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For Immediate Release

13th Annual Student Research Conference at GSU

University Park, IL, May 8, 2007 - Governors State University students will have a unique opportunity to present their research and conclusions to an audience of their professors and peers and members of the community at the 13th Annual GSU Student Research Conference on Wednesday, May 23.

"Students have the opportunity to learn and grow. This is a very popular event as it is identical to a professional conference. It offers valuable experience," explained Dr. Shelly Kumar, coordinator of the conference and professor in the Division of Science at GSU.

According to Kumar more than 20 students are scheduled to present their research in either a paper presentation or as a poster display during the day-long event. Students will present on a variety of topics in a variety of subject areas. Topics vary from the scientific to the artistic and from historical reviews to educational innovations.

"We place no limits on the topics that can be presented. Students work with their sponsors as they conduct their research and prepare their papers," explains Kumar. "We see this as a stepping stone. It highlights student accomplishments and provides a great opportunity for faculty and students to meet, talk, and exchange ideas."

Each year, Kumar is pleased with student response to his call for abstracts. In the abstract, students outline the purpose and scope of their research. "The abstracts highlight the faculty's commitment to teaching that involves research. We post the abstract journal online and frequently receive requests for abstracts."

In addition to the presentations, students will have the opportunity to hear the lunchtime keynote speaker, Dr. Bill Vanbonn. Dr. Vanbonn is the Director of Animal Health at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago.

The Student Research Conference is free and open to the public. It will be held in the Hall of Honors, Governors State University, 1 University Parkway, University Park. For more information, call 708.534.4520.