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Recipients of 2009 Excellence Awards were recognized at a luncheon on Wednesday, September 23. Dr. Elaine Maimon complimented the honorees who represent excellence in education, service, and research at GSU.

Dianna Galante, Timothy Gsell, Pamela Guimond, Rosemary Johnsen, Daniel Nearing, Winifred Rudloff, and Marilyn Yirku were honored from the College of Arts and Sciences.

David Green, Ting Wang, and William Wilkerson were honored from the College of Business and Public Administration.

Thomas Bierdz, Jon Carlson, Sandra Gandy, Bonnie Gregg, Marian Marion, Patricia Robey, and Catherine Sori were honored from the College of Education.

Susan McCoy from Student Affairs and Services and Paul Blobaum from the University Library were also recognized.

Celebrating the Past, Charting the Future, the Campus Community Campaign celebrating 40 years of GSU began Tuesday with much fanfare. The audience enjoyed an historical slide show review set to music from the past four decades. The Center for Performing Arts’ Burt Dikelksy wove the GSU story into a recounting of the main historical events of the past 40 years. President Elaine Maimon expressed the need for the GSU community to join the campaign and help ensure the success of the GSU mission. Institutional Advancement’s Joan Vaughan discussed the different ways contributions can be made to the future of GSU and our dedication to serving our students. The audience also heard from current GSU students and alumni who received scholarships financed by contributions to the GSU Foundation and whose lives were enriched by the educations they were able to earn as a result.

Visit to Campus Community Campaign website for more information.
**HLC Information Session**

A question and answer sessions on the HLC Self-Study and upcoming visit will be held on Tuesday, October 6, from 10 to 11 a.m. and Wednesday, October 7, from 3 to 4 p.m., in the McGee Hall of Honors. Everyone is welcome.

The HLC Self-Study is available for review and feedback via the [GSU HLC 2009 website](http://www.gsu.edu/hlc2009). As a reminder, feedback may also be submitted via e-mail to hlc@govst.edu.

**New Employees - Aug & Sept**

The following individuals joined GSU as full-time employees during the months of August and September 2009. Please welcome them to the university.

Lee Annes  
Coordinator  
DCFS

Jennifer Beebe  
Instructor  
Psychology and Counseling

Jamie Bourdreaau  
University Lecturer  
COE - Psychology and Counseling

Walter Henne  
Assistant Professor  
CAS - Science

Lori Horgan  
Special Projects Manager  
DCFS

Kelly Jager  
Teacher  
Family Development Center

Diane Jamison  
Assistant Professor  
CHHS - Nursing

Martha Menninger  
Special Projects Manager  
DCFS

Donald Olund  
University Lecturer
The University Advisors Group unveiled a new webpage to serve as an invaluable and useful tool to prospective students, current students, faculty, and staff. The webpage provides a comprehensive list of every program and certificate at GSU with links to the program advisor, with full contact information, for each one.

This useful new tool can be found online.

The Title V-Latino Center for Excellence is sponsoring a special presentation by journalist Vicente Serrano of his documentary exposé, *A Forgotten Injustice*, on October 8, at 4:30 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts.

This documentary film uncovers the true story of the almost two million Mexican Americans and U.S. citizens who were forced to leave the United States during the Great Depression in the 1930s. *A Forgotten Injustice* is the result of an extensive investigation. Serrano traveled across the country and Mexico to capture the experiences of these men and women, many who are still living in extreme poverty in rural areas in Mexico. The documentary includes interviews with historians, politicians, and survivors.

Serrano will answer questions and discuss his research after the film. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call ext. 4553.

Lisa Aponte-Soto was one of the *Prominent Alumni Speakers* recently at the 30th anniversary dinner for UIC’s Urban Health Program. Lisa earned her MHA degree from GSU, and she is now a Ph.D. candidate in UIC’s Behavioral Science and Health Promotion program in the Community Health Sciences Division (School of Public Health).
ScholarShip Sails to Honors

Dr. Sandra Mayfield, Assistant Provost, will be honored by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at the ASHA convention in November. She will be recognized for her work to advance multicultural infusion in Speech-Language Pathology and ASHA, for serving as an advocate or championed in the cause of multicultural issues, demonstrating respect and value for differing backgrounds and points of view, and for having highlighted the impact of culture and/or language on speech-language pathology, audiology, or speech-language or hearing science.

Time Saving Strategies

Time-Saving Strategies: Setting Up Quizzes and Exams in Blackboard CE-8 will be covered in workshops on Tuesday, September 29 and October 3, from 10 a.m. to noon, in D2438 –ACS lab.

The workshop will present the advantages of online quizzes, surveys, and self-tests, using Blackboard to generate statistical reports, and uploading complete quizzes or exams using Respondus.

Seating is limited. To register, contact Barbara Mandel.