News and Events

Take That Apolo Ohno

They may not be Olympic medals, but in the world of higher education marketing, GSU just earned its share of podium time. The Twenty-Fifth Annual Educational Advertising Awards recognized GSU with six national awards including Gold for the History Wall.

The combined efforts of the Office of Public Affairs, the Graphics Department, and Digital Learning and Media Design helped GSU post such impressive results. No other public university in Illinois came close to GSU’s accomplishment.

The Educational Advertising Awards is the largest educational advertising awards competition in the country. This year, over two-thousand entries were received from more than one-thousand colleges, universities, and secondary schools from all fifty states and several foreign countries. Judges for the Educational Advertising Awards consisted of national panel of higher education marketers, advertising creative directors, marketing and advertising professionals, and the editorial board of Higher Education Marketing Report.

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Luck Be a Lady

The competition was fierce, the tensions were high, and the jokes were abound.

Last Thursday Feb 18, 15 talented individuals from the GSU student body, faculty, staff, and alumni entertained an audience of judges and supporters to win a coveted role in Neil Berg’s 100 Years of Broadway.

Don’t miss the five finalist perform TONIGHT, at 4 p.m., in The Center. The finalists are:

- Keith Briggs - Staff, FDM
- Fredi Parks - Student
- Kimi Robaczewski - Student
- Charlotte Smith - Student
- Ayita Woods - Staff, HR

Check out the article about the auditions in this week’s Northwest Indiana Times.

On the Move...To Semesters

Beginning in Fall 2010, GSU will move from a trimester-based academic calendar to a semester-based academic calendar. This new schedule will enhance the seamless transition from community colleges, serve returning students balancing families and full-time employment, and make GSU summer courses available to students from other institutions.

Faculty and staff members with individual community contacts are responsible for communicating the semester calendar changes to those contacts via hard copy letter or e-mail. Sample letter templates have been made available via the Semester Calendar website.
**Calling All Infants**

The FDC and COE are sponsoring an enriching and educational playgroup experience for infants, ages six months to two years old, and their parents.

The program includes activities for infants designed to enhance physical and mental development using fun and inventive materials. Workshops for parents are also included.

Students in the early childhood degree program at GSU lead the sessions under the supervision of College of Education professors and certified Family Development Center staff.

The program is on Thursdays, through April 8, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The fee is $10. For more information or to register, call 708.235.7300.

**Cabaret at The Center**

Jazz vocalist Rachael Price will perform as part of The Center for Performing Arts’ “new cabaret series, on Saturday, February 27, at 8 p.m. Accompanying her on the bass will be Erik Privert, who is originally from Palos Hills.

Buy-one-get-one-free tickets will be available at the box office two hours prior to curtain. This special offer is based on availability. For tickets and information call 708.235.2222 or visit The Center's [website](#).

**IDSS Portfolio Workshop**

The College of Arts and Sciences will hold a Prior Learning Portfolio Workshop on Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees will learn how to develop a portfolio of prior learning to apply toward a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

The two-hour session includes an explanation of the portfolio submission process. The cost of the workshop is $50, which includes materials. Prospective interdisciplinary studies students may complete a prior learning portfolio to demonstrate how
experiential learning compares to college-level coursework. Based on a review of the submitted materials, equivalent college credit may be awarded.

For more information or to register, call 708.534.4092 or e-mail the Interdisciplinary Studies department.

**Fit for Spring**

Let’s Get Fit participants are encouraged to get their minds and bodies in shape as spring quickly approaches. Everyone is encouraged to attend these healthy lifestyle seminars presented by the Let’s Get Fit program:

*Do You Have Neck and Back Pain?* - Wednesday, March 10, Dr. McVady

*Nutrition and Food Labels* - Tuesday, March 23, noon to 1 p.m.

*Heart Health* - Tuesday, March 30, noon to 1 p.m.

For more information on Let’s Get Fit workshops or to join the program, contact Julia Jamison at ext. 7468.

**Criminal Justice Career Fair**

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair featuring employers in the field of criminal justice. Current students, alumni, and community members interested in finding employment in law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and related fields are encouraged to attend. Potential employers will be on hand from both public and private sectors.

The Criminal Justice Career Fair is on Thursday, March 25, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The Criminal Justice Career Fair is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 708.235.3974.
GSU will host the 2010 Illinois Community College Juried Art Exhibition, from March 4 through 26, in the Visual Arts Gallery.

This exhibition is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creative work of young artists in our region. Exhibiting artists include students from 18 Illinois community colleges including Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Parkland Community College, and South Suburban College among others.

Accomplished artist Kathleen Scarboro will serves as the juror. She will select award winners at the exhibition based on artistic merit. Up to $1,000 in awards will be awarded, including $300 for Best of Show.

A closing reception to celebrate the show and the artists and present merit awards is on Friday, March 26, from 1 to 3 p.m., in E-Lounge. The exhibition, awards, and reception are sponsored by GSU’s College of Arts and Sciences and Student Life.

The gallery is open Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call ext. 4017.