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Dear Alumni,

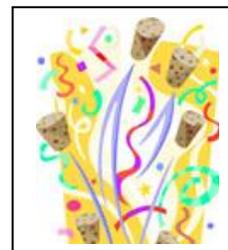
Fall semester is fast approaching and much is happening on campus.

GSU 40th Anniversary

We're celebrating GSU's 40th Anniversary through a yearlong series of events. Each month our e-blast will keep you up to date on events and programs being held on campus. Here's what's coming up:

40th Anniversary Celebration – November 7 – A Tribute to Motown Greats

Join us as we celebrate GSU's 40th Anniversary at this special event on Saturday, November 7, at 6 p.m. The evening begins with a reception consisting of light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, followed by a special *Tribute to Motown Greats* concert at The Center for Performing Arts. The evening will culminate with an exciting after party featuring a cast meet and greet, dancing, and camaraderie.



Take a trip back in time...

...when Motown was king, as talented Chicagoland vocalists perform classic hits, such as:

- Marvin Gaye's *What's Going On*
- Smokey Robinson & The Miracles' *Tears of a Clown*
- Stevie Wonder's *Uptight (Everything's Alright)*
- Gladys Knight & the Pips' *Midnight Train to Georgia*
- and many more!

"The way they throw down gives the audience a realistic flashback to the days when no party was complete without the sounds of Motown." - *Richard Steele, Chicago Public Radio, WBEZ 91.5 FM*

Tickets are \$50 per person. Order your tickets today by credit card by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 708.534.4128 or visit www.govst.edu/alumni for a ticket order form.

Alumni Association News

Alumni Awards Program

The Alumni Association is hosting the 2009 Alumni Awards program, which honors graduates who have made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments and careers have brought credit to the university. The *Outstanding Community Service Award* and the *Distinguished Professional Achievement Award* will both be presented at the 40th Anniversary Celebration on November 7, 2009. Nominating deadline is September 30, 2009. For more information and a nomination form, visit our website at www.govst.edu/alumni.

Alumni Club Activities

Alumni Artforum Club - The group's next meeting will be Monday, September 21, where club members are invited to bring a piece of their own art for peer review. Want to become a member? Call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 for details.

TRiO Alumni Club and the Master of Public Administration Club joint Summer Celebration Scholarship Fundraiser was a huge success. Over 80 students and alumni attended. Donations may still be made. Contact Mattie Payne-Mallory at 708.235.2103.

The TRiO Alumni Club meets the second Thursday of every month, from 4 to 5 p.m., in the Student Commons lounge at GSU.

Call the Alumni Office at 708.534.4128 for more information on any club activities. Alumni Association members may join any (or all) of the alumni clubs at no additional cost.

Are you a member of the Alumni Association?

If you are, you know the many benefits! If not, why not join today? There are many benefits associated with being a member of the Alumni Association. Visit www.govst.edu/alumni or call the Alumni Relations office, for more information.

Campus Happenings

Deliciously Supportive

GSU's Family Development Center (FDC) is holding a fundraiser in conjunction with Culver's restaurant in Matteson on Tuesday, September 8. Simply stop in for a bite or cool down with some delicious ice cream and 10% of your sale will go towards the FDC.

Culver's Matteson is located at 20716 S. Cicero Avenue, next to the Home Depot.

You're Invited

In celebration of Latino Heritage Month Governors State University, Distinguished Lecture Series presents State's Attorney Anita Alvarez.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Center for Performing Arts

Event is free and open to the public. Contact Sheree Sanderson at 708-235-3956 or by email s-sanderson@govst.edu

Upcoming Enrichment Seminars

The Latino Centers for Excellence is sponsoring a series of enrichment seminars on campus. Learn about career opportunities; network with professionals, learn about scholarship and grant opportunities.

Criminal Justice Enrichment Seminar

Wednesday, September 23

3:30 - 5 p.m.

GSU Cafeteria Annex

Presenters include Dr. James Coldren, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice Program Coordinator; Richard Sarte, Illinois State Trooper; Salvador Diaz, Illinois Parole Officer; and Andrew Fox, COO, Illinois Department of Human Services.

Elementary Education/Early Childhood Education Enrichment Seminar

Monday, September 28

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

GSU Hall of Honors

Presenters include Rosetta Gibson, Academic Advisor and Meredith S. Byers, Student Program Director, Illinois Education Association.

Call 708.235.7609 to RSVP.

Sad News

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Joan Downs, a long time and admired member of the GSU faculty, on August 5. Joan was a full time University Lecturer in the Division of Psychology and Counseling in the College of Education. She began her teaching career at GSU in 1975 and retired in 2001. Joan was also a graduate of GSU, having earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the university.

In Joan's memory, the family requests donations to the GSU Promise, an endowed scholarship fund for community college graduates. Joan was a community college graduate and believed deeply in educational opportunity.

Donations to the GSU Promise may be made at www.govst.edu/foundation or by check made out to GSU Foundation/Promise, and sent to GSU Foundation, Governors State University, 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60484.

Center for Performing Arts

Opening Night – Jim Brickman – An Evening of Romance
Saturday, October 3, 2009, 8 p.m.



Back by Popular Demand!

Hot off his new *Beautiful World* PBS Special and with awards from the Grammys, Gospel Music Association, and more, America's romantic piano sensation returns to The Center for an unforgettable opening night!

"With the emotional power of love as his muse, Jim Brickman's concert performances evoke, with color and passion, the joy and wonder of romance."

To order tickets, call the Center for Performing Arts Box office at 708.235.2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.

Reading Tutoring Available at GSU

GSU's Graduate Program in Reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through twelve. "This is a one-to-one program that brings students experiencing reading problems together with teachers who have the skills to help them," explains Dr. Mary Hession, Coordinator of The Literacy Zone.

Students meet on campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU. Sessions are held on Tuesdays from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m., from September 15 through December 1. Enrollment is limited. Transportation is not provided.

There is a \$100 registration fee. However, \$30 will be refunded to the parents/guardians of those students who complete the program with good attendance and return all Literacy Zone materials.

For more information, call 708.534.4122 or e-mail m-hession@govst.edu.

Free LSAT Prep Class at Governors State University

Governors State University is offering a free LSAT preparation class on Mondays, beginning September 21 and ending on May 24. The class is from 7:30 to 10:20 p.m., in room A2202.

University tutor David Sparks of the Academic Resource Center will teach the preparation class for the Law School Admissions Test. Class work will focus on the three main areas of the test: reading comprehension, logic reasoning, and analytical reasoning.

While many test prep services charge as much as \$1,000 for LSAT prep class, GSU is offering this class at no charge. According to Sparks, "This is an opportunity for GSU to offer an important service to the community. Preparing for this test is not easy, and we don't want cost to stop people from taking the course."

Advance registration is required and seats are limited. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3963 or e-mail d-sparks@govst.edu.

GSU Visual Arts Gallery

Once again, the Visual Arts Gallery is hosting an exhibit of work by local and regional college and university art instructors.

Faculty from the College of DuPage, Governors State University, Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Lewis University, Moraine Valley Community College, Morton College, Olivet Nazarene University, Prairie State College, Saint Xavier University, South Suburban College, Trinity College, Triton College and the University of Saint Francis have been invited to participate.

This exhibit will be open for viewing from September 7 through 28 with a reception on Friday, September 11 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The GSU Visual Arts Gallery is free and open to the public. Gallery Hours are Monday – Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 708.534.4021 or visit <http://gsuvisualartsgallery.blogspot.com>

GSU to Implement Energy and Cost Saving Measures

The university recently partnered with Energy Systems Group (ESG) for an energy audit and the implementation of energy conservation measures. One major renovation is the replacement of two inefficient 750 horsepower boilers with 10 smaller modulating boilers, allowing cost saving targeted heating. Energy and operational savings over a 10-year period will cover the cost of building improvements. ESG projects that GSU's carbon footprint will be reduced by more than 3,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide annually. This is equivalent to one of the following annual environmental benefits:

- Reduction of emissions equivalent to removing approximately 600 vehicles from the road
- Creating enough energy to power more than 400 homes
- Planting about 700 acres of forest

Grants from the Illinois Clean Energy and Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity will also help GSU replace lamps and light fixtures throughout the university providing vastly improved efficiency through extended lamp lives and reduced energy consumption.

These improvements maintain the university's ongoing commitment to environmental responsibility as affirmed by GSU President Dr. Elaine P. Maimon who signed the "American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment" in 2008. In doing so, Maimon joined nearly 500 other university 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.

Donations to the GSU Foundation are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Go to www.govst.edu/foundation/DonateIntro.asp, if you are interested in making a donation.

I'll send you updates from time to time to keep you up to date. But feel free to visit our website at www.govst.edu/alumni for up to the minute details.

Sincerely,

Rosemary D. Hulett
Associate Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Relations