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News and Events

IRiS - First Milestone Reached
The IRiS Project Management Team has completed Colleague Core Training, the first milestone for the IRiS Project. All team members attended a lunch celebration last week and shared their thoughts about the project. Participants had positive comments about the project and Datatel’s Colleague software system.

Core Training consultant Debbie Smith was impressed with the group and with the support given to them by GSU’s administration. “With the administration’s positive support, accomplishing the university’s goals within the 15-month project timeline is definitely doable,” she said.

Karen Kissel, Associate Vice President for Financial Services and Comptroller, said the training was interesting because participants learned a great deal about how departments all around GSU manage their operations. She also said she enjoyed the overall discussions.

“I cannot wait to train my staff,” said Yakeea Daniels, Admissions and Records Supervisor.

With no consultants on campus this week, IRiS Project teams will work to complete their business analyses and schedule time to introduce the Colleague system to their staff.

Next week, the Finance Operations Process Team will receive training on Monday and Tuesday on how Colleague can help with the general ledger and chart of accounts. Also next week, the ITS Support Team will receive technical training for portal setup.

Holiday Schedule Available
Last Thursday, Executive Vice President Ejigu released the university’s holiday closure schedule for Academic Year 2010-2011. The memo lists all paid holidays as well as the procedure for the university’s closure during winter break.

Download the full memo.

Summer Cookin’
The cafeteria may be closed, but have no fear – you can still get a fantastic hot lunch. The Civil Service Senate is hosting its Annual August Cookout beginning today through Thursday. Tasty treats from the grill will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex at very reasonable prices. Available foods include hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, and chicken breast sandwiches. Pop, water, cookies, and potato chips are also for sale.
Pierre Still on the Move
Summer is winding down, but Pierre is making the most out of the last few weeks of his vacation. Fifty new photos have been added to Pierre's full vacation gallery on Facebook. Check them out today.

This past weekend, he visited the north woods of Wisconsin with Eric Matanyi of Public Affairs. Pierre witnessed a beautiful double rainbow and pondered if there were two pots of gold at the end.

Our flightless friend visited Bryce Canyon with CHHS student Anna Jannak and her family. While Pierre enjoyed the unmatched scenery, he learning that water is not very abundant in the desert.

And so Pierre was off to the mountains in Delphi, Greece with Cheri Garey of Alumni Relations. In comparison to the desert, there was plenty to drink in Greece – Ouzo that is. Don’t stand too close to that ledge, Pierre!