter Chapel if unoccupied.
- Conducts Campus Mass, Weddings in the Chape (Alumni free) I, Baptisms, and Stewardship (Optional for students)
- Mention the Chapels community involvement
 - Host different Catholic graduations around buffalo
 - Community Service Days

Walk around the Chapel towards the other side of the Quad,

Walk towards and Mention Dugan Hall

- Dugan Hall is home to sophomores and upper classmen.
- Suite style living either a bathroom suite or living room suite (2 rooms 4 personals)
- Dugan has AC

Begin to walk towards Palisano pavilion

To the left is Bosch and to the right is Frisch

o Both completely identical

Mention Bosch Facts

- Home to Campus Safety
 - Blue light Campus
- Campus Safety officers who are always patrolling the area (24hrs)
 - 2 different police departments on top of Campus safety – Buffalo Police district, Metro Police
 - Present at every home game and most events
 - Campus Safety is active 7 days a week and 12 months a year (Even through breaks and summer)
- Laundry Room
 - Coin free
 - An app/website that you can use to check when washers and dryers are done.
 - Laundry is in every Resident hall's

Walk inside of Palisano Pavilion to discuss student gym

Palisano Fitness Center

- Hours : Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Open all students and athletes (never where team practices are held)
- Lockers available and there is showers for commuters
- \$1 million dollar project renovation (2022)

2nd floor of Palisano - Studio space Anything

- yoga, group classes, stretching

Move to Palisano Basement and share Blue and Gold café, Griff Thrifts, and E-Sports

Griff Thrift

- Started by the sustainability committee and Alumni
- Free for students
- Business casual outfits and regular outfits
- Students can donate back and get a new rotation of clothes

Blue and Gold café Open 2pm-9pm

- New Smoothie machine (After hours)

Fusion Gaming Society

- Rent board games, pool and ping pong equipment
- Event space – (Examples. Karaoke, game nights)

E-Sports Lab

- Division 1 E-Sports Team and Club sectors
- Example Games (MAAC) League of Legends, FIFA, Fortnite and SuperSmash Bros
- Compete in the MAAC conference
- Free to join

Enter Frisch through Basement entrance and Mention student health center

Student health center

- Doctor and PA on campus
- treatment for most things is free with health insurance
- Sisters hospital is across the street

Walk up into Frisch Hall and go to the showroom floor.

- You will show the suite style room (Left is an example of a **single Room** and on the **right** is an example of a **double room**)
- Make sure you are engaging with the students
 - Will they dorm or commute?
- Each student will have a bed, desk, dresser, and closet
- Nothing to set the room on fire
- You can bring TV, microwave, and mini fridge

- There is a common room on each floor and an RA as well.
 - Host events on floors for students to interact and have fun.

Exit Frisch onto Hughes and walk up to the Student Center where you'll see the dining hall Walk in and show them the dining facilities, discuss Meal Plans.

*Walk through *DON'T LINGER*)*

Meal Swipes can only be used in the dining hall. Meal Trades can be used at Tu Taco in the Market. Griff bucks can be used at any of the five locations on campus:

- Dining Hall
- Market/Tu Taco
- Science Hall Café
- Tim Hortons
- Smoothie Lab/Robotic Dining

Griff Bucks – Use your Griff Pass on campus and in the community wherever you see Griff Bucks, Griff Choice or Griff Food Plan logos.

***If the student has questions in regard of the meal plan and specifics connect them with a counselor**

- All residents of Bosch, Frisch or Dugan are required to purchase a Griff Food Plan for the fall and spring semesters.
- Freshmen are assigned the Griff Unlimited Plan.
- Sophomores, Juniors and seniors may choose Griff Unlimited, Griff 12/Week, or Griff 7/Week Plan.
- All other resident and commuter students may choose any Griff Food Plan.
- Griff Bucks Carry over, Swipes don't
- Students can always add Griff Bucks

Mention Flags and talk about International office,

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Walk down to Basement with Club Room

Introduce Tunnels

Tunnels Safety: The underground tunnel system is monitored regularly.

- Time to mention the BIG 3
 - The Griffin (School newspaper)
 - The SPB (Student Programming board)
 - The USA (United Student Association) + Graduate students

Tour Guide “Share your Favorite Club and explain some events they host on campus”

From here, continue through the **club rooms**

- *Club rooms are located on the second floor as well*
- *“My Favorite club is _____” *Story Telling**

Represent all student organizations accurately and respectfully

The CrescenDONT’S: "The CrescenDON'Ts" is Canisius's premier and co-ed a cappella group. We hold two concerts every year, singing at a variety of events at Canisius, with a wide variety of music which includes pop music and music from a variety of decades. Discuss SELD offices, Leadership conferences, retreats, Clubs

United Students Association (USA): The United Student Association (USA) serves as the Student Government of Canisius University. Our mission is to advocate for the student body and ensure the good stewardship of the student activity fee. USA meets weekly to discuss the pressing issues affecting our student body and works in collaboration with upper administration to solve them.

Muslim Students Association (MSA): The purpose of the Muslim Student Association Club (MSA) at Canisius University shall be to hold events related to promoting friendship, and unity between the Muslim students and the Canisius community. We strive to bridge the gap between what has been misconceived about Islam by hosting general body meetings, seminars, food festivals, and other educational events.

The Griffin Newspaper: The student newspaper, The Griffin, exists primarily to serve the students of Canisius University, but its responsibilities extend to the school community as a whole. In fulfilling this function, The Griffin has both the right and the responsibility to report news of student interest both on and off campus, to editorialize on matters of student concern and to provide a forum for the free expression of opinion and exchange of ideas in the school community.

Little Theatre: Little Theatre is a group of students who have a passion for performing, technical design and set building, costuming, and more! We work as a team on each show, either with our resident director or with our student directors, and perform at least four shows a year

Residence Hall Association (RHA): The Residence Hall Association (RHA) is all about making campus living fun, inclusive, and unforgettable. From hosting exciting events to amplifying student voices, we're here to turn your residence hall into a true home-away-from-home. Let's build connections, create memories, and make our halls the place to be

Anime Club: The Canisius University Anime Club is a social and cultural club open to all students and faculty. Anime Club is focused on providing entertainment to its members for Asian culture, specifically

anime. The Anime Club promotes this desire by showcasing all anime genres and organizing various events such as anime screenings, Maid Cafe, Geek Gala, and a Sleepover.

C-Block: C-Block, established in 2000, is the student section at all Canisius College athletic events. Raucous, rowdy, and decked out in Canisius Blue and Gold, C-Block is the voice and spirit behind every team, creating an intimidating atmosphere for those who dare enter the Koessler Athletic Center, HARBORCENTER or the Demske Sports Complex with thoughts of going home victorious

Unity: Unity exists to provide an environment in which students feel safe and comfortable discussing issues concerning sexual orientation and gender identities. Commitment to creating an atmosphere free of homophobic and transphobic behavior, along with LGBTQ+ advocating, in any form is fully consistent with Catholic education and the teachings of the Jesuits.

Latinos United Celebrating Hispanic Advocacy (LUCHA): Latinos United Celebrating Hispanic Advocacy is a group dedicated to bringing more cultural awareness about Hispanic and Latino cultures to campus. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join. LUCHA is also best known for bringing amazing latin food via local businesses for all to eat!

Commuter Students Association (CSA): The purpose of the Canisius Commuter Student Association is to promote a sense of community for commuters and to make known the suggestions of the commuter population to the Administration. CSA will serve as the programming body for the commuter population on campus!

Afro-American Society: The Afro-American Society is a student organization that strives to educate and encourage awareness, inclusivity, and celebration of Black culture, history, and achievements within our campus community. We organize a diverse range of events, including General Body meetings, Afro Ball, Fashion Show, Soul Food Dinners, and Black Business Expo, among others. These events not only showcase but also celebrate the richness and vibrancy of African American culture.

Canisius Zoological Society (CZS): Canisius Zoological Society is a science-based club open to all students who are interested in the appreciation and preservation of animals. Our goal is to educate our campus community about conservation and to create partnerships with other organizations that will help further educate those in the Buffalo community.

- Commuter Lounge
 - Commuter Lounge
 - TVs, couches, computers, vending machines
 - Good place for commuters to hang out when not in class

Discuss the book store (Barnes and Noble)

- Price Match amazon
- Classroom textbooks can be ordered through here
- Campus merch, supplies, Tools and Books (Example Earpads, Mac Charger, Flash drives)

Walk Past ITS and discuss ITS Help desk

- ITS Help Desk will provide the following services for students and their computers:

- Establish wireless network connections
- Assist with network registration
- Assist with setting up Gmail on mobile devices
- Remove spyware, adware, and viruses
- Set-up Papercut Printing on personal computers
- Reset passwords

Highlight Honors Lounge, ULLC, Canisius Upwardbound

Honors Program/Lounge

- The All-College Honors Program at Canisius offers a rigorous academic experience for top-performing students. ***Family Interested or have questions?***

We connect with a counselor who can provide more details and guide you through the application process.

ULLC (Urban Leadership Learning Community)

ULLC is a four-year leadership development program for academically strong students from the City of Buffalo with financial need. ***-Family Interested or have questions?***

We connect with a counselor who can provide more details and guide you through the application process.

Walk though until you get back to old main Mention HEOP and the market

- End of the hallway is the Market

- Grab and go options
- Spot to use Griff Bucks/Meal Trades
- Made to Order Taco bar and Jumbo Slices of Pizza

HEOP (Higher Education Opportunity Program)

- HEOP supports New York State residents with academic and financial need through comprehensive services, including tuition assistance and academic support.

Family Interested or have questions?

We connect with a counselor who can provide more details and guide you through the application process.

*Walk out through Hughes and walk back to science hall Continue talking about some of the values of living in Buffalo **Elmwood, Allentown, downtown Buffalo, etc.***

- *Harbor center – Home to Sabers and Canisius University Hockey*
- *ECC (Eire Community College) – Home to our Indoor track and swim*
- *Forest Lawn cemetery – 175-Year-old historic Cemetery*

- From former president Millard Fillmore to music legend Rick James, you'll find a lot of very recognizable names buried here. There's also a trolley tour dedicated to the famous women, including writers, social organizers, suffragettes, and early entrepreneurs

Science Hall Part 2

When returning back into the science hall take a right at the IAR and head down the opposite side of Science hall from when you started the tour. (Left hand Hallways)

- **Mention the Women's Business Institute**
 - Support Local women Business owners
 - Help organizations grow and sustain
- Science Hall Commons (Either first in science hall or last with the conclusion)
 - Event space
 - Students are able to study in here as well
 - Mention Health Science across the street (Only ROTC)
 - New parking lot
- Mention Parking Pass – Tagless and digital (Starting fall 2024)

*** If they're interested in the prices they can connect with a counselor**

(Student optional)

KOESSLER ATHLETIC CENTER

Enter the Koestler Athletic Center through the front entrance on Main (Basement Floor)

- The basement is home to a few classrooms for programs such as PE (Physical Education) , and also our rowing fitness center
- Walk up right stairwell and go through Canisius College Hall of Fame.
- If the gym is unoccupied, walk your group into the main gym.

- Walk down the hallway, pointing out the locker rooms and equipment desk.
- Bring your tour past the Athletic Training Center and back outside.

Exit the Koessler Athletic Center through the Demske Sports Complex

- Walk back along the side of **Demske Sports Complex momentarily**, then start heading and go down the Stairs on Main ST.
- Retrace your steps back up Main Street towards Science Hall.

Science Hall Part 3

Please WALK them back up to the Admissions office!

- **Sign your keys back in.** You will also write a postcard to every prospective student on your tour. These must be finished immediately after your tour.

Canisius University Tour Guide Handbook: Complete Master Guide & Route

1. Tour Introduction & Welcome

- **Gathering Spot:** Meet your group in the reception area before the elevator.

- **Speaker Checklist:** Ensure the group can hear you clearly. Share your Name, Hometown, Year in School, Major/Minor, Resident vs. Commuter status, and active Campus Clubs.
- **Mission Framing:** Seamlessly weave in Canisius's Jesuit foundation and the core principle of *cura personalis* (care for the whole person) right from the start.

2. Science Hall (Part 1)

- **Science Hall Commons:** Multi-use event and study space.
- **Academic Highlights:** Highlight small class sizes, share a personal classroom story, and point out the Cybersecurity Grad Lab (dedicated Wi-Fi network) and the ESPN3 broadcasting studio (open-to-all majors internship, home games, green screen pre/post-game room).
- **Highlights:** Physician Assistant (PA) program in the basement, live plant wall, pre-med tracking, and programs like Biology, ABEC (Animal Behavior, Ecology, and Conservation), and Anthrozoology.
- **Amenities:** Unapologetic Café/Robotic dining (Costa and Just Baked), mailroom access for residents, and the Animal Behavior Lab viewing screen.
- **Easter Egg / Story Point:** Tell prospective students to keep an eye out at the Animal Behavior Lab's ghost screen window, if they time it right, they can catch a glimpse of kittens and other animals on campus.

3. Crossing to Main Campus

- **Safety First:** Press the Jefferson crosswalk button and ensure the group crosses safely amidst street updates. Mention construction and improvements and updates
- **Hughes Houses & Safety:** Private upperclassman housing options on Hughes and Blaine.

4. Library & Golisano Center for Student Success (GCSS)

- **Main Library:** Explore the main floor social/study space and basement quiet floor (free book rentals, board games, tech chargers, and reservable study rooms with whiteboards and screens).
- **GCSS (3rd Floor Hub):**
 - *Testing Center & SAS:* Accommodations, make-up exams, and Student Accessibility Services (IEP/504 transitions).
 - *Global & Cultural Programs:* Study abroad (credits/tuition carry over across 24 locations) and the ALANA Student Center (cultural events, programming, and advocacy).
 - *Support Teams:* Academic Achievement (Success Coaches, FYE 101, Griff 105, academic recovery), Career Development (Handshake, resume building, lifetime alumni benefits), Tutoring Center, Academic Mentoring, and Veteran Services.
- **Student Life & Amenities:** Prayer room, Tim Hortons, art gallery showcasing student study abroad photography, and the Golden Griffin Fund (student-run investment portfolio managing over \$870k with a stellar ROI).

5. Old Main & The Quad

- **Old Main Academics:** Core classes, business programs, digital media arts lab, and versatile Religious Studies courses taught through a historical/cultural lens (e.g., animals, native traditions, Asian religions).
- **Hyflex Classrooms:** Modernized spaces with advanced AV, mobile furniture, and refreshed lighting.

- **The Quad & Buffalo Life:**
 - Discuss city access via metro rail passes (Theater District, Canalside, Sahlen Field, Outer Harbor).
 - Elmwood Avenue, Delaware Park, and the Zoo.
 - St. Peter Canisius statue and nearby Jesuit residence at Loyola Hall.
 - The Chapel: Campus mass, student weddings, baptisms, and community service days.
- **Easter Egg / Story Point:** Point out the St. Peter Canisius statue and share how students affectionately dress him up for seasonal holidays and campus milestones (respectfully, of course!), making him a campus favorite.

6. Palisano Pavilion & Student Life

- **Residences & Safety:** Bosch and Frisch halls (identical layouts, coin-free laundry with mobile app tracking, campus safety offices).
- **Palisano Fitness Center:** \$1 million dollar renovation, 2nd-floor group fitness/yoga studio, open to all students.
- **Basement Hubs:**
 - *Griff Thrift:* Free business-casual and everyday clothing managed by the sustainability committee.
 - *Blue and Gold Café:* Extended evening hours and smoothie machine.
 - *E-Sports Lab:* Division 1 and club teams competing in the MAAC (League of Legends, Smash Bros, etc.).
- **Student Health Center:** On-campus doctor and PA; Sisters Hospital located directly across the street.
- **Showroom Dorm:** Tour suite-style living in Frisch Hall (singles/doubles, standard furniture provided, permissible electronics like mini-fridges and microwaves).

7. Student Center, Tunnels & Club Rooms

- **Dining Facilities:** Dining hall, Tu Taco, Market grab-and-go options, and meal plan structures (Unlimited vs. weekly plans for residents; Griff Bucks flexibility on and off campus).
- **The Big Three & Student Orgs:** Highlight the underground tunnels, student media (*The Griffin*), Student Programming Board (SPB), United Student Association (USA), and core clubs like Little Theatre, RHA, Anime Club, C-Block student section, Unity, LUCHA, Commuter Students Association, Afro-American Society, and the Canisius Zoological Society.
- **Commuter Lounge & ITS:** Dedicated commuter spaces with TVs/couches and the ITS Help Desk (Wi-Fi, virus removal, PaperCut printing).
- **Special Programs:** Honors Lounge, ULLC, Upward Bound, and HEOP support networks.
- **Easter Egg / Story Point:** Mention that while the underground tunnels are practical for navigating through chilly Buffalo winters, they hold plenty of student lore as the secret artery connecting campus life behind the scenes.

8. Surrounding Buffalo & Science Hall Return

- **Buffalo Landmarks:** Harborcenter (Sabers/Canary hockey), ECC pool/track, and Forest Lawn Cemetery history tours.

- **Easter Egg / Story Point:** When talking about Forest Lawn Cemetery, share the fun trivia that it's the final resting place of former U.S. President Millard Fillmore alongside music legend Rick James, featuring a dedicated trolley tour highlighting notable women in history.
- **Science Hall Return (Part 2):** Women's Business Institute, updated digital tagless parking passes, and the Koessler Athletic Center (KAC), Demske Sports Complex, and rowing fitness center.
- **Easter Egg / Story Point:** Bring high energy when describing C-Block, the rowdy blue-and-gold-clad student section that brings intense school spirit to the Koessler Athletic Center and Demske Sports Complex, making opposing teams dread visiting.
- **Tour Wrap-Up:** Return to the Admissions Office, sign keys back in, and immediately complete postcards for prospective students.

Fun Easter Eggs/Points:

The Dressed-Up Namesake (The Quad): Point out the St. Peter Canisius statue and share how students affectionately dress him up for seasonal holidays and campus milestones (done respectfully, of course!), making him a campus celebrity on social media.

The Secret Kitten Screen (Science Hall): When passing the Animal Behavior Lab, tell prospective students to keep an eye out for the ghost screen window—if they time it right, they can catch a glimpse of kittens and other animals living and studying on campus.

The Underground Tunnel Lore (Student Center Lower Level): Mention that while the tunnels are practical for getting around during snowy Buffalo winters, they hold plenty of student lore and serve as the central artery connecting the campus community behind the scenes.

Forest Lawn's Famous Residents (Buffalo Neighborhood Overview): When talking about local landmarks like the historic Forest Lawn Cemetery, drop the fun trivia that it's the final resting place of former U.S. President Millard Fillmore alongside music legend Rick James, complete with a trolley tour.

C-Block Koessler Chaos (Athletics): Bring extra energy when talking about C-Block, the rowdy, blue-and-gold-clad student section that brings intense school spirit to the Koessler Athletic Center and Demske Sports Complex, making opposing teams genuinely nervous to visit.