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Monthly Announcement

Dear Alumni,

Fall weather is finally upon us. If you are looking for indoor things to do this fall, why not consider joining the Alumni Book Club? There is no charge to join.

So much happens each month here on campus. If you're a College of Health and Human Service grad, be sure to save the date for the Career Fair on November 28. And you definitely don't want to miss the alumni Valentine event on February 8. Read below for more details.

For more information, call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128. Feel free to visit the [alumni website](#) to view past editions of the e-connections newsletter and our annual print newsletter, *Alumni Connections* and to get up-to-the-minute details.

Sincerely,

Cheri Garey
Interim Director of Alumni Relations

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Alumni Annual Valentine Dinner and Show - The Color Purple - February 8, 2012

Join the Alumni Association for our annual Valentine dinner and show on Wednesday, February 8. Following the buffet dinner, enjoy a performance of the widely acclaimed play, "The Color Purple," in GSU's Center for Performing Arts. What a great way to celebrate an early Valentine's Day, mingle with fellow alumni and enjoy a wonderful show all in one.

Tickets: \$58 (Alumni with Premium member status and their guests)

\$65 (All other alumni and their guests)

Tickets include a buffet dinner, dessert, coffee and tea, and main floor seating at the performance. Cash bar. To order tickets, mail in an [order form](#) or call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128.

GSU begins \$22.6 million science renovation project

Last week, Governors State University celebrated a new era in science education with a ceremony marking the start of a \$22.6 million renovation project. The project will bring world-class laboratories and classrooms to the University Park campus' science buildings.

GSU President Elaine P. Maimon and members of the Board of Trustees symbolically "tore down the walls" of the university's E and F science wing by removing paneling from the walls. They were joined by more than 150 students, university employees, community members, and "Today, we tear down the walls of the 20th century and construct state of the art science labs appropriate to this model 21st century university and, most appropriate, worthy of our students," Dr. Maimon said.

State Senator Toi Hutchison (D-Olympia Fields) told

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Tuesday's audience that effective government is the art of the possible, and can lead to "righteous projects" like the renovation of the university's science buildings.

"Illinois needed a capital bill and needed to invest in those things that we share in common," Hutchison said. "When we make investments like this, it's not just good for the Southland. It means that GSU can make a bigger contribution to this state."

Julie Smith, Quinn's deputy chief of staff, said GSU officials are exceptional advocates for the university and the Chicago Southland, and that they showed their effectiveness in winning support for the science building renovation.

"Governor Quinn likes to say that one side of society has movers and shakers and the other side is moved and shaken. Education is the difference between the two sides," Smith said. "I know this project will lead to many more of your students becoming movers and shakers."

The area to be renovated comprises approximately 76,000 square feet of space. The new space will include six research labs, 11 teaching labs, 12 classrooms, nine prep/store rooms, and a new lecture hall that seats 90 students.

The renovated facilities will serve students and faculty in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, nursing, communications disorders, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

Alumni Awards Nominations for 2012 Now being accepted

The Alumni Association will host the third annual Alumni Awards program, which honors graduates who have made significant contributions to society and

whose accomplishments and careers deserve to be recognized. The *Outstanding Community Service Award* and the *Distinguished Professional Achievement Award* will be presented at the Alumni Dinner Theatre event on Wednesday, February 8, 2012. The [Alumni Award Criteria](#) and the [Alumni Awards Nomination](#) forms are now available. Deadline to nominate or apply for these prestigious awards is January 7, 2012.

Showcase Your Business for Free

November 14 to 18 is Global Entrepreneurship Week. To celebrate, CenterPoint at GSU wants to showcase/publicize GSU Alumni Entrepreneurs. CenterPoint is creating posters with pictures of alumni and their companies, which will be located around the University and on an electronic notice board that will be a part of its website. What a great way to promote your business at no cost!

To participate, please contact Hilary Burkinshaw, Director of CenterPoint, at hburkinshaw@govst.edu.

Alumni Book Club Reviews "High Five" - November 17

Join other book enthusiasts in a lively discussion. Books to be reviewed are chosen by the Alumni Book Club members. Call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 to join or e-mail alumnirelations2@govst.edu and say "sign me up for the Book Club." Meeting invitations and notices will be sent via e-mail. Visit the [Book Club's website](#) for details and book descriptions.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 17, 2011 *Five High* by Janet

Evanovich
No meeting December

Addiction Studies Club Meeting - November 5

The Addictions Studies Alumni Club will have a meeting and general elections on Saturday, November 5 at 3:30 p.m. in room D2447 on campus. Come voice your opinion and hear what's happening with the Addiction Studies club. Please RSVP: 708.534.4128. (There is no charge to join Alumni Clubs.)

Alumni Artforum Club Meeting and Reception - November 17

The Alumni Artforum club will meet on Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. in room F1540 to discuss upcoming club events and members will then join the reception for the Visual of Arts Gallery exhibit of Tim Vitek: "The Vitek Color Graduation System - Sensory Interactions Developed by a Geometric Algorithm." Please RSVP: 708.534.4128

Center for Performing Arts - "FLOW" - November 12

Powerful narratives, dynamic rhythm and rhymes, and live beats will electrify the audience when *Flow*, by Will Power, comes to the Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, November 12, at 8 p.m. Tickets range in price from \$15 to \$39, with special \$15 tickets for students (of any educational institution). Tickets are available by phone 708.235.2222 or [online](#).

Flow, a production of eta Creative Arts, is the first in the Center for Performing Arts' "One More Night"

series, which is bringing the best in Chicago theater to First presented at the 2003 New York City Hip-Hop Festival, *Flow* tells the story of a young rap artist on a mission to save the African American oral tradition. He joins forces with – and takes the role of – seven community storytellers, all of whom face the pitfalls of modern urban society. As they tell their specific stories, small but significant life lessons are tossed toward the audience through compelling rhymes and rhythms. The message is clear – we must continue to tell our stories, and pass on our lessons – but the storytelling, filled with feverish energy, is nothing short of inspirational.

Will Power, the creator of “*Flow*,” has been lauded as a pioneer in the emerging genre of hip hop theater. “*Flow*” received the theater trophy at the 2004 U.S. Comedy Arts Festival and Power has received many other awards for his acting and writing. According to *The New York Times*, “*Flow*” “combines the complexity of serious drama with the visual and sonic arsenal of MTV.”

"The King's Speech" to be Screened at GSU

The GSU Chapter of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association will screen "The King's Speech" on Tuesday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of GSU's Center for Performing Arts.

Admission is free, but donations benefiting the Stuttering Foundation are encouraged. A question and answer session, led by Dr. Stephanie Hughes, assistant professor of Communication Disorders at GSU, will follow the movie screening. According to Hughes, "The King's Speech" deserves top grades for realism in its presentation of general counseling and specific behavioral techniques demonstrated by the film's speech therapist. For more information, contact Dr. Hughes at shughes@govst.edu, or 708.534.4594.

Instant Decision Day - November 5

Prospective undergraduate students, with the proper transcripts, can be admitted on the spot to GSU at Instant Admission Day on Saturday, November 5. GSU will host the free open house event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on GSU's main campus, for students interested in transferring into one of GSU's bachelor's degree completion programs.

Teacher Certificate Program - Deadline December 15

The Alternative Teacher Certification program at GSU offers three ways to earn certification and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a master's degree in education and teacher certification. TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a \$30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The Alternative Certification Program also offers the opportunity for teachers to teach full-time as they earn a salary and their teacher certification. In addition, there are reduced paid resident opportunities, which also lead to teacher certification.

This program is open to college graduates with five years' work experience after receiving a bachelor's degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2012, is December 15, 2011. For more information, contact [Eileen Lally](#) at 708.534.4399.

Arts & Crafts at GSU - November 15

GSU's Civil Service Senate is sponsoring its annual Arts and Crafts Fair on November 15, from 10 a.m. to

7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Proceeds benefit the Civil Service Senate Educational Assistance Fund. The event is free and open to the public.

Artisans and crafters are needed for the fair. Set-up time begins at 9 a.m. on the 15th. Contact [Kathy Miller](#) at 708.534.4561, or [Karen Stuenkel](#) at 708.534.4120 for details.

Veterans' Boot Camp - November 16

CenterPoint at GSU is hosting its semiannual, award-winning Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp on Wednesday, November 16th, from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m.

The Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp is free for veterans. Families and business partners of those serving in the military may attend for only \$25. Event co-sponsors include Phoenix Business Solutions, CenterPoint 504 nfp, and the Illinois Small Business Development and International Trade Centers at Governors State University. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required. Contact CenterPoint at Governors State University at (708) 534-4929 or visit www.centerpointgsu.com for details.

Designed by military veterans, the full-day event is the only one of its kind to be held in the Chicago southland and offers support to the families and business partners of our service men and women currently on active duty.

The day features presentations and seminars from industry professionals, opportunities for free one-on-one counseling, breakfast with a panel of ex-military business owners who share their entrepreneurial journey, and access to CenterPoint's numerous entrepreneurial services and resources. Break-out workshops will focus on a variety of topics, including marketing, SBA business financing options and the Patriot Express Loan, doing business with

government agencies, cash flow management, and business planning.

“The Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp offers the perfect combination of resources tailored specifically to address the needs of military personnel,” said CenterPoint director Hilary Burkinshaw. “Veterans will have the opportunity to learn from entrepreneurial experts, other military veterans, and one another during this exceptionally informative event.”

Health and Human Services Career Fair/Internship - November 28

The GSU Office of Career Services is holding a Health and Human Services Career Fair on Monday, November 28 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Lobby at GSU.

Confirmed Participating Employers: American Senior Communities, ATI Physical Therapy, Consonus Healthcare, Cook County Health & Hospital Systems, CSL Behring, Elim Christian Services, FHN Memorial Hospital, Genesis Rehab Services, Home Bound Healthcare, McDonald Physical Therapy, METT Therapy Services, Olivet Nazarene University, Palos Community Hospital, Riverside Medical Center, Therapy Staff, LLC, and Uhlich Children's Advantage Network (UCAN).

New Eco-Friendly Turbine at GSU

GSU's magnificent new wind turbine, operational for the last few weeks, was formally introduced to the university community during a dedication event on Friday, October 14.

GSU is committed to sustainability on campus. The wind turbine, built with assistance from the Illinois

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity,
is providing power to the Family Development Center.

free GSU Library Workshops

The GSU Library is offering four genealogy workshops
this fall. Workshops are free and open to the public:

*Using Probate and Inquest Records in Your
Genealogy Research*

Friday, November 11 2-3:30 p.m. D2430

Using Libraries in Your Genealogy Research

Friday, November 18 2-3:30 p.m. D2430

Register in person at the Reference Desk or contact
[Judy Hanacek](#), Workshop Coordinator. Phone:
708.534.4114. Walk-ins are welcome, but space is
limited to 25 participants.

Are You an Alumni Author?

The Alumni Book Club is recognizing our growing list
of alumni who have authored books. We will post this
distinguished list on the Book Club's web site. If you
are an alumni and have authored a book, please
email you name, address (for identification purposes -
will not be posted), the title of your book, the publisher
and date of publication to
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