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**Alumni Association**

**UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITY**



Dear Alumni,

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event is just around the corner – Don't miss out!

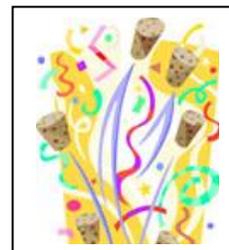
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## **GSU 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

GSU's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration culminates in grand fashion with a weeklong series of events in early November. Here's what's coming up:

### **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – November 7 – A Tribute to Motown Greats**

It's not too late but tickets are going fast! Make your reservations today to join us as we celebrate GSU's 40<sup>th</sup> 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 *A 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.



Tickets are \$50 per person. To order tickets by credit card, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 708.534.4128, or visit [www.govst.edu/alumni](http://www.govst.edu/alumni) for a ticket order form to order by check.

### **Celebrating the Past and Charting the Future – November 6**

Join the celebration recognizing GSU's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The 40th Anniversary Celebration embraces the theme of *Celebrating the Past and Charting the Future*.

Join us on Friday, November 6, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Music Hall, where distinguished panelists will discuss the birth, growth, and future of the university. Panelists include Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, current president, GSU; Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth, former president, GSU; Dr. Blondean Davis, Superintendent, Matteson School District 162; Dr. Paul Green, Director, Institute for Politics and Arthur Rubloff Professor of Policy Studies at Roosevelt University; and Adenuga Atewologun, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Prairie State College. Following the discussion, the new history wall, commemorating 40 years of educational excellence, will be unveiled in the D Main Entrance Atrium. A reception will follow.

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## **Alumni Association News**

## Alumni Club Activities

**Alumni Artforum Club** - The group will be participating in the Drums and Rattles event here at GSU on November 14. See the write-up below for more details. Please RSVP if you plan on attending. Want to become a member? Call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 for details.

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?

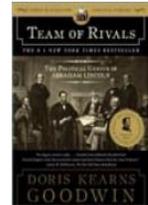
If you are, you know the many benefits! If not, why not join today? There are many benefits associated with being a member of the Alumni Association. Visit [www.govst.edu/alumni](http://www.govst.edu/alumni) or call the Alumni Relations office, for more information.

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## Campus Happenings

### One Book...One President

GSU's Intellectual Life Committee is sponsoring One Book, One University in October featuring Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Team of Rivals*. The book details Abraham Lincoln's choice to bring together many of his greatest political competitors to help him lead the country through difficult times. President Obama has cited this book's influence in his own approach to creating his cabinet.



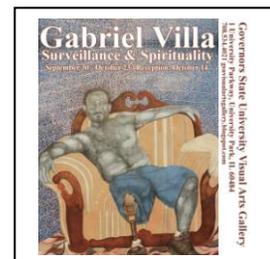
On October 21, at 6 p.m., in Engbretson Hall, Dr. Thomas F. Schwartz, Illinois State Historian and Lincoln expert from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, will lead a discussion on the themes found in the book, as well as compare and contrast Lincoln's and Obama's experiences with their cabinets. This event is free to alumni. Light refreshments will be served.

### Veterans Questions Answered

Lynn Salkeld, of the Illinois Department of Employment Security, will be on campus to the questions of military personnel and veterans on Thursday, October 22 and Thursday, December 17. Salkeld will be available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in room D1408, with information on employment, disability services, educational opportunities, and other topics.

### GSU Visual Arts Gallery

On behalf of the Visual Arts Gallery at Governors State University, you are invited you to view the current exhibition, *Surveillance & Spirituality - A Survey of Works by Gabriel Villa*. The exhibition will run through October 23.



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

## Negotiate Successfully

The Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) Leadership Series is sponsoring an administrators' academy on Negotiation Strategies on October 23. This workshop will discuss collective bargaining in Illinois public schools, including strategies and tactics for successful negotiations.

For information or to register, contact at 708.534.4024

## Get Connected with LinkedIn

Learn how to use LinkedIn, a social networking tool, to market yourself in today's competitive job market. Career Services is offering a workshop on Monday, October 26, from noon to 1 p.m., and in the Hall of Honors.



Topics include: The benefits of LinkedIn; how to establish a LinkedIn profile; and how to use LinkedIn to network and help your career. The free workshops are open to students, alumni, and the GSU community. For more information, call 708.235.3974.

## Friends Solve the Mystery

The Friends of Mysteries are celebrating GSU's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary by reading and talking about mysteries that were published in 1969. Join us on October 28, at noon, in the cafeteria for a discussion of Agatha Christie's *Hallowe'en Party*. *Hallowe'en Party* is a Hercule Poirot mystery and was published near the end of Dame Christie's career. Join us for a lively discussion of this perennial favorite.

On November 19, at noon, in the cafeteria, the groups will discuss *The Best Man to Die* by Ruth Rendell. On December 16, at noon, in the cafeteria, the mystery of the *Death of a Dude* by Rex Stout will be unraveled.

Participants are encouraged to join the *Friends of the Library*. Membership is \$35 per year (\$5 per year for seniors 60 and over). If you would like to join, or for further information, please call Pam Taylor at 708.235.7527.

## GSU Library Book Sale

Mark your calendars for The Friends of the GSU Library book sale on Thursday, October 29, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Paperback novels, books on religion, business, management, psychology, nursing, and other popular topics will be available. Prices start at an affordable \$0.50. Grab a great read for a great deal.

## Dave Rudolf's Halloween Spooktacular comes to The Center for Performing Arts!



A Chicago favorite and Parent's Choice Award-winner, Dave Rudolf presents an all-ages concert at The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 11am. Just for GSU alumni, buy one ticket, get one free! Mention "alumni offer" when calling 708.235.2222 or at the box office. Don't forget about our post-show Trick or Treat party with games, snacks and more in the world-famous Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park -just \$10 per child and adults are free! Visit [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net) for more info!

### **New this year!**

The Center's Box Office has made a special customer service line available for GSU Alumni. Call 708.234.2244 today for more information about the 15th Anniversary Offer and all your ticket needs for the 2009-2010 season!

## **Crafty Devils**

The Civil Service Senate is sponsoring its annual Arts and Crafts Fair on November 3 and 4, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. All proceeds from this event benefit the Civil Service Senate Educational Assistance Fund. The event is free and open to the public.

Vendors are still needed for the fair. Fees are \$35 for one table and \$25 for each additional table (maximum three tables). The selling of any and all goods suspected of copyright restriction violations are strictly prohibited.

For more information or to register, contact [Cindy Woodard](#) or [Mary Rothenberg](#).-

## **Rattle and Drum Art Workshop**

A special *Rattle and Drum Art Workshop* will be held on Saturday, November 14, at 4 p.m. in GSU's E Lounge. A presentation will be made and participants will survey rattles and drums as art expressions worldwide, then make and decorate their own objects. Participants will participate in a firelight drum circle, chat, and dance performance following in the evening. There is a \$5 fee to cover cost of materials. Reservations required: 708.534.4128.

## **Principals Develop New Program**

The Wallace Foundation and the Illinois Board of Higher Education have chosen GSU as one of three test sites statewide for reviewing and recommending models for the redefined new principal preparation programs.

The [Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education \(MILE\)](#) is coordinating GSU's participation. Twelve current school principals will attend a day and a half long session on October 26 and 27, which will focus on creating a principal preparation program that focuses on student learning and school improvement. The primary goal of the agenda is to increase educational attainment to match the best-performing states in the country.

Principals participating in the program will receive a stipend and workbook describing the models. For information, contact [Ron Patton](#), MILE Mentoring Coordinator, at 708.534.4948.

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