Honorary Degree Recipients Selected for Commencement at GSU

An honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters will be conferred upon four candidates at the 1997 commencement exercises at Governors State University on June 7 and 8.

According to Dr. Cecilia Rokusek, dean of the College of Health Professions at GSU and chair of the committee that selected recipients for board of trustee approval, the committee seeks candidates who have contributed professionally and personally to their respective fields but have also contributed directly or indirectly to GSU’s mission.

“It is important to us that we select outstanding leaders and professionals from a diverse pool of nominees,” said Rokusek.

Nominations are submitted by GSU faculty, staff, students and board members. The list is then processed by the committee with final approval made by the board of trustees. “It is a lengthy process, and appropriately so because of the significant importance of this honor,” said Rokusek.

This year’s recipients are The Hon. Aldo DeAngelis, Georgie Anne Geyer, Irving B. Harris and Richard Hunt. Rokusek said that DeAngelis is an “incredible example of someone who has given to the GSU community both as a citizen and as a former state legislator.” Geyer is a journalistic leader recognized for her outstanding communications contributions to news and events on national and international fronts.

Harris has been a tremendous contributor to education through philanthropic involvement, new program development and policy influence in education, and Richard Hunt has “undoubtedly left many contributions of symbolic immortality through his beautiful sculptures, including two in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at GSU, Large Planar Hybrid and Outgrown Pyramid II,” said Rokusek.

The Hon. Aldo DeAngelis of Olympia

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Fields served as a powerful representative for the concerns of the people of the 40th District as an Illinois state senator from 1978 through 1997. He is currently serving as president of Legislative Assistance, Ltd. A combination of business experience, common sense and compassion has been the basis for his success throughout his 18 years in public service.

DeAngelis stated his philosophy: "As a first-generation American who was born and raised in East Chicago Heights (now Ford Heights), my philosophy embodies many of the values instilled in me and my sister by our parents: family, integrity, education, pride in my country and in my work, loyalty and community service. For myself, I sincerely believe that I must do everything I can to ensure that the world for our children and grandchildren is improved by my efforts."

DeAngelis has many accomplishments in the private sector and has served in a leadership capacity in many organizations, including serving as director for the GSU Foundation and assistant majority leader and chairman of the Senate Revenue Committee.

Georgie Anne Geyer, renowned as an author of in-depth works on countries and Her column on international, domestic and women's affairs and U.S. foreign policy is distributed by the Universal Press Syndicate to approximately 120 newspapers in the U.S. and Latin America, and she has received many honors through the years.

Irving B. Harris is a philanthropist and businessman, currently serving as chairman of the Harris Foundation and chairman of the Executive Committee and director at Pittway Corporation, among many others.

Harris has been interested in education, and early childhood development, in particular, for more than 30 years. He was founder of the Erikson Institute in Chicago and served as president from 1966 to 1983. He is now chairman emeritus of that organization. Harris believes that this institute has the best program in this part of the country for research and training in early childhood development. Several GSU faculty have been trained there. Erikson not only teaches early childhood development but also focuses on infancy training.

"Children learn fastest in the years from birth to age three," said Harris, regarding his com-
Regional Leadership Center/LincolnNet Continue to Grow

For more than a year and a half, the South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center and the Lincoln Projects have grown significantly in their efforts and ability to bring the people and communities of Chicago's Southland together. Both are outgrowths of the Regional Action Project/2000+, a grassroots regional planning and action initiative which was launched in early 1994 to promote dialogue and cooperation in the south metropolitan region of the greater Chicago area. Both have seen tremendous growth during the past 18 months of their official existence.

The South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center has become the organizing force behind the continuing regional dialogue started in the early stages of the RAP/2000+ process. It has become a focal point and a resource for collaboration and important ideas on bringing the talents and resources of the Chicago Southland together, as well as an outreach component of Governors State University, where the Center is located.

"The 'new' American university will have units like this," notes Center Director Dr. Larry McClellan. "The interesting question is how can a university be a regional engine. Because we're among the first to try something like this, we're still trying to figure out how all this works."

The Center has clearly begun to figure such things out, as it has become a prominent catalyst for change in the region and beyond. The Center oversees the efforts of seven action teams made up of community leaders, state and local government officials, business and organizational leaders, and GSU faculty and staff. These groups look to address regional concerns in the areas of regional communication, partnership and image; economic and social diversity; education and training; environment and resource use; health and well-being; jobs and economic development; and transportation, land use and regional planning, all areas of concern expressed during the early stages of the RAP/2000+ process.

For example, the Center has played a central role in the push for legislation to reduce inequities in public school funding throughout the state (a proposal is being debated in the Illinois General Assembly as this issue goes to press), has recommended an environmental agenda for the state and local elected officials who represent this region, and has convened a group of city and village planners from communities throughout the region to propose regional signage, artwork, and other unique regional identifiers.

The other initiative to grow out of RAP/2000+ is the Lincoln project, an exploration of ways to use technology to help facilitate the regional connections that the Regional Leadership Center is forging. This is being done through the LincolnNet, an Internet-based regional community network, and the Lincoln InfoLine, a telephone-based component to LincolnNet for those without computer access. Both provide users with important information on community resources, upcoming events, and the efforts of the Regional Leadership Center.

The InfoLine has made its greatest strides in the Village of Phoenix, where an extensive telephone network has been established, linking residents with the community's schools, churches, and governmental and social services offices. It has become a model network for communities with limited resources, allowing for the use of existing technology, the telephone, to access important community information and connecting everyone within the community.

The LincolnNet has shown phenomenal growth, with over 115 municipalities, school districts, agencies, libraries, and various other institutions represented in more than 270 accounts in the network. The Regional Leadership Center, which oversees both Lincoln projects, has provided LincolnNet training and awareness programs for nearly 2,000 people. The number of those making use of the LincolnNet has grown exponentially as well, with monthly visitors to the Website growing from fewer than 500 in June of 1996 to more than 3,500 today. People from all over the world are accessing the LincolnNet to learn about all the things the Chicago Southland has to offer.

Those interested in visiting the LincolnNet can do so at http://www.LincolnNet.net. You can call the Lincoln InfoLine at (708) 235-4132. For more information about the celebration or to RSVP, contact Lottie Pitts at (708) 534-4487. You can also visit the LincolnNet at http://www.LincolnNet.net to cast your vote for the LincolnNet Website of the Year.

LincolnNet to Celebrate 1st Anniversary

The South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center is planning a celebration to mark the one-year anniversary of the LincolnNet, the Internet-based community information system the Center has designed as part of its RAP/2000+ initiative to foster greater connectivity and cooperation among the communities in Chicago's Southland.

The celebration will take place Friday, June 27, 1997, in the Hall of Governors at GSU from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Included in the evening's festivities will be an award for the LincolnNet Website of the Year. For more information about the celebration or to RSVP, contact Lottie Pitts at (708) 534-4487. You can also visit the LincolnNet at http://www.LincolnNet.net to cast your vote for the LincolnNet Website of the Year.

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mitment to getting young children started on the right path for learning.

Sculptor Richard Hunt is a native Chicagoan and studied at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

He has taught art at the Art Institute, the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles and Northwestern University, as well as other locations.

Hunt works in assembled, welded metal. Besides the two pieces on display at GSU in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, other notable outdoor works he has created include "From Here to There," "Cartwright Mound," "Why" and "Fox Box Hybrid." These are on display at various locations in the Chicago area.

Hunt has a distinguished record of exhibitions and is represented in many public and private collections. He is a member of the National Council on the Arts, the American Council of Arts and the American Academy of Rome. He resides in Chicago.  - Denise Graham Zahn

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“Family Communication” Taping Concludes at GSU, Offered in Winter ’98

The invitational teleclass “Family Communication,” taught by Dr. Kathleen Galvin, recently concluded filming at GSU. The class was held in studio A once a week for three hours beginning in January and concluding mid-April.

“Family Communication” explored family interaction patterns. “This course was especially relevant because of the profound changes that are currently affecting the family unit,” said Dr. David Ainsworth, GSU’s coordinator of instructional development.

The teleclass will be offered in the Winter 1998 trimester. For more information, contact Dr. David Ainsworth at (708) 534-7270.

GSU Receives Golden Trumpet Award for Television Programming

GSU was honored Wed., May 21 at the Hotel InterContinental in Chicago as one of the recipients of the Publicity Club of Chicago’s annual Golden Trumpet Award.

GSU’s coordinator of marketing and promotional services, D. J. Wells, produced the winning video, which was an edition of the monthly video program “Issues and Impact.” This particular program addressed technology in education. It was produced entirely in-house through GSU’s Communications Services Department. Tony Labriola, TV producer and director at GSU, directed the program and Zoya Kai, a recent GSU graduate, was associate producer.

“Issues and Impact” is a GSU produced television forum to discuss important issues facing the community, the region and the nation. It is aired at 9 p.m. on the second Friday of each month on WYIN-TV, a PBS affiliate, and at various times on the GSU cable television channel carried in the south suburban area by Jones InterCable.

For more information on “Issues and Impact,” contact D.J. Wells at (708) 534-7090.

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GSU Students Show Appreciation for Faculty Members in Honors Reception

GSU’s Committee for Diversity and Sense of Community held its first annual Student Faculty Choice Honors Reception on Wednesday, April 23, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Lobby of the Center for Performing Arts.

Students were invited to nominate for recognition the faculty member who had the most positive influence on them personally, on their education and their future. Students filled out nomination forms and wrote a brief essay why they chose the faculty member.

The presentation began with an introduction of GSU President, Paula Wolff, by emcee Tony Labriola. After President Wolff’s opening remarks and welcome, the nominators presented awards to their chosen professors.

The nominees are listed alphabetically by college.

College of Arts and Sciences
Peter Gunther, Reino Hakala, Deborah Holdstein, Phyllis Klingensmith, Ana Kong, Patricia Koutouzos, Jacqueline Klosak, Shelly Kumar, Larry Levinson, Jagan Lingamneni, Michele McMaster, Jon Mendelson, Joyce Mohberg, Joyce Morishita, Rashidah Jaami’ Muhammad, Milan Panic, Hugh Rank, Eli Segal, Steve Shih, Anthony Wei, Pam Zener, Shenseng Zhao

College of Business and Public Administration
Constance Cook, Robert Donaldson, Richard Finkley, Edna Fry, William Gasa, Anthony Jackson, David Parmenter, Michael Witak, Paula Wolff

College of Education
Joanne Anania, Joan Bleck, Mary Chladek, David Crispin, Larry Cross, Jagdish Dave, Vaneela Dave, Jean Johnson, Bruce Ketcher, Taida Kelly, Diane Kjos, Georgia Kosmoski, Diane McClellan, Lori McKinney, Maribeth Montgomery, Karen Peterson, Sharifa Townsend, Sandra Whitaker

College of Health Professions
William Boline, Teresa Brobeck, Sandra Mayfield, William Yacullo, Ami Wang

GSU Receives $100,000 Contribution for June 14 Benefit

GSU President Paula Wolff (left) and Karen Reid

GSU President Paula Wolff and The Center for Performing Arts at GSU Board Chairperson Karen Reid recently accepted a $100,000 contribution from Sage Foundation to underwrite a benefit concert for The Center. The benefit concert will be held June 14 and will feature renowned concert violinist Rachel Barton. A black tie gala reception will take place at 6 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Benefit tickets for the gala are $150 or $250 which includes admission to the reception and priority seating for the concert. Tickets are available for just the concert at $25 per ticket.

For more information contact The Center Box Office at (708) 235-2222.
Graduation is a Family Affair with Mom and Daughters

Commencement exercises at GSU this year will be very special for one family because Valerie Williams and both her daughters will be graduating.

Valerie of South Holland said that it wasn't planned that she and her daughters, Kesha Williams of Chicago and Tonya Roberson of Calumet City, would graduate together. "It just happened to work out that way."

Valerie Williams will be receiving a master's degree in addictions studies from the College of Health Professions while her daughters will be getting B.A.'s in psychology from the College of Education.

Valerie said that in addition to her husband's support, three professors really had an impact on her education at GSU — Professors Judy Lewis, Arthur Durant and Thelma Whitehead.

Professor Durant told Valerie that she was an excellent writer, and that gave Valerie the confidence she needed to get through her classes. "I really worked hard to keep my grade point average up," she said. She has a 4.0 out of 4.0.

Despite an 18 credit hour load this last trimester, Tonya has been on the Dean's List for three consecutive trimesters. Her husband, Vincent, was a tremendous support, particularly in taking care of their 20-month-old son, Vincent Michael, while she attended school.

Kesha said that she likes to help people.

That is why she chose the field of psychology. She is getting married in July to prospective groom Walter Marshall Jr. They will live in Chicago.

Both Kesha and Tonya will pursue master's degrees in social work (M.S.W.) at GSU, and both said that they don't want to attend school anywhere else, even though the program doesn't start until January of 1998. They said the environment at GSU was excellent for learning and that GSU professors work with you.

In the audience on commencement day will be someone very special to Valerie and her daughters. She is Valerie's 97-year-old grandmother Lilie Allen. When Valerie was an undergraduate, it was her grandmother that helped her by watching her children. On commencement day she'll be there to see those children and their mother achieve their dreams.

Tonya said, "No matter how old you are, you can achieve whatever goal you have. Getting a degree is a dream I have always had. Now I can say that I have my B.A."

Congratulations to Valerie Williams, Kesha Williams and Tonya Roberson. They are proof that getting an education is a family affair. — Denise Graham Zahn

Burton Dikelsky Named Director of The Center for Performing Arts at GSU

Burton Dikelsky has been named director of the Center for Performing Arts at GSU.

A Southern Illinois University graduate with a master of arts from Northeastern University in Theater Administration, Dikelsky joined the staff at GSU on June 2. As The Center's artistic director, he will be responsible for the management, contracting, and oversight of programming as well as marketing, publicity, and rentals. In addition, he will oversee all fundraising activities and all financial and business affairs.

Among his many accomplishments, Dikelsky was the general manager of the Aurora Civic Center Authority where he administered the restoration of the 1,888-seat historic movie theater and restaurant. — Denise Graham Zahn

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Training Offered for Newly Elected Township Officials

A training seminar is scheduled for newly elected township officials at the Ramada Inn in Effingham on June 7 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The program is sponsored jointly by the Township Officials of Illinois, the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and the Institute for Public Policy and Administration at GSU.

For further information or to register, contact Kathy Murphy at (708) 534-4997.

Mel Muchnik to Talk Via Internet from Australia

Dr. Mel Muchnik (CAS) has been appointed a visiting scholar at the University of South Australia in Adelaide.

While there, he is meeting with faculty and students and assisting a class on Impact on Communications Technology. He is also doing radio interviews including one from the Sydney 2000 Olympic Site.

"Audio from Mel Down Under," taped on a Digital Audio Tape recorder and edited on Muchnik's laptop computer, will be posted on "Webtide," a service of the LincolnNet at GSU at www.lincolnnet.net/webtide.

Drs. Rokusek & Rhee Speak in South Korea

Drs. Cecilia Rokusek, dean of the College of Health Professions, and Sang-O Rhee, chairperson of Health Administration and Human Services at Governors State University, recently traveled to South Korea to lecture on health management and nutrition.

Dr. Rokusek spoke on nutrition and feeding people with special needs at Yonsei University and Ewha Woman's University in Seoul.

Dr. Rhee, a native of Korea, conducted workshops on total quality management (TQM) at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Incheon.

While in Korea, Dr. Rokusek attended an alumni reunion of the physicians and hospital administrators who had attended GSU from 1993-96.
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### GSU Professor Addresses Conference in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

Dr. Carlos Rodriguez, professor of marketing in the College of Business and Public Administration at GSU recently presented a research paper at the annual conference of the Business Association of Latin American Studies (BALAS) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Dr. Rodriguez presented his research paper "Convergent Management Styles and Intercultural Fit: The Role of Culture in International Strategic Alliances - United States/Mexico."

Dr. Rodriguez received a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from the Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería (UNI) in Peru, a master's in business administration from Escuela de Administracion de Negocios para Graduados (ESAN) in Brazil, and a doctorate in marketing and quantitative methods from Pennsylvania State University.

### GSU Alumni Association Offers Graduates Free One-Year Membership

GSU's Alumni Association is congratulating the new graduates with the gift of a free one-year membership in the GSU Alumni Association.

Rosemary Hulett, director of GSU's Alumni Association, said, "One of the association's purposes is to continue on next page
Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration Appointed

Dr. William A. Nowlin of Pittsford, N.Y., has been appointed dean of the College of Business and Public Administration at GSU.

Nowlin comes to GSU from the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), where he was interim dean of the College of Business. In his nomination letter, George M. Sullivan of the Department of Management at Southern Illinois University stated that in 1996 RIT's undergraduate program was ranked among the top 50 in the country by U.S. News and World Report.

Dr. Tobin Barrozo, provost at GSU, said "The College of Business and Public Administration needs a leader with management experience, superb academic credentials and understanding of the structural change occurring in the economy. Nowlin has these characteristics."

Nowlin was awarded the prestigious Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching at RIT, Southern Illinois University and the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), where he was in the College of Business and is the vice dean of the College of Management and is the vice dean of the College of Business and Public Administration.

Nowlin will begin his tenure appointment August 1. Dr. Leon Zabarowski, chair of the search committee, said that the applicants for the position of dean were one of the strongest groups in years and "Nowlin emerged as the best in this stellar group." - Donar Graham

Authors' Recognition Reception Held at GSU

The Annual GSU Authors' Recognition Reception was held on Thursday, May 29 on the library's balcony above the Hall of Governors.

The Authors' Recognition Reception showcased materials published by students, faculty, staff, and other members of the GSU community. These materials were exhibited at the reception and are included in the GSU Authors' Recognition Reception Bibliography. All participating authors received a copy of this bibliography.

Authors submitted works such as full-length books (written, edited or translated); chapters in books, periodical articles, interviews, poetry or bibliographies commercially published; scores of original compositions; recordings (CD, video, etc.) or performances of works composed by another; published between 1987 and May 1, 1997.

Those participating included Arthur Bourgeois, Linda Buyer, S. Carr, Janel Clarke, Constance Edwards, Richard Fosberg, Ann Glascoff, Beverly Goldberg, Mercedes Graf, Paul Green, Ann Jackson, Marsha Katz, Georgia Kosmoski, Shailendra Kumar, Mari Ellen Leverence, Michele Mcmaster, David Matteson, Ada Middleton, E. Molas, Mel Muchnick, Rashidah Muhammad, Kathy Murphy, Paul O'Brien, Linda Proudfoot, Michael Purdy, Janet Rohdenburg, Cecilia Rokusek, Winfried Rudloff, Nancy Shlaes, E. Siebert, Carl Stover, Annie Ware, Walter Wentz and Leon Zaborowski. - Donar Graham

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provide beneficial programs to its members, not just collect membership dues. Monies raised by the GSU Alumni Association provide supplemental funding for the university's library, support student scholarships, assist with faculty development projects and much more," said Hulett.

Some of the benefits of being a member, Hulett said, include access to the Academic Computing Services Lab, a one-third reduction in the cost of membership in the Campus Community Center, free admittance to selected Student Life sponsored events, a 20 percent discount off ticket prices at The Center for Performing Arts and, for those who contribute $100 or more, alumni receive an Internet account and a three-hour training session on using the Internet.

To obtain the free membership, June 1997 GSU graduates should contact the GSU Alumni Office at (708) 534-4128.

Tiffany Amschel, 1996 graduate with a master's in Media Communication, recently obtained the position of Managing Editor of the Lincolnway Journal, serving Frankfort, Frankfort Square, Manhattan, Mokena and New Lenox, III.

News about an alum or graduate of GSU? Send your information with the person's full name, graduation date and major (if possible) and accomplishments to: GSU, @gosst.edu, Public Affairs, University Park, IL 60466-0975.
GSU and Crete-Monee School District are Partners in Developing Charter School Proposal

GSU and Crete-Monee School District received an $8,500 four-month grant to develop an innovative charter school proposal. It is one of only two collaboratives statewide to be funded for planning in the first round announced by the Illinois State Board of Education. The funds will support the initial organizational and planning activities leading to a charter school focused on early childhood education.

Charter schools are developed through the collaborative effort of school districts, community or public service institutions and supporting families. In April of 1996 the state of Illinois passed the Charter School Laws allowing the development of these innovative schools.

The proposed charter school will serve approximately 120 preschool and primary age children and their families.

Stated Crete-Monee's Director of Special Education Jean Wildermuth, "As a school district, we are proud to work in partnership with the community on this important project. We look forward to working with the nationally-regarded experts from Governors State's faculty to produce a national model for (early childhood) education."

Sharifa Townsend, GSU early childhood education professor, said she is very excited about the possibility of having the charter school also serve as a training site for GSU's early childhood student teachers and graduate practicum students. - Denise Graham Zabik

Meet... Anna Stange

Anna Stange is a very busy student. Besides completing 19 credit hours in each of the past two trimesters as an undergraduate student majoring in Elementary Education, she serves as the elected student representative to the Board of Trustees of GSU, works part time and raises her 9-year-old daughter.

Stange has been on the dean's list since her first trimester at GSU in the fall of 1995, but has always been active in community issues such as the revitalization of her hometown of Blue Island, environmental and school concerns. "When I started going to school full time at GSU, I didn't have the time to participate in my community as much as I would have like to. I felt that I was part of the GSU community, and everyone who is part of a community has an obligation to contribute their skills for the betterment of that community."

"Since I'm a musician, one of things I can contribute now is my skill as a performer (professional folk musician) in Blue Island for various functions on a volunteer basis," she said.

Her awareness of her skills and enjoyment at teaching children music brought her to the decision to pursue Elementary Education as a new career. "I was a loss prevention manager for a retail company for a number of years, and I was just burnt out. I had been teaching children's music and adult guitar since 1990, and I found out that I really enjoyed teaching."

Stange's involvement in the board consists of more than just attending the meetings. "I do a lot of outreach with the students. I've worked with the student senate to try to resolve issues brought up by students at student forums."

She continues, "I feel that there are two parts to my role as student representative to the board. One is to let the board know the student perspective - make recommendations, offer my opinion. Secondly, as an elective student representative, I have a responsibility to work with the students and help direct them to solve issues when they don't know where else to go with them."

"Things that students say are a concern or an issue; I'm sometimes a good facilitator to help them resolve the issue," said Stange. - Condie Sexton