News and Events

V-Team Wants You

Volunteering at GSU has an enjoyable way to help the university, make new friends, and learn about campus programs.

Now volunteering is even easier with GSU’s new V-Team. The V-Team is a corps of volunteers who provide the extra assistance that helps make GSU programs, events, seminars, and workshops a success.

The V-Team invites interested volunteers to attend an orientation meeting at 1 p.m., on Monday, October 26, in the Hall of Honors.

For more information contact Pulchratia Kinney-Smith or Mary Rothenberg.

Celebrate Like Its 1969

The 40th Anniversary Celebration week includes events for students, faculty, staff, and the community. Everyone is invited to join the celebration and commemorate 40 years of educational service and excellence.

Monday, November 2
Nontraditional Student Week
Pizza Party
6 to 8 p.m.
Hall of Honors

Tuesday, November 3
GSU Visual Arts Gallery
Graduate student Robert Catania
Through November 10
Psychology and Counseling
Department hosts Trinity College
(Invitation Only)
8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Cafeteria Annex

Civil Service Senate Arts and Craft Fair
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Hall of Governors

Nontraditional Student Week
Emotional Wellness Workshop
Learn to balance education, work, and family as a nontraditional student
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Hall of Honors

**Wednesday, November 4**
Civil Service Senate Arts and Craft Fair
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Hall of Governors

Student Life
Self Defense Workshop
4 to 6 p.m.
Hall of Honors

Nontraditional Student Week
Alpha Sigma Lambda Induction Ceremony
(Invitation Only)
6 to 9 p.m.
The Center for Performing Arts

Latino Center for Excellence
Latino Film Festival
View the year’s best Latino films
Time: TBD
Engbretson Hall

**Thursday, November 5**
Joint Nontraditional Student Week
Celebration with Moraine Valley Community College
Noon to 3:30 p.m.
Hall of Honors

Ingalls Wellness Center Seminar
Presented by Student Life
Hello Fitness, Farewell Flab & Belly Fat
2 to 6 p.m.
Engbretson Hall
Friday, November 6
Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) workshop
Using a Strengths-Based Model for Leadership and Professional Development (Invitation Only)
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Room F1603

Celebrating the Past, Charting the Future - A Panel Discussion
Join GSU presidents, staff, and special guests as they discuss the birth, growth, and future of the university
3 p.m.
Sherman Recital Hall

Unveiling of History Wall and Reception
4:30 p.m.
D Main Entrance and Lobby

Saturday, November 7
Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Tours
Tours originate in Hall of Governors
1:15 to 2 p.m. (Inner-loop tour)
2:15 to 3:45 p.m. (North-loop tour)

40th Anniversary Celebration Event
A Tribute to Motown Greats
Pre-show Reception, Awards, and Networking
6 p.m.
Hall of Governors
7:30 p.m.
The Center for Performing Arts

After Concert Celebration
DJ/Dancing
9:30 p.m. to midnight
Hall of Governors
Tickets $50 – Includes reception, Motown Greats show, post-show DJ/Dancing, cash bar before and after show.
Purchase tickets today:
708.534.4128 or
www.govst.edu/40years
Gifts for Savers

The Prairie Trail Credit Union Santa will distribute Christmas Club gifts to all Christmas Club members on Wednesday, October 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

New membership registration in the 2010 Christmas Club and other transactions with the Credit Union may also be conducted.

Howlin’ Fun this Halloween

Families are invited to celebrate Halloween at GSU. On Saturday, October 31, The Center for Performing Arts presents Dave Rudolf’s Halloween Spooktacular. Rudolf will entertain goblins of all ages with fun songs and stories to raise the hair on your funny bone. Kids dressed in costume will have the chance to share the stage.

After the show, kids are invited to trick-or-treat at selected sculptures, where ghosts and goblins will explain the sculptures to and give them candy treats to take home.

Reservations are required. Please call GSU's Center for Performing Arts box office at 708.235.2222.

For Faculty and Staff Eyes

The information you need, the forms you require, the access you desire is at your fingertips on the at the new Faculty and Staff webpage. A link to the page is located at top of the GSU home page. One click leads you to a valuable, concise resource page for faculty and staff.

Spearheaded by the Faculty Development Steering Committee, designed in Digital Learning, and operationalized by IT, the new page features current faculty and staff related events and links to resources that range from information on research and grants to HR bulletins and business related forms.

“Our first goal was to provide easy access to information for faculty and staff that was dispersed throughout many places both on the intra- and inter-net.” says, Tony Labriola, chair of the committee. The site includes more than 80 links to resources, many of which include additional links to forms, data, art, recreation, payroll, wikis, and workshops.

“We’re working on a schedule of faculty and staff development activities. Let us know what you have planned and we’ll add it.”

The committee is anxious to hear your feedback and suggestions. Have a look and drop an note to Tony Labriola or Raven James.
Managing Debt - For Free

Credit card bills, utility and car loan payments, mortgages, and rent can all add up to one big headache in the form of debt. Learn the Strategies for Managing Debt in Troubling Times at a workshop sponsored by the Academic Resource Center. Dr. Anthony Andrews of the CBPA will be the featured speaker.

This free workshop is open to students, faculty, staff, and the community. It will be held on November 5, from noon to 1 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m., in B1241. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Tamekia Scott at ext. 2228.

That’s the Ticket!

At the recent meeting of the Civil Service Senate, members voted to award a lucky civil service staff person two tickets to the 40th Anniversary Gala and Motown Concert.

According to Senate President, Kathy Miller, each civil service employee was randomly assigned a number. Dr. Maimon selected a number corresponding to the winning employee.

The recipient of the tickets is Kathleen Frossard-Fisher of Financial Services. Kathleen and her guest will enjoy the 40th Anniversary celebration compliments of the Civil Service Senate. Katie is happy to be going to the festivities and seeing the Motown show and thanks the Senate for this surprise gift.

“Congratulations to Katie, the lucky winner of the 40th anniversary party/show raffle,” said President Maimon. “I hope that many more members of the GSU family will attend the free events on Friday, November 6, and participate with Katie in the Motown celebration on Saturday, November 7.”

Getting Thirsty?

The university was notified recently that its bottled water provider, Great Glacier, has gone out-of-business. Auxiliary Services has adequate water supply/access on hand and will be announcing a new vendor and a new, streamlined ordering process within the next few days.

For questions, please contact Jerad Garrison at ext. 7445.

In the Blender
The Center for Online Teaching and Learning (COTL) is holding a workshop for faculty focusing on blended/hybrid courses, on Wednesday, October 28, from 1 to 4 p.m., in D2438. Participants will be provided individual support by COTL faculty to help them design and build their blended courses.

The workshop will focus on blended courses which retain face-to-face student contact while:

- Reducing the number of commutes to campus for both faculty and students
- Freeing up classrooms
- Improving learning outcomes

To register, contact Jan Engle at ext. 3073.

**CX Gets the (Re)Boot**

Beginning on Monday, October 19, the Jenzabar CX system reboot will be rescheduled from 10 p.m. daily to twice each week at 5 a.m. All Governors State Jenzabar products will be affected, including CX (Cars), MyGSU, Student View, Faculty View. This change will allow the reboot to happen when system usage is lowest.

**Page Turners for Sale**

Mark your calendars! The Friends of the GSU Library will sponsor a used book sale on Thursday, October 29, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The sale includes paperback novels, and books on religion, business, management, psychology, nursing, and much more. Prices begin at $.50. All proceeds help support the work of the Friends of the GSU Library.

**Forty Year Old Mysteries to Solve**

The Friends of Mysteries are celebrating GSU’s 40th anniversary by reading and talking about mysteries that were published in 1969. Join us on October 28, at noon, in the cafeteria for a discussion of Agatha Christie’s *Hallowe’en Party*.

*Hallowe’en Party* is a Hercule Poirot mystery and was published near the end of Dame Christie’s career. Please join us for a lively discussion of this perennial favorite. On November 19, at noon, in the library, the groups will discuss *The Best Man to Die* by Ruth Rendall. On December 16, at noon, in the cafeteria, the mystery of the *Death of a Dude* by Rex Stout will be unraveled.
Childcare Discount

Evening childcare for the children of students who receive Pell Grants is now being offered at the Family Development Center for a 75 percent discount. This grant funded discount enables children of qualified GSU students, who are 3 to 12 years, to enjoy the safe and enriching environment of the Family Development Center while their parents concentrate on their educations. Childcare is available Monday through Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

To take advantage of this discount, a copy of the student’s financial aid award letter is required. For more information, contact the Family Development Center at 708.235.7300.