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News and Events

Catch the Gratitude Attitude

In a twist on the phone-a-thon search for donors, the GSU Foundation is hoping that students, faculty, and staff will catch the Foundation Gratitude Attitude.

On Tuesday, August 5, volunteers will call donors on the phone to thank them for their generosity and report how their contributions helped GSU, its students, and faculty.

So if you have ever earned a scholarship, used the GSU library, had your conference costs supplemented then catch the Gratitude Attitude and say thank you to the people who made it possible. If you have enjoyed a show at the Center for Performing Arts of walked around the sculptures in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, then it is time to say, “Thank you.”

No additional donations will be solicited. The Foundation needs only a half hour of your time to make a few calls or write a few thank you notes.

Contact Christine Radtke, Director of Development, at 708.235.7494, and catch the Gratitude Attitude.

Sculpture Park Trip to St. Louis

Art, sculpture, history, and archeology are the themes of a fall weekend trip to St. Louis sponsored by the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP) at Governors State University.

On September 19, a luxury motor coach will leave GSU at noon for St. Louis. The tour groups will stay at the Holiday Inn Hotel St. Louis Southwest - Viking Conference Center for two nights.

NMSP curator Geoffrey Bates will offer a preview of the weekend on Friday evening. Saturday activities include an optional morning trip to Cahokia Mounds. The day continues with a tour of the St. Louis Art Museum and lunch at Puck’s Restaurant overlooking the Sculpture Terrace. In the afternoon, the group will tour the Pulitzer Foundation and the Contemporary Art Museum collections.

On Sunday morning, the tour continues at Laumeier Sculpture Park with over 70 large-scale pieces on view. There will be a picnic on the grounds of the Laumeier estate followed by a tour of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois. Dinner will be in Springfield before the coach return trip to GSU.

The fee for the three-day trip is $347 (based on double occupancy), which includes transportation, hotel, some meal expenses, and admission costs. The reservation deadline is Friday, August 1. For more information, contact the Sculpture Park at 708.534.4486.
AIG on TSRSAs

Mr. John Olson, AIG Retirement, will be in the Visitors’ Center, Room D1408, on Wednesday, July 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. He will be available for individual appointments to assist employees interested in creating a Tax Sheltered Retirement Savings Account under the Internal Revenue Code 403(b), or in making changes to an existing account.

For information or to make an appointment, call John Olson at 312.214.8870.

Retirement account contributions are taken from paychecks on a pre-tax basis similar to retirement contributions under the State Universities Retirement System (SURS). All contributions are employee money only and accumulate on a tax deferred basis until the money is received.

AIG Retirement is one of five different vendors who offer this type of retirement savings. The others are ING, Fidelity, TIAA-CREF, and the Legend Group. Please contact Human Resources for a contact number, if you are interested in any of these vendors.

First Friday - This Friday

The Civil Service Senate and the Provost Office invite the GSU faculty and staff to enjoy an hour of good food and good conversation at a First Friday, on July 11, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., on the Library balcony.