



Q. How has your life been in Gannon so far?

A. Good! There's nothing bad here. I have taken all the chances that came along my way to better myself.

Q. What were the things you brought from home that were useful?

A. Arabic coffee, dates and definitely traditional clothes.

Q. What things were not useful?

A. Jackets! They didn't work for the cold weather.

Q. What should you have brought?

A. Arabic coffee in bulk!

Q. Any suggestions for the new incoming students?

A. Don't bring a whole kitchen. Even though you won't get as authentic as back home, you will get the stuff you need.



He's Khalid from Saudi Arabia. He's a Respiratory Care major starting his junior year. He's involved in various activities on campus.

Hopefully, you've got some ideas on what to bring and what not to bring. A lot of the students suggested to bring spices. If you do not know how to cook, we suggest you learn something, maybe your favorite food cooked by your mom? Also, if you learn to cook few dishes, it will be a great opportunity to share your food and culture with the new friends you make here.

Do not get tons of things and regret it later. You can find everything here, cheap or expensive. Just give yourself a little time to adjust and you'll start exploring places and find whatever you need.

The weather is going to be warm when you arrive in August (78°F/25°C average). However, there might be some days where you might want a light jacket or a sweater. As for winter clothes (heavy jackets and winter boots), buy them here after you arrive. Remember, American college students dress very casual. Being homesick when you first arrive is inevitable. So bring things that help you stay connected to back home. Here is a summary of what you may want to bring.

- Small toiletries bag
- Light jacket
- Your cultural dress
- Pictures of family, friends, hometown
- Religious symbols/figurines
- Spices

Start thinking about what you want to bring here. We'll see you soon!



PACKING SMART

Q. How has your life been in Gannon so far?

A. Welcoming & comfortable

Q. What were the things you brought from home that were useful?

A. Sneakers & socks *laughs*

Q. What things were not useful?

A. Coats and snow shoes I bought back home did not work .

Q. What should you have brought?

A. I wish I had brought my traditional dress.

Q. Any suggestions for the new incoming students?

A. 4 out of 12 months is cold, so bring warm long-sleeved clothes. Also, I got my stationery from back home which was inexpensive. Stationery here is a little expensive.



This is Frank from Honduras. He's going to be one of your orientation leaders. You'll see a lot of him once you get here. He is a sophomore studying Accounting and Legal Studies.



Meet Sharath from India. He is a first year Master's Engineering Management student.

Q. How has your life been in Gannon so far?

A. Accepting. There are lovely people here.

Q. What were the things your brought from home that were useful?

A. Indian spices to make food whenever I miss home-cooked food.

Q. What things were not useful?

A. Nothing really. Even if there was, I found a way to utilize it.

Q. What should you have brought?

A. I guess I brought everything I need.

Q. Any suggestions for the new incoming students?

A. Get basic necessities for few days because you will not be familiar with place immediately. Get easy-to-make food that will help you go through a couple of days until you start knowing the place. Also don't be hesitant to visit places once you come here.



Q. How has your life been in Gannon so far?

A: It has been a rollercoaster. Good and bad, but so far pretty amazing.

Q. What were the things you brought from home that were useful?

A: Basic necessities like beddings and few spices from home. I also brought photos of my family to put up at my place.

Q. What things were not useful?

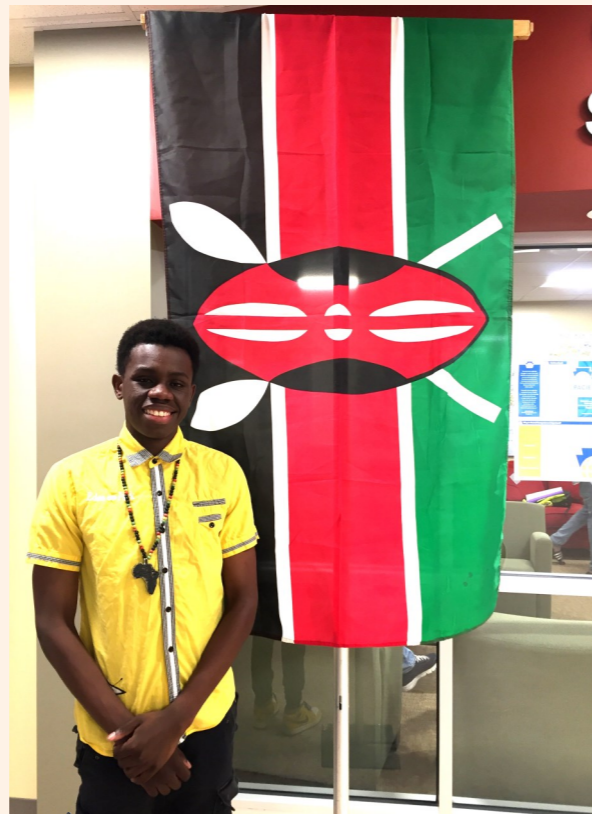
A: I brought an iron and an ironing board which I did not use even once. I don't even know where it is right now!

Q. What should you have brought?

A: Spices in bulk. Even though you get it here, it is not as same as home.

Q. Any suggestions for the new incoming students?

A: Definitely bring tons of warm clothes. You will remember to bring jackets but not the small stuff like beanies and ear muffs. Be sure to bring that.



This is Sidney from Kenya studying Information Systems. He is a junior and will be one of your orientation leaders. Remember him!

Q. How has your life been in Gannon so far?

A: I came in January so the weather was not really good. However, being here has helped to me to grow. The supportive nature has helped me to become more confident.

Q. What were the things you brought from home that were useful?

A: Definitely traditional clothes.

Q. What things were not useful?

A: I brought shoes that were not good for snow and did not even wear them once.

Q. What should you have brought?

A: Get spices! You will miss home cooked food. So bring it that you can cook food from home.

Q. Any suggestions for the new incoming students?

A: I brought a lot of clothes from home which I did not wear because once I got here, I shopped clothes that would be suitable for the environment here, not only weather wise but also which would fit in with how the Americans dress.



Prakriti is a second semester freshman studying Criminal Justice from Nepal.



Q. How has your life been in Gannon so far?

A: Very good! I like it a lot here.

Q. What were the things you brought from home that were useful?

A: I was sure that I would buy the stuff I need here. So I just brought couple pair of clothes and a jacket that would get me through the cold days.

Q. What things were not useful?

A: It was not me, but some people bought pots and cooking utensils which I think was useless, because you get all of the stuff here conveniently.

Q. What should you have brought?

A: Back home, we use a different kind of blanket, not like the ones here. I so wish I had brought it.

Q. Any suggestions for the new incoming students?

A: I didn't bring lots of things. Carrying 3 suitcases is tough. Plus, you can buy everything you need here easily so why bring things that you will not use later.



Marc is an exchange student from Germany. He is a senior in Business Administration and Industrial Engineering major.



Hinako is a Business major who currently finished her undergrad and is now going for her Master's in same major. She's from Japan.

Q. How has your life been in Gannon so far?

A: It has been great!! I've been here for 4 years already and feel like I've become a part of the community that's why I decided to do my grad program here.

Q. What were the things you brought from home that were useful?

A: Few medications, pictures of my hometown so I can show it to my friends here. Also, Japanese food!!

Q. What things were not useful?

A: I didn't need to bring nail clippers, umbrella and high heels. You get it all here!

Q. What should you have brought?

A: If you wear eyeglasses and contacts, be sure to bring extras. Those are expensive here.

Q. Any suggestions for the new incoming students?

A: Bring stuff that are necessary. Think about it. Don't over pack or under pack. Ask your friends who have been here in America to get some suggestions.