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News and Events

Foundation 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 or 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.

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

New Furniture for Classroom Flexibility

A reminder that the university needs your opinion regarding new classroom furniture.

Take a moment to test out the furniture samples located in the Hall of Governors and provide your opinion. The sample classroom furniture survey is online through Friday at www.govst.edu/furnituresurvey.

Sample colors/sizes are subject to change based on need and classroom capacity requirements. New furniture will allow for flexibility when teaching, so that classroom layouts can easily be modified for varied instructional preferences.
Chicago Sculpture Excursion

On July 26, enjoy a daylong road trip, sponsored by the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP), to Chicago’s Millennium Park, the galleries of the Chicago Cultural Center, and the Illinois State Museum in the J.R. Thompson Center.

Participants will ride the 8:57 a.m. train from University Park to Millennium Station. First stop is Millennium Park to view the five “cousins” of the NMSP’s Mark diSuvero work, Yes, for Lady Day, as well as the other wondrous sculptures and structures in the park. Next stop is the Chicago Cultural Center, Michigan Avenue galleries, and the Sidney R. Yates Gallery. After a delicious lunch at Gold Coast Dogs, the trip culminates with a private tour by curator Doug Stapleton of the Illinois State Museum Chicago Gallery exhibit, L. Brent Kington: Mythic Metalsmith.

The cost for the daylong event is $10 plus rail fare and food. Participants must have a photo ID for admission to the Thompson Center. For more information or to register, contact the NMSP or call 708.534.4486.

More Trivial Trivia!

With the GSU Votes Committee Election trivia contest just around the corner, some more tidbits of useless data may be just enough to make you a winner.

Here are a few Presidential firsts….
The first assassination attempt on an US President took place in January 1835, when a house painter named Richard Lawrence aimed two pistols at Andrew Jackson. Both guns misfired.

The first successful assassination of a president was by John Wilkes Booth when he shot Abraham Lincoln in 1865.

The Scholarship Sails On…

Dr. Shelly Kumar, professor of organic chemistry, presented a research paper titled Aromatic Hydroxylation of 1-Benzylpiperazine by a Carbonyl Oxide, a Chemical Model of Monoxygenase Enzymes at the American Chemical Society 39th Central Regional Meeting held at Columbus, Ohio, on June 10-14. The paper is coauthored by Ajaykumar Mallesha who recently graduated from GSU with master’s degree in analytical chemistry.