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### **First Freshman EVER Admitted to GSU!**

University Park, Illinois, November 22, 2013 — University Park, Illinois, November 22, 2013 —Thursday, November 21 was a big day for Marian Catholic High School senior Emily Metzger and a big day for Governors State University!

Emily, accompanied by her parents, Stephanie and Brian, arrived on campus ostensibly to shop at a GSU student art market. Everything changed, however, when Courtney Sanders, Vice President of Enrollment Management, stepped to the podium and announced, "We are here to welcome the very first student to be admitted to the first freshman class of Governors State University. Welcome to GSU, Emily Metzger!"

As GSU's first admitted freshman, Emily received a huge round of applause, a large welcome sign, a bouquet of flowers, balloons and a GSU gift bag. In another surprise announcement, Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, president of GSU, not only welcomed Emily to the GSU family, she also awarded Emily the first \$1,000 GSU Merit Scholarship, renewable for four years.

"This has been an awesome experience. I was totally shocked," said Emily. "I live in Matteson and GSU is only 10 minutes away. I think it would be a great new experience to be in the first freshman class."

Emily's parents were also pleased, noting that Emily will be the first in their family to attend college. "We are ecstatic. This whole experience has been wonderful. The admissions department and the faculty have been so helpful and welcoming," added Stephanie Metzger.

GSU will recruit only 270 students into its first freshman class, set to begin in Fall 2014. The

students will participate in a unique themed learning program during their first two years, completing their general education coursework with students who share common interests in small classes.

For more information about GSU's first freshman class, visit [www.govst.edu/admissions](http://www.govst.edu/admissions) or call 708.534.4490. GSU is located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois.