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City of Chicago Treasurer Stephanie D. Neely recently released an Important Education Message for Parents and Students in the form of a Letter to the Editor posted on the Treasurer’s website. In her message, she praises GSU’s Dual Degree Program, which enables students to “work toward a bachelor’s degree by first beginning course studies in an associate’s degree program. Once accepted into the Dual Degree Program, students can lock in tuition rates and are guaranteed that any credits earned in the associate’s program will be transferred toward their bachelor’s degree.”

View Stephanie Neely’s Letter to the Editor.

CAS Dean Candidate Visits

Two candidates for the position of CAS Dean will be on campus in early December. Each will be on campus for a full day of interviews, including a public presentation on the topic of their vision for CAS. There will also be time for the audience to ask questions of the candidate.

All students, staff, and faculty are invited to these presentation.

Monday, December 6 – Dr. Patricia Sullivan (view vitae and bio)

Tuesday, December 7 – Dr. James Payne (view vitae and bio)

On each day, the candidate will follow the same schedule, as listed below.

7:30 a.m. - Meeting with Provost Allison
9:30 a.m. - Meeting with President Maimon
10 a.m. - Meeting with CAS Faculty (CAS conference room, E2590)
11:15 p.m. - Tour of Campus
12:05 p.m. - Lunch with Search Committee Members
1:30 p.m. - Public Presentation (Hall of Honors)
2:45 p.m. - Meeting with Academic Deans
4 p.m. - Meeting with Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff Ejigu
4:45 p.m. - Meeting with Provost Allison
5:15 p.m. - Meeting with President Maimon and Provost Allison

Please note that candidate Tamara Hunt has withdrawn for family reasons.

For questions or additional information, please contact Penny Perdue at ext. 4130.
27th Annual Civil Service Day

It’s a Wonderful Life is the theme of the 27th annual Civil Service Day on December 8. The festivities begin at 10 a.m., in Sherman Hall, with awards, guest speakers and a really fun show. Early seating is available for Civil Service staff and retirees. General admission begins at 9:50 a.m.

After the show at noon, the fun moves to the Hall of Governors for the luncheon. Tickets are required.

For more information, contact Laura Owens at ext. 2134.

I’ll Never Grow Up

Dr. Rosemary Johnsen, Assistant Professor of English, will deliver a lecture sponsored by the Raven Foundation exploring the themes of the Lookingglass Theatre’s original adaptation of Peter Pan (A Play).

The lecture will take place on December 4, at 12:30 p.m., at Loyola University Museum of Art and serves as a pre-show introduction to the 2 p.m. matinee performance of the play. In addition to her lecture, the Raven Foundation of Glenview, Illinois, asked Johnsen to contribute an essay, “The Persistence of Peter Pan” for the Lookingglass Theatre’s program study guide.

According to Johnsen “The play’s surprises move us to ponder the central mysteries that Peter Pan addresses: the nature of childhood, with its special fears and desires, and the relation of our adult selves to the children we used to be. Peter Pan absorbs and beguiles us because it takes up those universals.”

Admission to the pre-show lecture is free. Loyola University Museum of Art is located at 820 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Reduced priced tickets to this Saturday’s matinee performance are available through the Raven Foundation website. Peter Pan (A Play) is running at the Lookingglass Theatre, 821 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Khatas Presented

COE professor Jon Carlson recently returned from a trip to India and a meeting with His Holiness the Dalai Lama with very special gifts for Dr. Elaine Maimon, Provost Terry Allison, and COE Dean Deborah Bordelon. He presented each of them with Khatas, Tibetan scarves that have been blessed by the Dalai Lama. Khatas symbolize purity, goodwill, auspiciousness, and compassion. Once blessed by the Dalai Lama, they become cherished talismans.

Dr. Carlson’s trip to India included some trekking in the Himalayas, and a meeting with the “Old Dharmshala Wallahs,” a group of Westerners who lived in India in the 70s and 80s and studied with His Holiness. He traveled with his son, Dr. Matt Englar-Carlson, and Dr. Pat Love.

Drs. Love and Carlson recently finished their book Never Be Lonely Again, which is scheduled for national release on February 1, 2011. The book describes how Love and Carlson learned about how to recognize and treat loneliness on a trip to meet with the Dalai Lama in 2004. This book is his 55th book.

In November, Carlson published Duped: Lies and Deception in Psychotherapy with Jeffrey Kottler and Working with Immigrant Families with former GSU faculty member Adam Zagelbaum.

In January, Carlson will return to Thailand for the 11th year in a row to provide training to medical schools and health agencies throughout the nation. He will also launch a nation-wide parent education program based on his previous teachings. Carlson has been a GSU faculty member since 1971.
**Career Fair Tuesday**

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.

**Keep the Cold Outside**

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 with questions regarding operation of university heating and cooling units.

**Appreciation Event**

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.

**Zone in on Reading**

The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through high school, is now accepting students. This 12-week, one-to-one program brings students experiencing reading problems together with teachers who have the skills to help them. Tutoring sessions are on Tuesdays, from February 1 through April 26, from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. Students meet on campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU.

Enrollment is limited and based on the number of tutors. Students will be accepted in the order in which the completed application and registration fee are received. There is a $70 registration fee. Snacks are provided at each session. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact Dr. Mary Hession at ext. 4122.
GSU Xpress Break

The GSU Xpress shuttle service will cease operating on a regular schedule during the holiday and semester break, from December 13 through January 17. Shuttle service will be available by request only during this time period. To request a ride, call the Department of Public Safety at 708.534.4900. Requests must be received 15 minutes before normal scheduled departure times.

Pace bus service will operate as usual, under normal scheduled routes and times, during this time period.

The GSU Xpress shuttle service will return to its normal schedule on January 17.

Cyber-Bullying Webinar

Cyber-Bullying is no longer only an elementary and secondary education problem. Online bullying and electronic harassment are happening to college students. Campus professionals need to prepare to educate and address bullying behavior that uses technology and social media.

Student Life is sponsoring Cyber Bullying Comes to Campus: Preparation, Prevention, and Policies Webinar, on December 8, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., in B2203.

Learn from our presenters about:
• Common cyber-bully attacks and the impact they have on students, faculty, staff, and the larger campus community.
• Different campus approaches to this behavior (on and off campus).
• Cyber-bullying and technologies/platforms - text messaging, Facebook, JuicyCampus, and more.
• Case studies related to cyber-bullying.
• Cyber-bullying from a conduct, legal, and counseling perspective.

Registration is not required. For more information, contact Sheree Sanderson at ext. 4552.

Brubaker Grant Deadline Extended

The deadline for grant applications to the newly-established Ronald Brubaker Memorial Fund has been extended to January 28, 2011. GSU faculty and students are encouraged to apply for grants supporting innovations in computer hardware and software.

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 on the Foundation’s website.

For information or to make a donation, contact Rosemary Hulett at ext. 7892.