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Alumni E-Connections - March 2010

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Spring is Here!

I am pleased again to share news and updated information about Governors State University. This is just one of the many ways to help you stay connected with your alma mater. In addition to attending some of the meetings and workshops mentioned in this electronic newsletter, I also encourage you to become involved with the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors is currently working on details for several exciting changes in the Association. Watch upcoming issues of *E-Connections* newsletter about new alumni college groups, upcoming alumni receptions, enhancements to the membership structure and more.

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter and I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Visit the [alumni website](#) to view past editions of the *e-connections* newsletter and our bi-annual print newsletter, *Alumni Connections*.

Sincerely,

Rosemary D. Hulett
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Need a break for some sun and fun?

**Join Governors State University
President Elaine P. Maimon, GSU alumni, and friends**

**Sunday, March 28
Pre Season Game**



**1:05 p.m.
Camelback Ranch Field
Glendale, Arizona**

Tickets: \$50 (includes game ticket, light refreshments, and access to private suite)
Tickets are limited. Transportation not provided

Reserve your tickets today: 800.GSU.8GSU, ext 4105

It's the GSU Annual Fund Calling

You may be receiving a call from one of our students asking for your support of the GSU Annual Fund. Each year a team of students call our alumni.

GSU Annual Fund gifts, no matter the size, are put to immediate use to help meet current campus priorities. So when a student calls, please consider making a gift. Gifts are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

You can also make a gift today on line at www.govst.edu/donate.

We look forward to reconnecting with you!

College of Business and Public Administration Alumni Gathering – May 11

College of Business and Public Administration alumni are invited to join fellow alumni for a night of networking, friendship, and fun.

Jenny's Steakhouse
20 Kansas Street, Frankfort, IL
Tuesday, May 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Cash bar and light appetizers

Hosted by: James Grady III ('95, '98), Chief, Frankfort Fire District and
Sharon Filkins Jenrich ('78, '98), President, Jenrich Communications

Please RSVP by May 5 if you plan on attending by calling 708.534.4128 or email alumnirelations2@govst.edu. Please leave your name and phone number and state you will be attending the CBPA Alumni Gathering.

Calling All Facebook Fans



GSU moved further into the digital age last week as it rolled out its new Facebook page. The page will feature posts pertinent to alumni, students, employees, and community members alike. Keep an eye out for exclusive Facebook contests too.

Visit GSU's Facebook page and become a fan today. The 100th fan will receive a special gift! Visit www.facebook.com/govstate.

Center for Performing Arts

Music comes to The Center in March!

The Millers
Saturday, March 27 at 8 p.m.

The Center's first-ever Cabaret Series concludes with this electrifying blues band that thrilled audiences at The Center as the opening act for B.B. King in 2007. At our Cabaret, you'll enjoy intimate, onstage seating plus full cash bar and snacks available for purchase.

Save The Date!

The United States Army Field Band
Thursday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Since its formation in March 1946, these “Musical Ambassadors of the Army” have appeared in all 50 states and in more than 30 countries on four continents and return to The Center by popular demand! The organization's four performing components, the [Concert Band](#), [Soldiers' Chorus](#), Jazz Ambassadors, and Volunteers, each travel more than 100 days annually.

1,300 FREE tickets will be given away by the SouthtownStar. Visit The Center's website http://www.centertickets.net/tickets_events.aspx?id=33820 to get your coupon for a free ticket. Limit four tickets per person. Coupon must be received no later than April 7, 2010, in order to be delivered. Tickets are first-come-first-served.

Undergraduate Open House “Instant Decision Day” – March 27

Governors State University will host Instant Decision Day: An Undergraduate Open House on Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free event is open to all individuals looking to transfer into one of GSU's bachelor's degree completion programs.

Prospective students are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts. Admission counselors and academic program advisors will be on hand to review transcripts and provide students with an instant decision on whether or not they could be admitted to the university.

“Instant Decision Day is not only for traditional college students,” said Dr. Sherilyn Poole, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. “It is also open to individuals who have been out of school for a while and want to complete their degrees and for those who are concerned about job security and wish to improve their qualifications.”

General information about the university, specific undergraduate programs, and financial aid will be available. Prospective students will be able to meet with Governors State faculty, academic advisors, and financial aid counselors.

Governors State University offers 22 baccalaureate degree completion programs for students with either 60 college credit hours or an associate's degree. Programs are offered by the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and Public Administration, Education, and Health and Human Services.

GSU is both affordable and accessible, with conveniently scheduled classes, financial aid for qualified full and part time students, and extensive career and support services available for students.

For more information, contact the GSU Office of Admission at 708.534.4490.

Education Administration Program Cohort

Information Sessions

Representatives from Governors State University will host information sessions for certified teachers interested in earning a Master of Arts in Educational Administration with coursework leading to Type 75 Certification.

Registration in programs beginning Fall 2010 ensures completion of a graduate program prior to state mandated changes to principal preparation programs.

Coursework will be presented in a cohort format, which enables students enrolled in the program to complete their degree on a predetermined schedule. Master of Arts in Educational Administration programs are open to certified teachers with two years of experience.

The information session for the cohort classes located at South Suburban College Center will be held on Thursday, April 22, from 4 to 5 p.m., in Room 5150, 16333 Kilbourne Street, in Oak Forest. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school for six semesters.

The information session for the cohort located at Governors State University will be on Saturday, April 24, from 10 to 11 a.m., in room D1496, 1 University Parkway, University Park. Classes will be held on Saturdays for six semesters.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call 708.534.6979 or email rzdych@govst.edu.

Vacation Education Returns this Summer

Vacation Education at GSU is the ultimate summertime college opportunity. It is a chance to pick up a class you need, or explore an education interest you've had for years.

Vacation Education offers you a convenient, affordable, six-week summer term. Take your pick of classes, ranging from arts and sciences to health and human services, and from business to education.

Classes are 1 to 3 credit hour courses and run from June 1 through July 15. For more information, call 708.534.4567.

Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Road Trip – May 1, 2010

Ready for a Road Trip? It's not too early to start planning for spring art activities! The third annual NMSA road trip to the ArtChicago and NEXT art fairs is fast becoming a tradition, so why not hop on board for an informal day full of exceptional art, artists, and gallery commentary?

ArtChicago and NEXT Art Fairs
Chicago's Merchandise Mart

Date: **Saturday, May 1, 2010**
Time: 9:10 a.m. to 5:46 p.m.
Cost: \$20 admission to fairs *plus rail transportation and meals*
Location: **NEW** – Travelers meet at the Flossmoor Metra Station (see time schedule below)

Pre-Registration not required

Park Director Geoffrey Bates will escort the group through the fair during the morning with pre-arranged stops at several galleries and commentary by their staff. The afternoon is spent exploring the two full floors of this massive presentation on your own.

This year, we're changing the itinerary up a little by departing from and returning to the Flossmoor Metra Station. The plan is to linger at the station, enjoy a meal, and discuss your impressions at the end of the day. Our itinerary for the day will be:

9:10 a.m. Depart **Flossmoor** Metra station

9:57 Arrive Randolph/Water Street Station

Travel via the El to the Merchandise Mart

4:30 p.m. Depart Merchandise Mart

5:05 Depart Randolph/Water Street Station

5:46 Arrive Flossmoor Station, those who wish can stay for dinner



Mike Dunbar, whose sculpture Oscar's Inclination is included in the NMSP collection, provides an informal talk about new developments in his sculpture during last year's ArtChicago Road Trip.

CenterPoint Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame Update

Are you one of GSU's alumni who has taken the road less travelled and become an entrepreneur? You know how difficult but rewarding that journey is, and GSU would like to celebrate your accomplishments and inspire others to follow your lead.

GSU is establishing an Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame, and we invite you to nominate yourself

or another deserving entrepreneur to be honored at our first annual Hall of Fame event planned for this summer.

Entrepreneurship blossoms throughout GSU – from health professional who set up a private practice to education and social service graduates who create businesses to provide needed public goods. GSU was one of the first organizations to provide a Small Business Development Center to support budding entrepreneurs. We now provide entrepreneurship classes.

You might be one of the accomplished individuals we want to celebrate.

The rules are simple: Individual must have a connection to GSU – alumni, staff, board member, vendor, current student, or client of CenterPoint – and have either been an entrepreneur or someone who has supported entrepreneurship as a service-provider or champion. The enterprise can be either a for-profit or non-profit organization. Nominees will be evaluated based on their impact and connection to GSU.

You can nominate yourself or a fellow entrepreneur by completing the simple form at [CenterPoint website](#).

Whether you nominate yourself or not, we invite you to share in the celebration of entrepreneurship this summer. We will notify you as plans are finalized.

Governors State Implements Semester Calendar

Beginning in Fall 2010, Governors State University will adopt a semester-based academic calendar. The semester-based calendar coincides with the academic schedules of most universities throughout the country. This updated schedule will ease student transition from community colleges to GSU, better serve returning students with families and employment, and make GSU summer courses more accessible to students from other institutions.

For the past 40 years, GSU has operated under a trimester-based academic calendar. The new academic calendar offers 15-week Fall and Spring semesters and an 11-week Summer session. The Fall 2010 semester begins August 30 and ends December 12, 2010. The Spring 2011 semester begins January 18 and ends May 8, 2011. The Spring semester will also include a week long spring break, which is new to GSU. The Summer 2011 session begins May 23 and ends August 7, 2011.

Applications are accepted and processed for each new semester up to the conclusion of the open registration periods. Registration dates have been modified to fit the revised academic calendar and best serve students' needs.

Psychology and Counseling Annual Gala - April 17

The Psychology and Counseling Annual Gala will be held on Saturday, April 17, from 6 to 11 p.m., at the University Golf Club in University Park. The celebration is open to students, alumni, faculty, and staff of the Division of Psychology and Counseling, and includes dinner,

DJ, and dancing. We will also be announcing the newly-formed Alumni Psychology and Counseling Club.

This event is sponsored by Chi Sigma Iota, Illinois Counseling Association, the College of Education, and the GSU Alumni Association. Tickets are \$25 and reservations are required.

For more information or to register, email ica-sci@govst.edu. If you are unable to attend but would like to join the newly-formed Alumni Psychology and Counseling Alumni Club, call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128.

GSU Connects with Collaborative Arts Guild

Governors State University (GSU) and the South Suburban Collaborative Arts Guild (CAG) are joining forces to present “Art on Campus.” The exhibit, featuring the paintings, photography, and poetry of seven members of the CAG, runs through March 31 in the GSU main entrance Atrium Gallery and the Upstairs Gallery at The Center for the Performing Arts.

The exhibit represents the diverse artistic styles of the participating artists and includes abstract, representational nature and landscape paintings, digital photography, and mixed media collage. The colorful range of work was organized by Michéle P. Owens and curated by Jeff Stevenson. A number of CAG members have been students in GSU’s art program.

The Collaborative Arts Guild is part of Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights, Illinois and provides area artists a platform to develop their creativity, exhibit their art, and conduct business as professional artists.

The purpose of the “Art on Campus” program is to enhance campus life for students, staff, and visitors. Community collaborations, such as this one with CAG and Union Street Gallery, are integral to the program. For more information, call 773. 398.5765.

Criminal Justice Career Fair – March 25

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair featuring employers in the field of criminal justice, on Thursday, March 25, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members interested in finding employment in the law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and related fields are encouraged to attend. Potential employers will be on hand from both public and private sectors.

While the Criminal Justice Career Fair is free and open to the public, employers who wish to participate must register and pay a registration fee.

For more information, call 708.235.3974.

2010 Illinois Community College Juried Art

Exhibition – Now through March 26

GSU is hosting the 2010 Illinois Community College Juried Art Exhibition through March 26, in the Visual Arts Gallery on campus.

A closing reception to celebrate the show and the artists and present merit awards will take place on Friday, March 26, from 1 to 3 p.m., in E-Lounge. Up to \$1,000 in awards will be presented including \$300 for Best of Show. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 2010 Illinois Community College Juried Art Exhibition is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creative work of young artists and to get a glimpse of the extraordinary talent in our region. Exhibiting artists include students from 18 Illinois community colleges including Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Parkland Community College, and South Suburban College.

Selected works of student art will include painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, and ceramics. All students are allowed up to three entries. The juror selects work for this exhibition based on its artistic merit.

Accomplished artist Kathleen Scarboro juries this year's show. Scarboro has been a practicing artist for many years, creating public work in Joliet and the surrounding region, as well as in Paris, France where she currently resides. For more information, call 708.534.4017.

Free Computer Workshops

The University Library is offering computer workshops. Classes take place on campus and are free and open to the public.

Formatting an APA Style

(3 sessions to choose from)
D2401B

March 24 from 12 to 1 p.m.

Room

March 31 from 3 to 4 p.m.

April 2 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Plagiarism Detection Software: TurnItIn
D2401B

April 7 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Room

Online Teaching/Web Conferencing:

Horizon Wimba
D2401B

April 14 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Room

Classes are free and open to the public. Advance registration is recommended, but not required. For more information and a complete schedule of workshops, visit the [library website](#) or call 708.534.7514.

Family Development Center News

Early Head Start at GSU

Thanks to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, GSU will receive a two year, \$1.7 million grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to establish an Early Head Start Program at the Family Development Center (FDC).

According to Carol Morrison, Executive Director of the Family Development Center, the grant will enable Governors State University to create 20 new jobs and serve 72 families through Early Head Start, a free, comprehensive program for low-income families.

Early Head Start provides specialized support services to qualified pregnant mothers and children, up to their third birthday, who live in Will County, east of I-57, and the immediate families of GSU staff and students regardless of where they live. Participants need not be students at GSU.

Components of Early Head Start include prenatal support for pregnant women, home visits from a child development specialist, educational opportunities for pregnant women and parents, and support services linking families to social services in the community, as well as infant and toddler childcare.

For more information about the Early Head Start Program at the Family Development Center, call 708.235.7300 or visit www.govst.edu/children.

Calling All Infants

The Family Development Center and the College of Education are sponsoring an enriching and educational playgroup experience for infants, ages six months to two years old, and their parents. The program includes activities for infants designed to enhance physical and mental development using fun and inventive materials. Workshops for parents are also included.

Students in the early childhood degree program at GSU lead the sessions under the supervision of College of Education professors and certified Family Development Center staff.

The program is on Thursdays, through April 8, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$10. For more information or to register, call 708.235.7300.

Book it to the Library

During the month of March, the Friends of the GSU Library will be sponsoring a book drive. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to drop off books that they no longer need or want. Clean out those desks and closets and bring us your donations!

Simply go to the GSU Library on the second floor and drop off your donations at the Friends table across from the circulation desk. All book donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Contact Pam Taylor at 708.235.7527 for additional information.

