Holiday Cheer

Mark your calendars! It’s time to celebrate a year of accomplishments at the holiday party! Join President Maimon and the Board of Trustees on Friday, December 10, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

RSVP to Penny Perdue at ext. 4130.

Ten Pin Fun

Turkeys aren’t just found on Thanksgiving tables. See if you can bowl a turkey in the Student Education Association (SEA) Wii Bowling Tournament. Test your skills on November 18, from 4 to 7 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Students may bowl for $2. Everyone else pays $3. Baked goods will also be for sale in the Hall of Governors. Proceeds support the activities of the SEA.

Join the fun, win some prizes, eat some goodies, and learn about SEA. Everyone is welcome.

Shut It!

As winter blows in, faculty and staff are reminded to close their office windows when they are not in their offices. This prevents freezing/ruptured pipes in individual heating and cooling units. Employees should also adjust their heat units to low heat at the end of each work day, to conserve energy.

Please note that all damage costs associated with ruptured pipes will be borne by the department responsible for leaving the window open.

Contact Facilities Development and Management at ext. 4515 for questions regarding operation of university heating and cooling units.
Table Tennis Tournament Saturday

Everyone is welcome to attend the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association Regional Tournament at GSU on Saturday, November 20.

The competition of Midwestern colleges and universities will bring together some of the best players in the region – including GSU’s Table Tennis Team.

The former world table tennis champion, Guozheng Liu, will also attend the opening ceremony and the tournament. Liu won the 2001 U.S. Open Singles Championship and the 2001 Men’s Team World Championship, and was a quarter finalist in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sidney. He is currently a coach for the Chinese National Table Tennis Team.

The competition begins at 9:30 a.m. with the opening ceremony and will last all day with a break at noon for lunch. During the lunch hour, 16 young table tennis players will compete in the 2010 GSU Fall Youth Tournament in the GSU gymnasium.

Spectators are welcome to both the NCTTA Regional Tournament and the youth competition. Admission is free.

In preparation for the tournament, the GSU Table Tennis team will play some T.T. ball in the Hall of Governors today, from 4 to 7 p.m. As part of the festivities, the team will play all challengers. Challengers may also pit their skills against the table tennis playing robot.

Storytellers at GSU

Enjoy the tales of five master storytellers at Tellebration!, a free, international event on Saturday, November 20, at 7 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

“This is the first time for Tellebration! in the south suburban area,” said Clayton, who is Office Manager in COE and an avid storyteller. “We are pleased to offer it at GSU and very excited about our lineup of outstanding storytellers."

All Tellebration! storytellers perform free of charge. All money or donated items from the GSU event will go directly to the Rich Township Food Pantry. For further information, contact Lynn Clayton at ext. 3075.
Brubaker Fund Offers Technology Grants

GSU faculty and students can apply to the newly-established Ronald Brubaker Memorial Fund for grants supporting innovations in computer hardware and software. Dr. Brubaker, a longtime GSU faculty member who was a pioneer in the university’s computer science program, died in 2009.

Dr. Brubaker, a man of many interests and talents, joined the GSU faculty early in the university’s history. He filled many roles at the university – as environmental science professor, division chair, dean, computer science professor and program director, network administrator, colleague, and friend.

An early advocate of personal computers, Dr. Brubaker developed and maintained the equipment for the computer science program, and attended to its practical necessities. He designed computer programs that benefitted the university, including software for the GSU Library.

The Memorial Fund was established to provide support for:

- Technological innovation utilizing computers
- Start-up projects requiring funds to purchase new software and hardware
- Opportunities for hands-on experience with new technologies

Applicants must submit their proposals by December 1. The Memorial Fund will award approximately $1,000 to two recipients. To be eligible, projects must demonstrate the potential for subsequent external support, publication, or exhibit; the significance of the technological innovation; and clarity and quality in the project description and need, plan of procedure, measurable objectives, appropriateness of the requested funds for the work, qualifications of the applicants, and reference to existing literature.

Information on the grant deadlines and how to apply for grants is available at www.govst.edu/foundation.

For information on making a donation to the Ronald Brubaker Memorial Fund, contact Rosemary Hulett, associate vice president for advancement, at 708.534.7892.
Dance and Education

Transforming Urban Education through the Art of Dance, a special presentation and live performance by DanceArt, has been rescheduled. The presentation will be on November 22, from 5 to 6 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts. A reception celebrating DanceArt’s 10th anniversary will be held at 6 p.m., immediately following the presentation. Both the performance and reception are free and open to the public.

The event is supported by the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecture Series and the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

Commencement Preparation Commences

It is time to order academic regalia for the February Commencement ceremony. Faculty and staff who have ordered in the past, may amend previous orders to reflect any changes (size, degree, other corrections). Please complete and submit the 2011 Winter Commencement Oak Hill Regalia Order Form by Friday, November 19, to Karen Caesar-Smith via interoffice mail, e-mail, or by delivering it to Room G325.

In addition, if you plan to participate in Commencement, the hooding ceremony, or both, please complete the 2011 Winter Commencement Participation Form and submit it no later than Friday, November 19, to Karen Caesar-Smith via interoffice mail, e-mail, or by delivering it to Room G325.

For those wishing to bring a guest to Commencement, one guest ticket will be available from the Advancement Office at a later date. Please note that space is limited and we want to provide as many tickets as possible to the graduates.

Hyperreality

The GSU Visual Arts Gallery is hosting Hyperreality, is a solo exhibition of digital composites by MFA student Rebecca L. Heide, through November 23. Heide’s work explores the manipulation of time and space through digital imagery. Photographs of landscape, the human form, and sculpture are manipulated to create memory vignettes. The images are a simulation of the mental state at various times through life. Feelings of happiness, loss, fear, isolation, and
complacency are reconstructed in a visual form for the viewer.

The event is free and open to the public.

**We’re Not Waiting for Superman**

The documentary film Waiting for Superman, by Davis Guggenheim, will serve as the spark for debate and conversation about education in the south suburbs. The GSU Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) is sponsoring a special screening of the film followed by a panel discussion of the issues on Wednesday, December 1.

The film will be screened at 5 p.m., at the Holiday Star Theater, 340 Main Street, Park Forest. After the film, a panel discussion will be held across the street at the Tall Grass Art Gallery, 367 Artists Walk, Park Forest.

Panelists include Dr. Kamala Buckner, Superintendent of Thornton Township High School District; Dr. Gregory Jackson, Superintendent of Ford Heights District 169; Jim Broadway, Publisher, State School News Service; Dr. Lanita Koster, Member, Illinois State Board of Education; and Dr. Blondean Davis, CEO, Southland College Prep Charter High School. Dr. Larry Stanton, Education Consultant and former Executive Director, Consortium for Educational Change (CEC) and former Strategy and Planning Officer for the Chicago Public Schools will serve as moderator.

“We are not waiting for Superman to solve the education issues we face,” says Alicia McCray, Director of MILE. “This is a good opportunity for people in the south suburbs to see the film, join the discussion, and be part of the solutions.”

Admission to the film only is $10. Admission to the film, panel discussion, and refreshments is $20. Advance registration is required. Please respond by November 29 to 708.534.4024 or registration-MILE@govst.edu.

**Job Fair in Health Professions**

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a Health Professions career fair on Tuesday, December 7, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Prospective employers in the fields of physical and occupational therapy, nursing, social work, and non-profit services will meet with job candidates.
The career fair is open to current students, GSU alumni, and members of the community seeking employment in these fields. There is no charge for job seekers. Participants are advised to dress professionally and bring resumes.

Representatives from both public and private institutions, organizations, and businesses interested in meeting job candidates are also welcome.

For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974 or e-mail career@govst.edu.

**Follett’s Appreciates You**

GSU’s Follett Bookstore invites faculty and staff to its annual Appreciation Event, on Monday, December 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. As a token of appreciation, the bookstore will extend a 25 percent discount on select merchandise during the event. Refreshments will be served and the bookstore staff will be available to assist customers.

Call 708.534.4558 for additional details.

**Microsoft Office 2010 Deployment**

Information Technology Services (ITS) will install Microsoft Office 2010 on computers across the campus over the semester break, December 17 through January 7.

To help prepare the campus community for the upgrade, ITS is offering classes to instruct users on the changes to the most commonly used Office applications:

- Access
- Excel
- Outlook
- PowerPoint
- Word

All classes will be held in the ACS Lab, and each will last an hour and a half. Space is limited. Reserve class time with Maureen Bendoraitis at ext. 3193.

**Class Schedule**
Monday, November 29

- Word: 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Excel: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Outlook: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Access: 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 30

- PowerPoint: 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Word: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Excel: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Outlook: 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1

- Outlook: 12 to 1:30 p.m.
- Access: 2 to 3:30 p.m.
- Word: 4 to 5:30 p.m.
- Excel: 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 2

- Excel: 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- PowerPoint: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Outlook: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Word: 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Friday, December 3

- Outlook: 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Excel: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Word: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- PowerPoint: 3 to 4:30 p.m.