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News and Events

Your Mission: Know the Mission

There are only eleven more working days before the HLC site visitors arrive on campus to evaluate GSU’s academic performance. As a part of their three-day evaluation visit, the team will formally and informally interview students, staff, faculty, and administrators from every unit in the university.

In preparation for their visit, please take time to identify how you contribute to GSU’s mission: Governors State University is committed to offering an exceptional and accessible education that imbues students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to succeed in a global society. GSU is dedicated to creating an intellectually stimulating public square, serving as an economic catalyst for the region, and being a model of diversity and responsible citizenship.

Panel Discussion Commemorates 40th Anniversary

As it commemorates 40 years of providing educational opportunity, GSU is sponsoring a discussion featuring a panel of distinguished guests on Friday, November 6, at 3 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The discussion will focus on the birth, growth, and future of the university. The program moderator will be Dr. Paul Green, Director of the Institute for Politics and the Arthur Rubloff Professor of Policy Studies at Roosevelt University, who will also contribute to the discussion.

Current GSU president, Dr. Elaine Maimon and by past president Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth, II will be joined by Dr. Adenuga Atewologun, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Prairie State College and Dr. Blondean Davis, Superintendent of Matteson School District 162.

For more information, call 708.534.4105
**GSU History Wall Dedication**

At the conclusion of the panel discussion on November 6, a permanent, interactive history wall commemorating the past 40 years of GSU and world history will be unveiled in the main entrance atrium. A public reception will follow.

This event is free and open to the public.

**FDC Harvest Day**

On Friday, October 30, the children of the Family Development Center will parade in costume through the D-wing main entrance lobby to receive treats. Approximately 75 children will arrive at 11:15 a.m. and second group of 40 children will trick or treat at 2:45 p.m. Because many children may be allergic or sensitive to certain foods, the FDC asks departments to consider passing out healthier and peanut free treats.

**Civil Services A & C Fair**

Vendors will display their wares for sample and sale at the Civil Service Arts and Crafts Fair on Tuesday, November 3, and Wednesday, November 4, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Lookers welcome, shoppers more than welcome.

**BSU Bake Sale**

Feed your sweet tooth on November 3 and 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. from the table of goodies on sale in the Hall of Governors. The Black Student Union is sponsoring a bake sale in support of the Family Development Center. Proceeds from the sale will help finance the pre-kindergarteners’ field trip to the zoo.

Donations of baked goods for the sale are also being sought. Support the FDC and the BSU by baking, giving, and/or eating delectable sweets.

**GSU Makes an Impact**

Alumni and current students, professors, and community members alike have shared their stories of GSU's impact on their lives. Forty touching tributes have been compiled into a single collection - *Impact*.

Printed copies of *Impact* will be available on November 7, at the 40th Anniversary Celebration. In the meantime, excerpts of several *Impact* stories are available online.
A minimum $5 donation is suggested per copy. All donations will be used to grow the GSU Promise endowment. To receive a copy of Impact, contact Donna Rutledge at ext. 3964, Lynn Clayton at ext. 3075, or Sheree Sanderson, at ext. 3956.

Blog U

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning (COTL) is holding a faculty workshop focusing on the academic use of podcasts, blogs, Google Docs, and wikis in teaching and learning. There will be hands-on opportunities for experimentation with each of the tools. Attendees will leave the session ready to integrate these engaging tools into their classes.

Participants can attend a session on Tuesday November 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. or Saturday, November 7, from 9 a.m. to noon, in D2438. Attendees should bring a headset microphone to the workshop. Those who do not have one will receive one that can be used in the workshop and taken with them to use in their courses.

To register, contact Jan Engle at ext. 3073.

Give Thanks

Continuing the tradition, the GSU Foundation will reach out and to express gratitude to this year’s donors. Gratitude Day, is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10.

The success of the program depends on volunteers willing to give a little bit of their time to share the gratitude attitude. One hour calling shifts are available from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sixty volunteers are needed. Interested Gratitude Day volunteers should contact Jackie Small at ext. 2188.

Callers will also have the opportunity to sign up for GSU’s new V-Team volunteer corps. The group will help match up willing volunteers with university events throughout the year.

ScholarShip Sails for CHHS Research

CHHS faculty members Philip Kletke, Ph.D., of the Health Administration Department, Nancy MacMullen, Ph.D., interim Nursing Department chair, and Kim Boland-Prom, Ph.D., LCSW of the Social Work Department recently received new funding for their research and program activities.

Dr. Kletke received funding from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) for a one-year project designed to analyze data from the 2000-01 Physician Survey, which is part of the Community Tracking Study conducted by the Center for Studying Health System Change, in
order to examine unevenness in physician Medicaid participation.

Dr. MacMullen received funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration for the Nurse Faculty Loan Program. This program provides loans to students in advanced nursing educational programs that prepare graduates to serve as faculty.

Dr. Boland-Prom received two-year funding from the American Foundation for Research and Consumer Education in Social Work Regulation for the study of social workers sanctioned by regulatory boards.