



St. Olaf Dictionary

This page is designed to help navigate through some terms that are unique to life at St. Olaf college. You'll see lots of blue underlined words in this dictionary. If you click on those terms, you will see a link that will take you to a webpage with more information on the selected term.

How to use the dictionary:

If you are looking for a specific term, you can click on the letters below to jump to that part of the alphabet in the dictionary. Additionally, pressing *ctrl + F* on a PC or *command + F* on a Mac will allow you to search through the page for a specific word. If you have any questions, concerns, or additions, please reach out to ote@stolaf.edu via email.

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A

[Academic Success Center](#): The Academic Success Center collaborates with faculty and staff to provide a range of academic services, programs, and resources, including individual tutoring, SI, academic coaching, writing tutoring, multilingual support, SSSD, and accommodations for students with disabilities. Contact the Academic Success Center via email at academic-success@stolaf.edu.

[Alias](#): An email group to ease the process of sending mass email. Often used for classes, residence hall floors, and student organizations. You can see which email aliases you are a part of by going onto google.com/groups

[All About Olaf](#): All About Olaf is an app available on the Apple App Store and on Google Play. The app contains helpful information such as meal schedules, number of meal swipes left in the week, building hours, transportation options, and much more. It is often used to access information about St. Olaf quickly and easily.

[Alumni Directory](#): The Alumni Directory allows St. Olaf students to find alumni working in the fields they're interested in. Many students find internships and job opportunities by contacting alumni. Alumni always want to meet new Oles!

[AmCon](#): Short for American Conversations, AmCon is an interdisciplinary program and learning community in which students analyze America's history and culture through four sequential classes. During the 2020-21 school year, freshman "AmConnors" live in Kildahl Hall.

[Asian Con](#): Asian Conversations, or Asian Con, invites students to study Asia across art, history, literature, linguistics, and more. Students from all academic backgrounds will take Chinese or Japanese language classes in addition to the two-year long Asian Con Course sequence.

B

[Board of Regents](#): The Board of Regents manages and directs the business and affairs of St. Olaf. Among its many responsibilities, the board ultimately oversees the academic integrity of the college by appointing the President, awarding tenure to the faculty upon the president's nomination, and adopting policies that establish the rights and obligations of faculty members. The student body's point of contact with the Board of Regents through the Board of Regents Student Committee.

[Boe](#): Short for Boe Chapel. Dedicated in 1954, Boe is a place for worship, music, edifying convocations, college ceremonies, the arts, and private meditation. The undercroft is a lounge space in the downstairs area where the [College Ministry](#) Office is located.

[Boe House](#): An old name for the Counseling Center, which was located in New Hall on St Olaf Ave

[BonApp](#): Short for Bon Appétit, our campus food service provider. The Cage and Stav are both run by BonApp, while the Pause is student-run. BonApp is a major student employer on campus.

[Buntrock](#): Often called Bunt, Buntrock is the student center of St. Olaf College. Opened in 1999, it is the central gathering place for students to get their mail, eat, get involved, host events, and just hang-out. The Wellness Center, Office of Student Activities, Taylor Center, and the Lutheran Center are all located in Buntrock.

C

[The Caf](#): The Caf, short for "Cafeteria" and formally known as Stav Hall, is located on the third floor of Buntrock Commons. Friends or couples may schedule a "Caf date" to catch up or get to know each other better.



The Cafeteria (Stav Hall)

[The Cage](#): The Cage is our campus cafe and grill that offers a variety of food and drink options as well as a popular study spot. Flex dollars are primarily used at the Cage

[Cantorei](#): Cantorei is a choir of upperclass students and is a mixed choir.

[Carleton College](#): Carleton, also a small liberal-arts college, is our cross-town neighbor. Students walk, drive, or take the bus to Carleton for events, to socialize, or just for a change of pace. St Olaf students and Carleton students (Carls) can eat at each other's cafeterias.

Center for Art and Dance (CAD): CAD is the Center for Art and Dance and houses everything art, art history, and dance, located at the center of campus.

[Chapel](#): With different speakers every day, daily chapel is held in Boe during chapel time as a time of inspiration for body, mind and spirit. Chapel Time is a period of around 30 minutes in mid-morning reserved every weekday, no classes are scheduled during chapel time.

[Chapel Choir](#): The Chapel Choir is another choir of upperclass students and is a mixed chorus containing all voice parts.

CHM: Short for Christiansen (pronounced Kris-JOHN-sen) Hall of Music, CHM is home to the Music Department, the Halvorson Music Library, and many rehearsal venues.

[Christmas Fest](#) (fest): As one of the oldest musical celebrations of Christmas in the United States, the Christmas Festival was started in 1912 by F. Melius Christiansen, founder of the St. Olaf College Music Department. All five official Choirs, plus the St Olaf Orchestra, St Olaf Band, and St Olaf Handbell Choir perform in multiple performances over about a week, and many families and community members visit campus to eat the special Christmas Fest menu and attend the performance. Fest is often performed in the Skoglund Auditorium, but will be in Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis for December 2022



Christmas Festival

[CIR](#): Center for Interdisciplinary Research or CIR is an interdisciplinary and collaborative research program that grants research experiences for undergraduates focused on mathematical sciences.

[Club Sports](#): An opportunity for students to participate in a variety of sports and recreational activities that are not a part of the program of NCAA intercollegiate sports administered by the St. Olaf Athletics Department. Club sports may represent St Olaf in competitions against other colleges and universities.

Community Time: This is an extended period of time reserved every Thursday when no classes are held. Community Time encompasses daily chapel and is often used for meetings and social gatherings as well as SOAR sessions.

[CURI](#): CURI or Collaborative Undergraduate Research and Inquiry is a program designed to provide opportunities to St. Olaf students of all academic disciplines by doing research under a St. Olaf faculty member. It promotes undergraduate research during the summer and academic year and provides funding for the student to do so.

D

[DAC](#): The Disability and Access Center (located in the Academic Success Center) connects students with support and accommodations for all types of disabilities. Accommodations may be academic or involve housing or other areas of student life.

[Dean of Students](#): The deans coordinate and direct services and programs designed to assist students in taking full advantage of their St. Olaf experience, both in and out of the classroom. Deans work with individual students on problems related to academics and personal life.

Den: Home to billiards, an air hockey table, and gaming equipment, students go to relax, eat, and watch TV here. The Den is located in the [Pause](#) in [Buntrock Commons](#).

[Directory](#): The St. Olaf directory is a list of students, faculty, and staff at St. Olaf. For each student, the directory may contain their name, pronouns, name pronunciation, photo, class year, major(s), dorm, home address, and St

Olaf email address. You may remove any of this information from the directory when logged in to your St Olaf account. Although faculty and staff information is publicly available, student directory entries are only viewable when accessed from on campus or when logged in.

E

[Ellingson Hall \(EH\)](#): Ellingson known by Ell is a residence hall that houses about 200 first-year students.

[EnCon](#): In Environmental Conversations, or EnCon as its known on-campus, first-year students examine the environment through an interdisciplinary approach. The program involves a three-course sequence including a First-Year Seminar, Power and Race (PAR), and Writing and Rhetoric Ole Core requirements.

[Enduring Questions](#): An integrated sequence of five courses taken over a student's freshman and sophomore years, they introduce students to the major epochs of Western tradition through direct encounter with significant works. Like all conversation programs, Enduring Questions (Quest) is open to all majors and is a great way to earn GE credits. During the 2022-2023 school year, first years "Questers" live in Hoyme Hall.

Extra: Of the many email aliases on the Hill, the stolaf-extra alias has to be the most active! This list can be used for announcing issues not directly related to St. Olaf such as items for sale, houses for rent, wanted-to-buy announcements, non-profit Northfield events, etc. Any student, faculty, or staff member can subscribe to the list [here](#)!

F

[FERPA](#): FERPA or the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 is a federal law that protects student information from being accessed by anyone other than the student themselves and those granted permission.

Fireside: Located on the second floor of [Buntrock](#), Fireside is a place to lounge, study, and enjoy yourself. During the winter months, fires can be made in the fireplace! (Not to be confused with Fireside Cider Mill, located around 10 min drive from campus)

Flaten Art Museum: The Flaten Art Museum in CAD houses several exhibitions of visual art throughout the school year. If you find yourself nearby and have some spare time, check out the amazing art in Flaten!

Flex Dollars: Flex dollars are purchased each semester as a part of most meal plan options and are primarily used at the Cage. Flex dollars cannot be replenished. (tip: calculate how much you can spend per week, the normal semester is 15 weeks)

[Fram! Fram!](#): King Olav's (Olaf's) battle cry, "Fram, Fram, Kristmenn, Krossmen" can be found on the St. Olaf College crest.

Friday Flowers: A long-standing campus tradition, a local florist sells single flowers for students to buy and put in each other's P.O. Boxes every Friday. Flowers are cash only.



Friday Flowers in Students' PO Boxes

G

[Global Semester](#) (Global): One of the most popular and well-known study abroad programs, Global Semester is a five-month academic program offering five courses, each in a different part of the world.

H

The Hill: St. Olaf College sits above the city of Northfield on a hill, so we often refer to campus as the “Hill.”

[Hilleboe](#): Hilleboe (pronounced Hill-boe) is a residence hall that houses ~120 upperclass students.

[Hill/Kitt](#): Since Hilleboe Hall and Kittelsby Hall are connected by the same entrance, the two residence halls are often referred to as Hill/Kitt.

[Holland Hall](#) (HH): Holland Hall is an academic building that is home to many of the social sciences. The building features striking study spaces and student lounges, as well as a computer lab. Because of its resemblance to Hogwarts, the Office of Student Activities (OSA) hosts Harry Potter Night each year in Holland.

[Honor Code/Council](#): On every quiz, test, or exam, students sign the Honor Code ensuring that they have not given or received unauthorized resources that could give a student an unfair advantage. The Honor Council consists of 13 students representing all class years and works to investigate alleged honor code violations through a restorative process.

[Homecoming](#): Every fall the Student Activities Committee (SAC) plans and hosts events, games, and activities for students during the week of Homecoming! The [Alumni Office](#) plans the festive weekend as the St. Olaf Community gathers for a fun-filled weekend of reconnection, celebration, and activity. Parents of current students and alumni from all four years come to the Hill and take part in the many hallmarks of campus life: learning with faculty members, athletic events and music concerts, worship, a campus festival for all ages, and more.

[Honor House](#): The college maintains campus houses that are available for upper-class student housing. These houses provide students with alternative opportunities to explore and develop interests and personal relationships through a more intimate residential setting. Honors houses are themed around languages, such as French and Spanish, or personal identity, such as Lavender House, which is home to a community of LGBTQ+ students.

[Hoyme Hall](#) (HMH): Hoyme (pronounced Hoy-mee) is a residence hall that houses ~210 first-year students.

I

IA: Inclusivity Advocates or IAs are upperclassmen who engage in the residential community to promote inclusive programming and advising.

[Interim](#): Interim is a four-week period of intensive study in one area. Interim provides an opportunity for a professor and their students to focus their entire attention on one course for a full month, to



Students Participating in Intramural Basketball

offer a time of study in depth. Interim courses are generally worth a full credit. It is a time when unique teaching and learning styles can be utilized in rather traditional courses or when unique subjects can be studied in some international or domestic off-campus location. Interim is a very popular time for study abroad!

[Intramurals](#): For all students who want to participate in some team sport, but maybe want something a little less demanding – Intramurals provide weekly games year round. Grab a team, sign-up, and play! Intramural teams only compete against other St Olaf intramurals.

[IT](#): For all things technical, The Information and Instructional Technologies offers a campus-wide network of computing facilities that includes Macintosh, PC-compatibles, and UNIX/Linux-based systems. The [Helpdesk](#) in Rolvaag Memorial Library is available for students and faculty alike.

J

JC: Junior Counselors (JCs) are upper-class students who work with other JCs to build community in first-year residence halls. JC's are responsible for the floor they live on in addition to the overall hall camaraderie.

Jungle: This giant, light-filled room in the [Lion's Pause](#) is the perfect place to eat your delicious Pause pizza with your friends! The 2 TVs and booths are just a bonus.

K

[Kildahl Hall](#) (KH): Kildahl (pronounced Kill-doll) is a residence hall that houses ~170 first-year students.

[Agnes Kittelsby Hall](#) (AKH): Kittelsby (pronounced Kitt-uhs-bee) is a residence hall that houses ~240 first-year students.

[Kitchen \(Pause\)](#): The student-run, full kitchen offers tasty eats at ridiculously low prices. Famous pizzas, quesadillas, shakes, and ice cream all made-to-order! The kitchen is open late to serve that "late-night" craving! Hours are Monday-Friday: 11am-Midnight, and Saturday-Sunday: 12pm-midnight. The Pause usually opens a couple weeks after school starts and closes before finals.

[KSTO](#): KSTO is a student-run radio station that broadcasts over the airwaves on campus at 93.1 FM, though most listeners access KSTO through the online stream. Students sign up to run shows in small groups or alone at the beginning of each semester.

L

LAC: LAC previously known as FLAC stands for Languages Across the Curriculum. It is an optional add-on for certain classes that provides students with opportunities to enrich knowledge of world languages through various disciplines and contexts.

Lair: The small, quaint, transformable room in the [Lion's Pause](#) used for studying during the day and events at night!

[Agnes Larson Hall](#) (ALH): One of the two towers on campus (Mohn is the other), Larson is a residence hall that houses ~300 upper class students.

Late Night Breakfast: One night during finals week each semester, faculty and staff serve breakfast food in Stav. This is a great break from studying and is one of the students favorite traditions!

M

[Mane Stage](#): The Mane Stage is the Pause's nightclub venue, hosting late-night events for the student body. Modeled after the legendary First Avenue in Minneapolis, this space hosts dances, concerts, student performances, and comedians on a continuous basis.

[Manitou Singers](#): Manitou is a soprano and alto choir composed of first year students. Music majors and non-music majors alike participate in the Manitou Singers.

[Agnes Mellby Hall](#) (AMH): Houses 192 upperclass students, Mellby (pronounced Mell-bee) is the oldest residence hall on campus and its historic appeal truly stands out. It features a kitchen, TV lounge, computer facilities and a large, comfortable main lounge and fireplace.

[The Mess](#): Founded in 1887, The St. Olaf Messenger is our student newspaper. It has an intimate staff and a large pool of writers that produce a weekly issue of the paper. Sections include Student Life and national and global news.

[Mohn Hall](#) (MH): One of the two towers on campus, Mohn (pronounced Moan) is a residence hall that houses ~300 first-year and upperclass students.

[Moodle](#): An online program that faculty and students use for classes. Professors can upload a syllabus, calendar, notes, readings, assignments, and quizzes for students to access at their convenience.



A Student Reading the Mess

N

[Natural Lands](#): In addition to a 300-acre campus, the college owns nearly 700 acres of land adjacent to the campus. Most of this land was farmland rented out to local farmers. The college, principally through the members of the Biology and the Environmental Studies Departments, has conducted extensive natural habitat restoration projects over the past 15 years on some of this farmland. Over 40,000 tree seedlings and nursery stock trees have been planted on approximately 90 acres in an effort to re-establish the dominant Big Woods forest type originally found in our area. Over 150 acres of native, tall grass prairie has been reconstructed and 15 wetlands have been restored. A bluebird trail of 64 houses has been established through our woodlands and prairies. In addition to natural habitat restoration, a sustainable agriculture project has also been ongoing for over 10 years. The Natural Lands are a popular place for students to walk, run, or just hang out outside.

[New Hall](#): Open to resident Fall 2022, the New Hall houses ~300 Upper Class students. The Hall has single and double rooms with a bathroom for every four students.

[Norseman Band](#): Norseman is one of the band ensembles on campus. Students of all class years participate in Norseman Band.



Norseman Band

[NSO](#): Short for New Student Orientation. This is the week in which first-year students get acquainted with campus before all the upper-class students arrive back. It's a hoot!

0



Ole the Lion

[Old Main](#) (OM): Built in 1877, Old Main was the first – and originally the only – building to occupy Manitou Heights, containing classrooms, a library, housing for students and faculty, and a dining room. Newly renovated, Old Main is a beautiful place for students to study or relax. During the winter, the Hill behind it is a popular place for sledding!

Ole Ave: St. Olaf Avenue, commonly referred to as “Ole Ave”, runs from campus all the way to Highway 3 near downtown Northfield. Many honor houses are located on the block of Ole Ave closest to campus, and the Ole Store Restaurant is located on the second block of Ole Ave from campus.

[Ole card](#): The all-in-one I.D. card for all students. The Ole Card is used to eat meals in the Caf, buy coffee and snacks at the Cage, get a sweet treat at the Pause, purchase school supplies at the

Bookstore, print documents for class, AND get students into their halls. The Ole Card carries “Flex dollars” in addition to “Ole dollars.” Flex dollars are only used at the Cage and are part of students' meal plans. It is also used as a sort of ‘debit card’ for Ole Dollars

[OLE Core](#): The new curriculum effective from the class of 2025 onwards consists of updated course and general education requirements for both students pursuing the B.A. and B.M. degrees.

Ole Dollars: Ole dollars is the amount of money a student puts on their own Ole Card. Students do not have to deposit money on their cards, but it makes for an easy transaction around campus. Ole Dollars can be used at the Pause, bookstore, and some restaurants downtown, as well as at the cage and Stav Hall if flex dollars or meal swipes run out.

Ole the Lion: (pronounced oh-lee) The beloved mascot of St. Olaf.

[Oleville](#): The official website of the Student Government Association (SGA). Oleville explains what SGA does, hosts SGA elections, and includes a full event calendar!

[Orgs.](#): Student Organizations are known around campus just as “orgs.” To become an org, a club must apply to the [Student Organizations Committee](#) (SOC). Then, SOC is able to provide funding for the org.

[OSA](#): Home to the Student Government Association ([SGA](#)), the Office of Student Activities is always upbeat and full of energy! In addition to housing SGA, the office is responsible for helping over 190 student organizations, providing information about student transportation, ticket sales and much more!



The Pause Kitchen

P

The Pause: [The Lion's Pause](#), most commonly shortened to just the Pause. This is a student-run nightclub located on the first floor of Buntrock Commons. Students are lucky to have a facility like this at their disposal – very few other schools in the nation have such a nice space! The Pause consists of 5 rooms: The Den, Lair, Jungle, Kitchen, and Mane Stage. The Kitchen is a student-staffed kitchen serving pizza, shakes, and more. The Mane Stage is a huge concert venue that hosts many acts. Over 120 students work here, and the venue is completely student-run. The Pause is best known for the ability to cater to students who are studying and relaxing during the day, and then transform into a hopping event venue at night!

Pause Dance: The Programming Board holds a monthly dance in the Pause Mane Stage for students to have fun and relax. Admission is free!



Philharmonia

[PDA](#): President David R. Anderson's ('74) nickname around campus.

[Philharmonia](#) (Phil): Philharmonia is an orchestral ensemble on campus. The St. Olaf Philharmonia contains students from all class years.

[Piper Center](#): Located in Tomson Hall, The Piper Center for Vocation and Career provides resources and experiences designed to help students leverage their liberal arts education to achieve their full potential. The Piper Center innovatively strives to equip St. Olaf students with resources for achieving immediate and life-long career

success.

PO box: All students get a mailbox that is referred to as their "P.O." Mailboxes are not locked because campus is known for being very safe, as all students are respectful of each other.

Pod: Pods offer upperclass students an opportunity to experience communal living while staying on campus. Located in Ytterboe, each pod consists of four doubles and two singles branching off a common space in the middle.

Post Office: Located in Buntrock Commons, students go to the post office to pick up and send packages. Letters, however, are put in your PO box.

President's Ball (Pres Ball): This annual event is planned by the Programming Board, and enjoyed by students, faculty, and staff alike. It is a chance to socialize with the President and his wife, enjoy hors'd'oeuvres, and dance the night away. Live music all night, and dance lessons from the Ballroom Club make this a must-attend event!

Prof: Prof is an abbreviated form of professor and is used by many students when referring to their professors.

[Pub Safe](#): Short for Public Safety, pub safe provides 24-hour security services, patrol and response throughout the year. Public Safety is dedicated to the safety and protection of the entire St. Olaf community. Officers are charged with enforcing college policies as well as local and state laws where applicable, that occur on college property. Officers also offer free emergency rides to the Northfield Hospital when needed.

Q

The Quad: Behind [Buntrock Commons](#) and within the space between Rolvaag, Holland, Regents, Tomson, Mellby, the Theater, and Boe, is the area known as the Quad. On beautiful, sunny days, students gather to talk, eat, play frisbee, or just enjoy the Olaf community feel!

[Quarry](#): The student-edited fine arts journal that publishes the best of St. Olaf students' literary works and visual art. Fiction, creative non-fiction, and poetry are all featured alongside photography, paintings, and other forms of visual creative expression.



Students Enjoying Warm Weather on the Quad

R

RA: A Resident Assistant (RA) is an upper class student who builds community in upper-class residence halls.

[Race Matters](#): This program asks students to engage with race and ethnic studies across the disciplines and the world. First-year students in the Race Matters program receive the following Ole Core requirements: First-Year Seminar, (Fall Semester), Social Science (Interim), and Writing and Rhetoric (Spring Semester).

[Rand Hall](#) (RH): Rand is a residence hall that houses ~240 upperclass students.

Reading Day: The Wednesday before finals start (Thursday of that week) is dedicated to studying. This “free” day between when classes and finals begin is a time for students to recover, plan, and study. Those enrolled in music lessons will have their Jury performance on Reading Day.

[Regents](#): Firmly rooted in a vision that articulates an integrated approach to the study of natural sciences and mathematics, Regents Hall is carrying the sciences at St. Olaf deep into the 21st century, housed in inspiring and innovative learning spaces explicitly designed to promote the student-faculty interactions for which St. Olaf is known. Regents of Natural Sciences is also known as RNS and Regents of Mathematics is also known as RMS.

[Rølvaag Memorial Library](#) (RML): Named after the Norwegian immigrant, Ole E. Rølvaag (pronounced Oh-lee Roll-vog) (1876–1931), novelist, educator, and St. Olaf graduate, Rølvaag Memorial Library was completed in 1942 and is the main library on campus. The many group study rooms, computer labs, and quiet nooks provide students with ample space to study and hang out.

[Room draw](#): Process in which students sign up for housing for the next year. Towards the end of the school year, students will select their roommates on SIS. On the day of the selection for their type of room (Doubles, Pods, Quad Suites, etc.) they will receive their assigned room selection time.



St. Olaf Cookies

S

[SARN](#): The Sexual Assault Resource Network takes a stand against sexual assault and intimate violence on campus through supporting survivors and raising awareness in the college community. SARN is a CONFIDENTIAL source on campus with the principle concern of making sure that survivors of sexual, domestic and emotional abuse find their needs and concerns met with compassion and competence. SARN services include: victims' rights and legal advocacy, crisis intervention, referrals, assistance with administrative hearing processes, education and information on sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and healthy relationships or just someone to talk to. Advocates are on call nightly from 8 pm to 8 am during the academic year at x3777.

[Senate](#): The Student Senate provides a venue where elected representatives — Hall Senators, special constituency Senators (like Multicultural and Off-Campus), faculty committee student participants, and the members of the SGA Executive team — discuss the operations of the Student Government. Administrators and staff present information regarding the College and frequently solicit student feedback from Senators. All Senate meetings are open to any student who wants to come and listen!

[SGA](#): The Student Government Association (SGA) is led by students who want to make life on campus an adventure for their peers. The five branches of SGA bring political speakers, diversity celebrations, student representation to the Board of Regents, volunteer opportunities, connections with alumni, funding for student organizations, and so much more!

[SIS](#): The Student Information System (pronounced S.I.S.) is an all-in-one place for students to register for classes, look at their degree audit and look over their financial statements.

[Skog](#): The shorthand version of Skoglund (pronounced Sk-ohg-lund) Center. Skoglund hosts varsity basketball and volleyball games in its 2,000-seat arena, and its swimming pool is home to the men's and women's swimming and diving teams. Skoglund also has a field house, racquetball courts, wrestling room, sauna, locker rooms, an athletic training room, and the athletic department offices. Outdoor tennis courts are located behind the building, near the softball, baseball and soccer fields. In addition to housing athletics, Skoglund Center is used for large ensemble performances, including the annual Christmas Festival (2022 fest is an exception). All students are welcome and encouraged to make use of the indoor track, gym, fitness center, and climbing wall.

[SOAR](#): St. Olaf Orientation to Academics and Resources is a required program for all incoming students to help get to know campus resources better and connect with peers and upperclassmen. Students do tons of activities upon move-in and have fun!

Stav (the caf): (Pronounced Stahv) Stav Hall is the dining hall on campus. Located on the top floor of [Buntrock Commons](#), it is where many students go to eat.

[St. Olaf Band](#) (Ole Band): The St. Olaf Band is the ambassador band ensemble on campus and consists of students from all class years. The St. Olaf Band often goes on tour, performing at many locations within the United States and internationally.

[St. Olaf Choir](#) (Ole Choir): The St. Olaf Choir is the ambassador choir ensemble on campus and consists of upperclass students. The St. Olaf Choir often goes on tours, performing around the Midwest, the United States, and internationally.

St. Olaf Cookie: Similar to a "monster" cookie, The Cage sells delicious cookies with oats, peanut butter, and candy pieces all combined into one giant Olaf cookie!

[St. Olaf Orchestra](#) (Ole Orch): The St. Olaf Orchestra is the ambassador orchestral ensemble on campus and students of all class years participate in the St. Olaf Orchestra. Ole Orch also tours within the United States and internationally.

[Supplemental Instruction](#) (SI): This is a service offered by the Academic Success Center that is peer-led by upperclassmen with several sessions a week for courses that offer it. It is here to help students increase course retention and improve grades! It has been statistically proven that attending SI can increase your grade by a whole letter and can help better retain content.

T

[Taylor Center](#): The Taylor Center for Equity and Inclusion, located in [Buntrock](#), hosts a variety of events and programs oriented toward equity on campus. Their work often focuses on identity and building a diverse community. The Taylor Center also has a lounge area where many students study or hang out.

[TES](#): TES or the Time Entry System is the hub where all student employment hours are to be entered and logged. It is our official time card website. Any questions about TES can be directed to the Payroll office or tes@stolaf.edu!

[Thorson Hall](#) (TH): Thorson is a residence hall that houses about 250 upperclass students. It is sometimes said to be haunted.

[Tomson Hall](#) (TOH): Tomson houses the Education Department and the college's six language departments, plus the World Languages Center. Other building occupants include offices that serve students, such as Admissions and Financial Aid, the Smith Center for Global Engagement, the Dean of Students and Residence Life, the Office of the Registrar, Academic Advising, and the Academic Success Center. The President's and Provost's offices and the Office of the Treasurer/Business Office are also located in Tomson Hall.

[Townhouses](#): The newly built houses opposite New Hall on Ole ave house ten students in an assortment of double and single rooms. Each home has a living room, kitchen, and two bathrooms. Some of them are assigned as Honor Houses like the German and Russian Language houses, and others went through room draw.

U

Um! Yah! Yah!: (Pronounced oom yah yah) The school saying and song! Every Ole memorizes this once hitting the Hill, it's part of NSO! It is accompanied by a fist pump in the style of handbell ringing.

Undercroft: Directly beneath Boe Chapel, students eat, study, and hang out and in the Undercroft. The College Ministry office is located in the Undercroft, in addition to the handbell room, a non-denominational meditation room, and the nicest bathrooms on campus.

Urness: Opera and musical theater productions are staged in this hall in the Christiansen Hall of Music. ChristmasFest rehearsals are held here.

V

[Viking Chorus](#): Viking Chorus is a choir of first-year basses and tenors. Music majors and non-music majors participate in this choir.

Viking Theater: The college's very own movie theater-style room is located on the first floor of Buntrock. The space is perfect for movie showings, big meetings, and presentations.

W

[Wellness Center](#): Serves as a resource to promote awareness and education on issues relating to healthy lifestyles. The Wellness Center provides prevention and intervention services for alcohol and other drug use and abuse concerns. Student Peer Educators (PE) who staff The Wellness Center, located in Buntrock Commons, are

available to talk with students one-on-one during office hours. Students are encouraged to come in and talk with a PE on any health related issue. Peer Educators also lead wellness events– educational sessions on topics from nutrition to consent.



Wind Chime Memorial

[Wind Chime Memorial](#): In the middle of the Quad stands a beautiful wind chime. Built by members of the St. Olaf community over the summer of 2003, this Scandinavian-style wooden tower commemorates the lives of students who have died while enrolled at St. Olaf. The chimes, tuned to the key of D (the key of Beautiful Savior), are engraved with the names of those students. On windy days, the sound of the chimes can be heard almost everywhere on campus.

[Wind Turbine \(Big Ole\)](#): In 2005 we became the first liberal arts college in the nation to construct a utility-grade wind turbine for the sole purpose of providing energy to the campus (Carleton College was the first to construct a turbine, but the electricity it produces is sold to an energy company and added to the general power grid). Our 1.65 megawatt self-generating wind turbine directly supplies up to one-third of the electricity used by the college.

[Work-study](#): It is very common for students to have an on-campus (or off-campus – [CBWS](#)) “student work” job. These jobs are also known as work-study positions. Students are awarded a certain amount of “work-study” allowance from the financial aid office. Work-study jobs can be found all over campus, from the caf to the library to most offices.

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[Ytterboe Hall \(YTT\)](#): Ytterboe (pronounced IT-er-boe) is a residence hall that houses about 400 upperclass students.

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[25Live](#): 25Live is the “room scheduling” program for all of campus. This is an easy way to reserve rooms/places on campus from the convenience of your own computer.



Big Ole at Sunset