

Policy Proposal - Original

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I. Our priorities

- A. Do all we can to prevent students from celebrating off-campus
 - 1. Students are significantly less safe off campus, away from free medical resources.
 - 2. Students who need support off campus will be transported to a rehabilitation center on K Street, potentially overwhelming DC resources.
 - 3. Students are already preparing to sell over 1,000 tickets for Hookhall. Having over 1,000 students at a downtown venue could block roads, sidewalks, and access to spaces. This is not good for Georgetown's presentation, nor for the DC constituents who use these services.
- B. Improve communications regarding Georgetown Day policies
 - 1. Do not release university communications without advice from student organizations
- C. Encourage students to remain On Campus
- D. Promote Utmost Safety On Campus
- E. Do not limit Residence Hall Access or revoke GoCard access
- F. Increase access to Georgetown spaces (Village B and Townhouses)
- G. Reform Village A Policies
 - 1. Proposal of alternative enforcement (clicker policy)
- H. Clarify and coordinate noise policy with neighborhood life
- I. Continue collaborating with Georgetown Groups for all-day programming
 - 1. Georgetown Program Board (GPB)
 - 2. Encourage attendance at music events on campus

II. Our Reforms

- A. Undo Limited Residence Hall Access:** Limiting Residential Hall Access did not appear to increase safety. Rather, it increased inconvenience, encouraged students to spend time away from campus, and discouraged spending time with friends on campus. Rather than punitive restrictions, encourage students to ensure their doors are locked.
- B. Allow Access to Alumni Square:** Last year, security prevented people from congregating in Alumni Square, further incentivizing people to go off campus, where they no longer can access medical resources and were susceptible to abuse by frats and other groups planning those events. Furthermore, this action made Georgetown Day celebrations more financially inaccessible. Alumni Square should be fully accessible at all times on Georgetown Day.
- C. Replace Vil-A wristband with a clicker system:** The wristband policy signaled to students that on-campus spaces would not be places to

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host gatherings. The on-campus safety provided by these measures put more students at risk by leading to an increase in off-campus activity. Additionally, it led to the purchase and sale of the wristbands between students, making Georgetown Day celebrations more financially inaccessible. Instead, we propose a clicker system similar to the 2023 policy, where individuals could stand near rooftop stairways and ensure that the space remains at a structurally safe capacity. This system would demonstrate a clear boundary for the number of students allowed in Village A at one time while demonstrating to students that the primary concern is safety, not exclusivity.

D. Maintain Same Enforcement of DJ Policy: Guidelines around backyard DJs and Sound Systems should remain the same as on St. Patrick's Day or any other Georgetown Weekend. In conversation with GCP, the noise volume during the day in Georgetown houses does not qualify for violating noise ordinances. Do not over-enforce this rule on Georgetown Day. This rule has not been heavily enforced on St. Patrick's Day or normal Georgetown weekends. From the outset of St. Patrick's Day, there has been no rise in complaints or explicit reason why this policy must be enforced to a higher standard than normal. The over-enforcement of this policy does not increase safety and only increases the risk of people traveling to off-campus bands or DJs. Simply advertise the noise policy and coordinate responses to offenses. Do not explicitly ban DJs and Bands.

E. Edit the Language banning BORGS to Prevent Miscommunications: See the edits below.

III. Below, we have taken the Georgetown Day 2024 email sent to all students and made adjustments to communication regarding policies:

Key Policies and Reminders

- **April 26 is a Class Day:** Faculty expect full participation in scheduled classes. If you are enrolled in a class scheduled to meet, you should attend class, unless your professor has made other arrangements. Assignments, exams, labs, presentations, participation and other required assessments are not excused without explicit approval from the instructor of record.
- **Treating Staff and Others with Respect:** Students must treat all community members with respect, courtesy and dignity. Additionally, students approached by staff or other university employees must follow their directives.

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Students who do not adhere to these requirements may be referred through the conduct process.

- **Limited Residence Hall Access:** From Thursday, April 25, through Saturday, April 27, GOCard access to all residence halls will be limited to residents to ensure the safety of our community.
 - Limiting Residential Hall Access did not appear to increase safety. Rather, it increased inconvenience, encouraged students to spend time away from campus, and discouraged spending time with friends on campus.
- **Limited Access to Village A Rooftops and Alumni Square:** To ensure fire safety at all times, there will be designated security staff monitoring entry and exit points to Village A, the rooftop and Alumni Square, and capacity limitations, coordinated by GUPD and Residential Living.
 - Last year, security prevented people from congregating in Alumni Square, further incentivizing people to go off campus, where they no longer can access medical resources and were susceptible to abuse by frats and other groups planning those events. Furthermore, this action made Georgetown Day celebrations more financially inaccessible. Alumni Square should be fully accessible at all times on Georgetown Day.
- **Village A Wristbands:** Village A will only be accessible to Village A residents (and their guests). There will be required wristbands for residents and guests on Georgetown Day. Residents will be contacted directly by their community director about acquiring wristbands.
 - The wristband policy signaled to students that on-campus spaces would not be places to host gatherings.
 - It was ineffective and did not promote campus inclusivity nor make Village A safer.
 - We propose a clicker system similar to the 2023 policy.
- **Tents:** No tents allowed on Village A rooftops or in Alumni Square.
 - Taking this out or limiting it to Village A rooftops would be preferable. (What is the rationale behind this policy?)
- **Register your parties:** Residents are encouraged to complete [Party Host Training](#) and encouraged to [register](#) their Georgetown Day 2024 gatherings, and will receive free swag. Residents should also notify their Community Director; they are a resource for you on Georgetown Day.
- ~~**Excessive Noise and Contracted DJs Are Prohibited:**~~ We are aware of students contracting DJs and renting amplified noise equipment. ~~Avoid disciplinary action or any lost fees by canceling those reservations now.~~ Off-campus noise violations are automatically considered “Disorderly Conduct.” Students who are found responsible for violating the Code of Student Conduct will be subject to [disciplinary sanctions](#).

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- Reform language to be similar to normal housing guidelines
 - Encourage students to be familiar with housing policies
 - Adjust to: “Off-campus noise violations are automatically considered “Disorderly Conduct.” Students who are found responsible for violating the Code of Student Conduct will be subject to disciplinary sanctions.”
- In conversation with GCP, the noise volume during the day in Georgetown houses does not qualify for violating noise ordinances.
 - Do not over-enforce this rule on Georgetown Day. This rule has not been heavily enforced on St. Patrick's Day or normal Georgetown weekends. From the outset of St. Patrick's Day, there has been no rise in complaints or explicit reason why this policy must be enforced to a higher standard than normal.
- Clarify noise policy - coordinate procedure for noise violations
 - Daytime offenses vs evening offenses
 - Defining noise violation during the day - to what extent?
 - Encourages more off-campus bands and DJs that further compromises the safety of students
- **No Glass Bottles:** Please do not purchase any beverages in glass bottles, as they can be dangerous when discarded or broken. Glass bottles may be confiscated.
- **You Are Responsible for the Actions of Your Guests; Guest Restrictions in Residences:** If an individual at your residence or property causes harm to another person or property, or otherwise violates the Code of Student Conduct, you may be held responsible, whether or not you invited the guest. Access will be restricted to residents from April 25 at 10 p.m. to April 26 at 10 p.m.; no guests will be permitted in residences during this time.
 - Rather than punitive restrictions, encourage students to ensure their doors are locked, etc., if they are concerned about off-campus guests
 - Can include reminders about tailgating and keeping yourself and your neighbors safe
 - Again, this policy does not increase safety, only inconvenience - cannot prevent tailgating with this policy
- **Kegs:** Kegs are not recommended, but they are permitted only in university-owned townhouses and apartments (Alumni Square, Henle Village, Nevils and Village A) where at least one resident is of legal drinking age. Kegs are prohibited in all other University-owned housing, and any unauthorized kegs will be confiscated and not returned. **Kegs are not permitted on Village A rooftops.**

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- **Open containers of alcohol are prohibited in public spaces on and off campus, per DC law and University policy:** ~~This includes large containers of alcohol referred to as 'BORGS.'~~ If you are in possession of a container of alcohol you will be asked to dispose of the container by a University official. Non-compliance with a university official's directives may be referred through the conduct process.
 - Replace with "please review the student code of conduct regarding alcohol policies on campus," with the link attached
<https://policies.georgetown.edu/policies-on-alcohol-and-other-drugs/#Policies-on-Alcohol-and-Other-Drugs>
 - No reason for policies to be different for Georgetown Day vs other days

Supplementary Information

Please see the below links for previous Georgetown Day policies and a Hoya Article highlighting student concerns about the 2024 policies

- [2022 Policy](#)
- [2023 Policy](#)
- [The Hoya Article Regarding 2024 Restrictions](#)