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Governors State University Alumni Association

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Welcome to Alumni Connections, our association magazine. Inside you will find information about all the exciting things happening that involve you as a graduate and member of the Alumni Association. New programs and events have revitalized the association and will positively affect both our alumni and the university itself.

Before I address our news, I would like to take a moment to remember one of our friends who recently passed away. Lorraine Fontana was always ready to help. She was a Board Member, Committee Chair, Vice President, and volunteer. She inspired all of us with her positive can-do attitude and her love of life. I, and everyone Lorraine touched at GSU, will sorely miss her. Please take a moment to have a good thought for her family.

As you read the rest of this magazine, you will see that we have initiated several new clubs, offering you the opportunity to keep in touch and network with alumni who share similar educational backgrounds and interests. We are also planning exciting events inviting our alumni to join in the celebration of GSU’s 40th anniversary.

It is an exciting time to be a part of the extended GSU family. My fellow Alumni Board members and I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events. We may not have graduated in the same class or in the same program, but we have a lot in common. We are all graduates of a great university.

So join the Alumni Association and join the fun, attend some events, volunteer if you can, and realize the many benefits membership has to offer.

Jerry McIlvain
BOG 1988
Forty years after its establishment, Governors State University counts its success stories by the thousand.

As GSU alumni, you have many tales to tell. We are sure that you are proud of your decision to earn a degree at a university that, since 1969, has been committed to unity and hope.

Surrounded by farmland and forests, on the edge of a great metropolitan area, Governors State has always been a special place. Anyone who has spent time here knows that.

As Governors State celebrates its 40th Anniversary next year, we would like to hear your success stories. Next year’s anniversary celebration will be all about the people of GSU – faculty, staff, and, most of all, students and alumni. Your stories form the fabric that holds this university together and continues to make it even stronger so new generations of students can succeed.

GSU’s anniversary celebration will take many forms. Events are planned, such as a gala celebration next November, along with special lectures, community forums, and academic presentations throughout the year. Alumni gatherings are in the works, as is a history wall, which will recap the university’s early days and illustrate how GSU continues to make a difference.

So as the 40th Anniversary approaches, GSU needs to hear from you. Send us your success story. We also hope you will consider spending some time making the university’s anniversary celebration a success.

Please e-mail your story or volunteer availability to alumnirelations2@govst.edu.
When I came to Governors State University in July of 2007, I made a promise to lead the institution toward becoming a model university for the 21st Century. I am proud to report that we are moving in the right direction. In less than a year and a half, GSU has undergone many significant changes – some cultural, others physical – but all for the good of the university and the region we serve.

During my tenure as president, we have welcomed several new administrators, each of whom embodies the spirit and determination needed to successfully lead their respective areas. Dr. Jane Rhoades Hudak is our new Provost; Joan Vaughan is serving as V.P. for Institutional Advancement; Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis is the new dean of the College of Business and Public Administration; and Dr. Deborah Bordelon most recently joined us as dean of the College of Education. Each brings new ideas to help fulfill the GSU mission.

We also recognize the importance of involving the entire GSU community in our continuing development. Many ideas for improvement and change have come directly from student, faculty, and staff submissions to our innovative “Why Not?” campaign. The program solicits constructive suggestions about policies, processes, and practices from the university community. Suggestions, for instance, have resulted in an increase in the student book advance and the implementation of a university-wide calendar on the web.

We have taken several important steps toward becoming a green university. Last spring, I signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, joining nearly 500 other presidents nationwide in recognizing the unprecedented scale and speed of global warming and its potential for large-scale, adverse health, social, economic, and ecological effects. We have recently completed our first green parking lot, with another to be finished soon. Our Center for Performing Arts has even gotten into the act by replacing all stage lighting with energy efficient fixtures.

From improvements in the course registration process to the implementation of a new shuttle service between campus and the University Park Metra Station, we have also made strides toward enhancing our service to students.

More innovations and improvements are planned. In October, the university’s Board of Trustees approved Strategy 2015, our new strategic plan, which will guide the university for the next six years. The plan sets priorities and specific objectives for the university. The primary goals involve academic excellence; high quality faculty and staff; continuous process improvement; visibility, outreach, and our role as an economic catalyst; our social, ethical, and environmental responsibility; and the university’s financial growth and sustainability.

Our recent momentum is possible thanks to the support of alumni like you. By giving back to the university through continuing involvement and philanthropy, you help shape the future of GSU.

As we celebrate GSU’s 40th Anniversary throughout 2009, I hope to see you at events celebrating our rich history and accomplishments, as we continue on the path to GSU’s future.

Sincerely,

Elaine P. Maimon
President
To Debbie Halvorson, newly elected to the United States Congress, an education from Governors State University is a big reason for her success in state, and now national, politics.

When asked if she’d be headed to Congress if she didn’t have her GSU education, Halvorson replied “Probably not.”

“My education at GSU prepared me for what I’m doing now,” said the Crete Democrat who won the 11th Congressional District seat in a landslide victory in November’s general election. “I couldn’t have been a state senator, raised two kids on my own, and earned my degrees without the flexibility that GSU provides.”

When she was first elected to the Illinois Senate in 1996, she had a “10-month degree” from a business college. She had operated a small business but had mostly been a stay-at-home mother before being elected Crete Township clerk in 1993.

“I knew that if I was going to be an advocate on behalf of my Senate district, I was going to have to prove myself,” she said. So she went back to college. After completion of an associate’s degree from Prairie State College, she moved on to GSU, pursuing a Board of Governors degree.

Governors State, which specializes in the education of non-traditional learners, was a perfect fit for Halvorson. “There’s a lot more to education than just going to class,” Halvorson said. “It’s about the people you meet. Non-traditional learners are so well-rounded.”

Halvorson received her bachelor’s degree in 2001 and her master’s in Communications and Training in 2003. Since then, she has taught Public Policy at Governors State.

In the State Senate, Halvorson quickly rose to top leadership positions. More than a dozen statewide organizations have named her legislator of the year. In 2005, she became the first woman chosen as Senate Majority Leader. This year, U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi personally asked Halvorson to run for Congress.

Halvorson said she’s excited about going to Washington but won’t forget Governors State when she gets there.

“Governors State teaches you how to make the most of your abilities,” she said. “That’s where I learned that education never ends.”

The Alumni Association mourns the loss of alumni board member, Lorraine Fontana. Lorraine joined the Alumni Board shortly after graduating from the College of Business and Public Administration with a bachelor’s degree in MIS in 1999. Her service on the board included a three-year term as a CBPA board representative, and then as Vice President for Alumni Clubs from 2003 until her death.

Lorraine was a very active and integral part of the board during her tenure. Saying “no” was not part of Lorraine’s nature. She volunteered to serve on several committees and also volunteered at and attended numerous alumni events. Lorraine will be remembered for her ever smiling face, her cheerful personality, and for her deep dedication to the GSU Alumni Association. She will be missed.
Join Your Alumni Association Today

All graduates become alumni of Governors State University upon graduation and receive the Alumni Connections newsletter.

The Alumni Association provides programs and services, to alumni of Governors State University. Currently, the Alumni Association offers new graduates their first year’s membership free as a special gift from the association. Membership dues support association-sponsored programs and services. Dues are $30 per year ($25 for seniors 60 years and older). Joint and lifetime memberships are also available. To join, use the membership form on the next page.

When you pay dues and become a member of the association, you receive these additional benefits:

- The Center for Performing Arts – 15 percent discount off regular ticket price (Discount only applies to events sponsored & promoted by The Center for Performing Arts)
- Recreation and Fitness Center – Almost a 50 percent reduction in membership fee
- Use of library resources, including check-out privileges of printed materials and some media items
- Access to the Academic Computing Lab
- On campus use of GSU’s Cyber Café with access to Internet, e-mail, and MS Office (Access, Excel, Power Point, and Word)
- Voting privileges and ability to seek office in the Alumni Association
- Discounted admission on select Alumni Association sponsored events
- Membership in alumni clubs of your choice

Join the Alumni Association. Complete the form on the next page, or visit our website at www.govst.edu/alumni.

Network with Alumni Clubs

Stay Connected…and join an Alumni Club. Reconnect with old friends, make new ones, network with alumni who share a common interest, and find out what’s happening on campus today!

Once you are a member of the Alumni Association, you can join as many clubs as you wish at no additional cost. As a group, members decide the direction of each club. Your club may want to sponsor an event or provide a community service. Whatever your goals and interests are, join a club now and share your ideas.

Complete the membership form on the next page or sign-up at the alumni website at www.govst.edu/alumni.

Newsletter News

Have you changed jobs, received an award or promotion, or written a novel? We want to know. Please send your news for our newsletter. Feel free to include a photo (high resolution head shot preferred).

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Mail to GSU Alumni Association, 1 University Parkway, University Pk IL 60466 or e-mail alumnirelations2@govst.edu
Governors State University
Alumni Association
Membership and Alumni Club Sign-up Form

Full Name ____________________________________________________________  Home Phone (____) ________________________
Mailing Address ________________________________________________________  City, State, ZIP ____________________________
E-mail address _________________________________________________________  Cell Phone (____) _________________________
Business Name __________________________________________________________________________________________________
Business Address _______________________________________________________ City, State, ZIP ____________________________
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Spouse’s Full Name (If GSU Grad) _____________________________________________________________________________________
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I’m interested in joining the following Alumni Clubs (at no additional cost):

❑ Addiction Studies  ❑ Artforum Club  ❑ Book
❑ Business & Public Administration  ❑ Communications  ❑ Communications Disorders
❑ Computer Science Club  ❑ Educators  ❑ Entrepreneur
❑ Golf  ❑ Health Administration  ❑ Latino
❑ Nursing  ❑ Physical Therapy  ❑ Psychology & Counseling
❑ School of Interdisciplinary Learning  ❑ Steppers/Line Dancing  ❑ TRiO
❑ Travel

❑ Enclosed is a $________ check for my/our dues. (Payable to GSU Alumni Association)

❑ Please charge $_______ for my/our dues  VISA ❑  MASTERCARD ❑  DISCOVER ❑

Exp. Date  Sec. Code  Date: ______________________

Print Name on Card  Authorized Signature

Mail to: GSU Alumni Association, 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60466
Alumni Events

GSU alumni enjoyed good friends, good food, and good times at numerous events over the past year.

The first ever alumni Homecoming was a success. Several hundred alumni attended events including an early morning jog, a networking breakfast, the alumni homecoming party, and Jazz in the Park featuring piano great Ramsey Lewis.

More than 130 alumni and guests attended a reception held in Matteson, Illinois. They connected with other grads and met GSU President, Dr. Elaine P. Maimon. Chicago-based alumni recently shared memories at a Lincoln Park pizzeria.

Over 100 alumni and guests spent a beautiful afternoon on Lake Michigan during the Alumni Cruise. They enjoyed an elegant lunch buffet with perfect seats for Chicago’s Air and Water Show.

At a fun filled Night at the Races at Balmoral Racetrack, in Crete, Illinois, alumni mingled with one another, watched the exciting horse races, and enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner.

We have an even more exciting calendar slated for 2009, including an autumn 40th Anniversary gala. We hope you’ll be able to join us.
GSU Alumni Idol Contest

Calling all GSU Alumni . . .

What's your talent? Do you sing, dance, play an instrument, or do stand-up comedy?

Perform in the first GSU Alumni Idol competition!

Sign up now! You must be a GSU Alumni to compete.

Don't want to compete? Join the fun and vote for your favorite performer!

DATE: Saturday, April 4, 2009
TIME: 7 p.m.
PLACE: Governors State University

Advance reservations required. See form below.

GSU Alumni Dinner and Theater Event

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Hairspray
The Tony Award-winning musical comedy made famous on Broadway and the big screen.

Alumni Dinner: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Performance: 8 p.m.
Ticket price: $75 for alumni cardholding members and guests
$85 non-members and guests

Win a $25 Voucher to the Center for Performing Arts!
All orders received by February 1, 2009 will be entered in the drawing.

Not a member of the Alumni Association? Join now and take advantage of the discounted ticket prices. See form below.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS RESERVATION FORM
Seating is limited for events listed above, so place your reservations early!

Name: ______________________________________  Daytime Phone: ________________________  Email: ________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________________ City/State/ZIP _______________________________________________

q I am an Alumni Association card holding member
q I wish to join the Alumni Association to take advantage of the discounted event prices
  I have enclosed dues of $30 ($25 - seniors 60 and over) $ _________
q DINNER AND THEATER EVENT (March 14, 2009)
  Alumni with current membership cards ___ Ticket(s) @ $75 = $ _________
  Alumni without membership cards ___ Ticket(s) @ $85 = $ _________
q GSU ALUMNI IDOL EVENT (April 4, 2009)
  ( ) I am an alumni and would like to perform. Please contact me
  ( ) I am Alumni Association member and would like to attend (Free to members)
  ( ) I am not a member and would like to attend. My dues are enclosed (see above) $ _________
  ( ) I would like to bring a guest ___ Ticket(s) @ $10 = $ _________
  Total Enclosed $ _________

q Enclosed is a $_______ check. (Payable to GSU Alumni Association)
q Please charge $_______ VISA  MASTERCARD  DISCOVER

EXP. DATE  __________  Sec. Code  __________  Date: ______________

Printed name on card  Authorized signature

Mail to: Alumni Association, Governors State University, 1 University Parkway, D34200, University Park, IL 60466
Office of Career Services - Updates

The Office of Career Services assists students and alumni with their careers via the following services:

**Individual Advising Appointments** - Alumni receive assistance with developing a job search strategy, reviews of resumes and cover letters, advice on networking and developing job leads, and ideas about transforming skills into careers. To schedule an appointment, please call 708.235.3974.

**Workshops and Programs** - Our office provides students with hands-on learning experiences such as developing a resume, writing job search correspondence, identifying skills, embarking on a job search, interviewing and negotiating, and researching employers.

**Job Postings** - Career Services maintains job postings from employers seeking to employ qualified graduates. Postings available in the office (A-1120) or on the web via e-Recruiting.

**Resources** - In conjunction with the University Library, Career Services provides a wide range of resources for conducting career exploration and job search. Materials are located in a central area in the GSU Library and online (www.govst.edu/careerservices). In addition, the Office of Career Services resource guides on resumes, interviewing, networking, job search correspondence, and employer research.

**For more information, contact:** Office of Career Services, Room A1120, Governors State University, University Park, IL 60466, 708.235.3974, Fax: 708.534.1173, E-mail: career@govst.edu Website: www.govst.edu/careerservices

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**Upcoming Career Fairs**

**Teacher Education Career Fair**
Thursday, February 19, 2009
3 to 6 p.m.
Hall of Honors

**Health Professions and Human Services Career Fair**
Monday, March 9, 2009
4 to 6 p.m.
Hall of Governors

**Business, Banking, Finance, Investments, and Accounting Career Fair**
Wednesday, April 15, 2009
3 to 6:30 p.m.
Hall of Governors

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**Calling all Alumni Artists**

A Juried Show featuring Alumni Artists is being planned in conjunction with the GSU 40th Anniversary Celebration. Two-dimensional and three-dimensional original artwork will be placed on display. For more information about submitting artwork, please call the Alumni Association at 708.534.4128.
GSU Achieves

Each year, GSU honors faculty members with awards acknowledging their excellence as educators and employees. The awards recognize the hard work and dedication of those who share the university’s commitment to its students and the community. In 2008, faculty from every college were recognized.

This year, the GSU Foundation also recognized academic excellence and inquiry with more than $27,000 in awards to faculty members enabling them to present at conferences, further their research, and access continuing education opportunities.

GSU Celebrates

Annual events on campus in 2008 embraced a wide variety of topics and encouraged visitors to our campus. The First Annual GSU Latino Film Festival showcased films from Spanish speaking countries highlighting Latino art, culture, and society. International Education Week celebrated student exchanges and discovery of the world outside of GSU in a week of special events. Global Entrepreneurship Week encouraged participants to recognize the business adventurer in themselves and the opportunity entrepreneurship can bring. The second Annual Arts Fest opened wide GSU studio doors so participants could enjoy the art of creativity. Visitors dabbled in various media and perhaps the next Van Gogh was discovered as visitors tapped into their creativity.

GSU Goes Green

The university’s colors may be black and white, but lately GSU has been looking very green. The environment got a boost recently with the installation of energy efficient lights in The Center for Performing Arts and the television studios.

Students have the opportunity to learn using state-of-the-art lighting fixtures and controls while CPA artists will have the opportunity to perform in excellent light. Energy is conserved and money is saved.

Recently the university paved the way to a greener campus by installing permeable paving in two parking lots. Permeable pavers are interlocking paver bricks made of concrete that can withstand heavy traffic loads and protect the environment by allowing rainwater to seep downward, trapping heavy metals and pollutants, rather than running off into the storm sewers.

Additional conservation efforts at GSU include the largest solar panel installation in the state. The panels produce energy to heat the swimming pool and one third of the domestic water used by the university. Four of the university-owned cars use E-85 ethanol and its trucks run on 20 percent bio-diesel fuel.

Energy efficient light bulbs illuminate classrooms and hallways and the university operates an efficient recycling program.

GSU Votes

GSU flexed its political muscle this year with a yearlong voter registration drive. Hundreds of new voters were registered at every major university event. GSU Votes buttons were worn to encourage participation in the process. On Election Day, the campus community watched the results on television monitors situated around campus. While we may not have voted as one, the GSU community certainly voted.

GSU Rides

Commuting to GSU has never been easier. The university’s free shuttle service ferries riders from the University Park Metra station and specific University Park locations directly to the university’s front door. This shuttle service increases accessibility and promotes the use of public transportation. Going Green has never been more convenient.
COE

Dr. Deborah Bordelon, from Nicholls State University, was named dean of the college, bringing new leadership and a renewed commitment to excellence. With more than 4,500 GSU alumni teaching in Illinois schools, she has a great legacy on which to build.

COE News

Dr. Colleen Sexton was named Chair of the Division of Education. She earned her M.A. from GSU and returned to teach in 2004.

COE is preparing for the examiners from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), for reaccreditation. The college met the requirements, with no weaknesses, in 2003.

Carol Morrison is the new Executive Director of the Family Development Center and is thrilled to join such a successful program.

Faculty and students in the Division of Psychology and Counseling presented papers at the Illinois Counseling Association’s 60th Annual Conference in Tinley Park, Illinois in November.

The Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education continues to enhance education with a variety of programs open to alumni and the community including a dinner with Alex Kotlowitz (author of books on youth, race, and violence), a presentation by educator Gloria Ladson-Billings, and leadership dialogues about explorer Ernest Shackleton and Eleanor Roosevelt.

CAS

In order to best meet students’ needs, the School of Interdisciplinary Learning, which offers the B.A. degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, recently joined the College of Arts and Sciences. CAS extends a joyous welcome to BOG and SIDL alumni.

CAS News

Based on huge demand, the new Master of Fine Arts program in Independent Film & Digital Imaging has doubled its enrollment cap.


The Center for Law Enforcement Technology Collaboration (CLETC) is working with the South Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police to upgrade 20 Video Analyst Systems used to analyze surveillance video files and other images for investigative purposes.

The new Information Security Certificate was recognized for meeting the national training standard for Information Systems Security Professionals and Senior System Managers.

CHHS

The College of Health and Human Services (CHHS), the new college name, perfectly describes the full range of educational opportunities and services provided by the fastest growing college at GSU. With new programs, consistent reaccreditation, and expanded community outreach, CHHS continues to offer innovation and excellence in the healthcare field.

CHHS News

Doctor of Physical Therapy, begun Fall 2007
Doctor of Nursing Practice, begun Fall 2008
Doctor of Occupational Therapy, beginning Winter 2009

Master’s in Health Administration reaccredited for maximum six years.

GSU is the only state university to have a Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME) accredited MHA program.

The Master of Health Science in Communication Disorders (CDIS) program has been reaccredited through 2015.

CBPA

Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis became dean in July, bringing a rich background in both education and real-world experience. As she did at Penn State Great Valley, she will concentrate on increasing student enrollment, obtaining new financial resources, and heightening institutional recognition.

CBPA News

Dr. William Nowlin returned to the Public Administration faculty after more than a decade of service as CBPA dean.

Professors Mary Clark, Dalsang Chung, John Simon, and T.J. Wang presented their research work to the CBPA community and received valuable feedback from colleagues.

The CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs held Global Entrepreneurship Week activities in November that included a panel discussion on artrepreneurship, a free business clinic, and a business “bootcamp” for veterans and their families.

CBPA joined the SAP University Alliance gaining access to advanced enterprise resource planning software for both student and faculty study and projects.
Catch the Stars, Close to Home! This season, The Center for Performing Arts encourages patrons to take part in a magical lineup of artists and productions.

Cardholding members of the GSU Alumni Association are entitled to a 15 percent discount on Center-sponsored events only.

Join us for these exciting events:

NYT Ballet Presents *Sleeping Beauty* and *Carnival of the Animals*  
January 25 - 4 p.m.

*Mike Super – Magic and Illusion*  
January 31 - 8 p.m.

The *Lettermen with Trio Musicians*  
February 14 - 8 p.m.

*Opera A La Carte: The Mikado*  
February 22 - 4 p.m.

*The Pink Floyd Experience*  
February 28 - 8 p.m.

*Hairspray*  
March 13 - 8 p.m.  
March 14 - 2 and 8 p.m.

*Afro-Cuban All Stars*  
March 20 - 8 p.m.

*DRUMLine Live*  
March 21 - 7 p.m.

To order tickets, call the Center Box Office at 708.235.2222 or visit www.centertickets.net

I promise...

As a GSU alumni, you realize the value of a university education. A bachelor’s degree is a must in today’s job market and graduate degrees are quickly becoming the norm.

As a GSU alumni, you also recognize that education doesn’t come easy. Perhaps you worked a full time job while attending classes or carefully balanced your education with raising a family. Whatever your success story, you worked hard to earn your degree.

No matter how hard some students work however, the economics of earning a bachelor’s degree make that goal impossible to attain. Today, student grants and state assisted tuition may not cover the full cost of a university education. And with declining state support, public universities simply cannot fill the gap from their own resources.

Enter the GSU Promise – a bold commitment to provide qualified low-income graduates from Illinois community colleges the opportunity to earn a baccalaureate degree debt-free. For the region, the GSU Promise is an investment that will inspire, educate, and motivate the future teachers, entrepreneurs, health care professionals, executives, law enforcement officials, mayors, and many others. It will help create the professional workforce we need to lead the development of one of the fastest growing areas in the nation.

As a GSU alumni, you can help make the GSU Promise a reality and ensure that others have access to the same quality education that you did.

Donate to the GSU Promise today by contacting the GSU Foundation office at 708.534.4105. Or donate online at www.govst.edu/donate.
Revitalized Sculpture Park Welcomes Alumni

The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park has been a part of Governors State University for nearly forty years and is encouraging alumni of all ages and interests to get back in touch with the 'museum in the prairie.' With 26 works of sculpture, many by internationally recognized artists, the park is experiencing a renaissance of promotion, programming, and participation. You may have already received issues of *LandMarks*, the park’s lively newsletter, that provides updates on activities and events in the park. A new website – www.govst.edu/sculpture – allows you to check in on your favorite work of art, preview upcoming programming, or sign up for exciting volunteer opportunities.

Whether you’ve made your home around the corner or around the globe, find out why WBEZ Chicago Public Radio, Comcast Cable Productions, and *Sculpture Magazine* have all commented on the new vitality found at the park. Review the winter schedule listed below, then make the trip to the park, feel the wind in your hair and the sun in your face, and experience the nature of sculpture.

**Winter Programming Schedule**

**Two for Tuesdays** – Don’t let the change in seasons keep you from enjoying art. The sculpture park comes inside with these lively, half-hour informal media presentations that compare pairs of works from the collection. Come and learn new ways to think about sculpture! **FREE**

Room 1497, D-wing (2 doors from the GSU bookstore) 12:30 p.m. and again at 3:45 p.m.

**January 6**

Martin Puryear’s *Bodark Arc*
Mary Miss’s *Field Rotation*

**January 20**

A Richard Hunt Review
*Large Planar Hybrid, Outgrown Pyramid II,* and other local works

**Full Moon Night-time Tour**

Put on your winter woolies and spend an evening in our museum! Moonlit tour begins at 6:30 p.m. inside the Hall of Governors. We’ll visit *Paul, Flying Saucer,* and other favorite works, ending with hot chocolate and cookies at Bruce Nauman’s *House Divided.* Adventurers should bring a flashlight, dress warmly and wear comfortable, waterproof shoes since our paths are uneven and extensive walking is required.

$5 per person
Saturday, January 10
6:30 to approximately 8 p.m.
Tour begins at *Art Ark* in the Hall of Governors

**Winter Walking Tours**

Got cabin fever? Participate in a guided tour of the park. The tour will be led by a pair of docents well-versed in the artwork. Our winter tour last year was highlighted on WBEZ as a *Three for Free* event. Participants should dress warmly and wear comfortable, waterproof shoes since our paths are uneven and extensive walking is required.

**FREE**

2 p.m.
Sunday, February 1 and Sunday, March 1

**Docent Orientation Program**

Looking for more involvement with the park? Sign-up for our docent orientation program. Upon graduation, you’ll be qualified to conduct tours of the park for schoolchildren and adults as well as assist with special events. Evening sessions include a break with light refreshments. Saturday morning tour includes a continental breakfast.

FEE: $25 (covers materials and refreshments)
Thursday evening programs
February 26 through May 23
6:30 to 8 p.m.
Faculty Office Center, Room G-262
One morning tour of the park
Saturday, May 23

For more information on these and other programs, visit www.govst.edu/sculpture.
College of Arts and Sciences

The first graduate of the GSU Master's of Fine Arts program, Seth McClellan (MFA, '07), produced documentary films on the Chicago Freedom Movement. His half-hour documentary, The New Battle, was screened on WTTW-11 and his full-length documentary, King in Chicago, will be shown on Channel 11 on Martin Luther King Day in January. Seth has also earned several film festival screenings and awards for his work.

Erica Bray-Parker (MA,'99) was awarded the James Madison Fellowship as a Senior Fellow.

Ellaray Brown (BA & MA, ’82 and ’85) wrote a book entitled Through the Eyes of a Dreamer: The Truth as I See and Hear it.

Madie Cannamore (MA, ’97) was included in Who’s Who in Black Chicago.

Theodis Chapman (MA, ’03) authored a book entitled Why do Teenagers Talk Like That?

Sharon Cronk-Raby (MA, ’06) published Distraction Destruction, a self help book with suggestions for combating life’s distractions and pacifying life’s destructions.

Janet Kopischke (BA, ’89) is a teacher and advisor at Luther East High School.

Kathleen McMillan (BA, ’97) has been promoted to Associate Principal at Andrew High School. Katie previously served as Assistant Principal.

Mary Nolan (MA, ’08) was recently elected secretary of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association. Mary is also a member of the Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees.

Thomas Ramage (BA, ’91) became President of Parkland College in 2007. Previously he was Vice President for Academic Services.

Clarence Williams (BA, ’99) was named principal at Edna Keith Elementary School. Previously Clarence was assistant principal of Washington Junior High School and Academy.

Jennifer Ash (BA, ’99) graduated from the general surgery residency program at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria.

Harold Damron (BA, ’04) was promoted to Director of the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) in Will County.

Debra Halas (BA, ’82) serves on the board of directors of the Friends of the Historic Genesee Theatre.

Thomas Lux (SIDL, BA ‘02 and CAS, MA, ’03), currently a motivational speaker, wrote a chapter in the Best Practices for Supporting Adjunct Faculty, published May 2007.

Diana Muhammad (BA, ’02) published a book entitled True to Me.

Patty Page (BA, ’06) is a Physical Sciences teacher for Donovan High School.

Lester Peterson (BA, ’92), former police officer, has been named chief of police for the Summit Police Department.

Bob Sterba (BA, ’94) was recently named police chief for the village of New Lenox. He previously was deputy chief for Palos Heights.

Sheryl Yarbough (BA, ’08) was chosen as a Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois, exemplifying the principles of democracy and humanity as embodied by Abraham Lincoln.

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School of Interdisciplinary Learning

College of Education

Julie Egan (MA, ’99) was named director of Special Services for Summit Hill School District.

Anthony Edison (MA, ’94 & ’97) became the new assistant superintendent for the Crete-Monee School District 201U.


Alice Griggs (MA, ’00) is currently an Education Coach with early childhood teachers for the Chicago Board of Education.

Harold Harris (MA, ’75 and ’99) is a retired Chicago Board of Education teacher of 38 years, played piano in a trio for Playboy, led a band for Red Foxx at Arie Crown Theatre, and was an opening act for Johnny Mathis in Minnesota.

Rodney Miller (MA, ’03) took over as Grant Park High School principal in July. Rod was previously principal at Crescent-Iroquois High School.

Maceo Rainey (MA, ’04) is the new principal of Rich Central High School.

Constance Russell (MA, ’05) is the new principal at Gompers Junior High School. Connie was recently assistant principal at Hufford Junior High School.

Maxwell Vanarsdale, Jr. (MA, ’73 and ’97) is currently a principal in south suburban Chicago at an alternative high school.

Irene Yuska (MA, ’95) is the new Director of Alternative Services and Private Placements at Consolidated High School District 230.

College of Health and Human Services

John Cicero (MHA, ’87) has been appointed executive director of the Will County Health Department and is a member of the GSU Health Care Administration Advisory Committee.

Mary Maryland (MSN, ’83) was recently elected to a two-year term as President of the Illinois Division of the American Cancer Society.
Governors State University commemorates its 40th Anniversary in 2009. As an alumni, you’re an integral part of the university’s history. Join us for events throughout the year as we celebrate the past and look forward to a bright future.