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News and Events

IRiS Teams Conclude Busy Week (01-31-11)

Last week was one of the busiest since the start of the IRiS Project. Four Datatel consultants were on site last week. Training for the Advising and Degree Audit Team and the Accounts Payable/Purchasing Team took place Tuesday and Wednesday. The Portal Team worked with their consultant on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. And the Financial Aid Team met for training on Thursday and Friday.

In addition, GSU’s new onsite Datatel Project Manager, Kurt Lehrmann, worked with the teams and met with team leaders for three days.

This week is much quieter, with two days of training planned for Accounts Receivable/Cash Receipts.

Barring complications that may result from the predicted blizzard, the Campus Wide Advisory Group will meet Wednesday, at 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. This Advisory Group represents members from a wide cross section of the campus community and meets as needed to be updated on the work of the IRiS Project. Since the group’s main contribution to the project is communication and input to and from the campus at large, any interested parties may attend the meeting.

In Case of Emergency...

The GSU community is reminded that emergency campus closures due to inclement weather will be communicated via:

- GSU website homepage
- GSU website emergency info page
- Campus wide e-mail sent to faculty/staff e-mail and student iMail addresses
- School Messenger alert system – per your personal contact preferences
- WGN Emergency Closing Center website (www.emergencyclosingcenter.com), WGN TV news, WGN 720 AM radio

Students, faculty, and staff are asked to check these sources to determine if there is a campus closure and should NOT contact the

Department of Public Safety with basic closure inquiries.

**Portal Testers Needed**

The university’s new myGSU portal will be available for use later this spring. The portal is your user interface and one-stop shop for conducting day-to-day business at GSU. The easy to use interface brings your most important daily tasks into a single location. It’s the primary online destination for the entire GSU community, and will provide a collaborative environment in which to work and communicate.

In preparation for the go live date, GSU’s portal development team will be conducting usability testing on Thursday, February 24. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to participate in these short, fast-paced sessions to test the system’s design and functionality. Sessions are scheduled at 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 1, 2, 3 p.m., and will last approximately 45 minutes. No preparation or prior knowledge of the portal is needed.

To participate, contact Eric Matanyi at ext. 4044.

**Marca Bristo Lecture**

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The following session begins February 10
• Thursday, from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m., with Maristella Zell, in Room B1240

All sessions are free. Bring your mind, body, and spirit - and relax.

**Year of the Rabbit**

Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit at a Chinese New Year’s Eve party sponsored by the GSU Chinese Student Association. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to the Student Lounge (second floor, A wing) on February 2, at 5 p.m.

The celebration of the New Year continues on February 3 when FSI serves a special menu of Chinese foods in the GSU cafeteria.

**NMSP Docent Classes**

There are spaces still open for those interested in expanding their horizons, meeting new people, and serving as a docent at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

Orientation sessions begin February 3 for the 2011 Docent Class. Docents lead weekend tours of the park, host programs and receptions, and act as park ambassadors.

Seven docent orientation sessions will take place over a 12-week period. Sessions will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on February 3 and 17; March 3, 17, and 31; and April 14 and 27. All sessions are on Thursdays except for the final meeting, which will take place on Wednesday. On May 7, the docent class will be treated to a continental breakfast before taking a tour of the sculpture park.

Orientation session topics include park history, an introduction to the history of sculpture, presentations on each piece in the collection, and pointers on how to conduct tours of the sculpture park. Light refreshments will be provided at orientation sessions.

Advance registration and a $35 fee are required. For more information, visit the park’s website, e-mail the sculpture park, or call ext. 4486.

**Scholarship – Dr. Sandi Estep**

Dr. Sandi Estep of the College of Education was honored for the outstanding work she has done for the Library of Congress. In a ceremony last November, Dr. James Billington, Librarian of Congress presented the award.

Dr. Estep has worked with the Library of
Congress on the Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) educational out-reach project at GSU for more than seven years. This is the second time she has been honored by Dr. Billington and the Library of Congress.

**New Student Senate Elections**

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Additional information is available by contacting Sheree Sanderson at 708.534.4552.

**Debunking Kwanzaa Myths**

HIST541 Black Women in American History is hosting a presentation exposing the myths of Kwanzaa on Tuesday, February 8, from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The presentation includes a performance by Umoja People, a company of drummers and poetry readers. HIST541 students will give short oral histories about African American women whose contributions have been historically overlooked.

This event sponsored by the College of Art and Sciences and Student Life and is free and open to the public.

**Let’s Talk**

Communication difficulties can lead to problems within families and other relationships, in school, and on the job. GSU is hosting a workshop, *Communication and Relationships: Let’s Talk*, on Wednesday, February 9, from 6 to 7 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

GSU’s Academic Resource Center is sponsoring the workshop, which is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call ext. 7334.
FDC Screening Dates

The GSU Family Development Center will hold informational meetings and screenings monthly for admission into Early Head Start and prekindergarten programs. Children from birth to two years old are eligible for admission into the Early Head Start program. Three to five year olds are eligible for the full and half day, three and five day prekindergarten programs at the center.

Admission is open to all students. Free or discounted admission is available to qualified students. Screening is required to meet qualification requirements.

Informational meetings and screenings will be held on February 10, March 11, April 8, and May 13.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 708.235.7300.

Workshop Cancelled

Workshops on college anxiety scheduled for today have been cancelled.

For more information, call 708.235.7334.

There’s Still Time (01-27-11)

There’s still time to contribute to this year’s Campus Community Campaign. The Campaign continues through February 18, when prizes will be awarded and refreshments served at a noon celebration in the GSU Cafeteria.

Prizes for this year’s Campaign donors include two GSU parking spaces for one year, with the winner picking the spaces; an overnight stay with dinner for two at the Empress Hotel in Joliet; brunch for four at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park; and a one year membership at the GSU Recreation Center.

Donating to GSU is a unique and significant way to show your commitment to our university – it’s an investment in GSU and our students. There are many ways to give to GSU, but they all reflect a sincere belief in our university’s mission. Every gift, no matter how small, is important to GSU’s future as an exceptional university where dreams come true for our students.

Sign up today for the Campus Community Campaign. You can contact your department’s CCC volunteer or stop by the GSU Development Office in Room D34200.

CCC volunteers are: Lisa Carra; Kyusuk Chung; Cheri Garey; Adrienne Gray; Mary Hession; Rosemary Hulett; Judy Freneau; Julie Labuda; Victoria Lloyd; Nancy Miller; Lydia Morrow Ruetten; Margaret Neumann; Lise Schneider; Jackie Small; Jessica Sprecht; Jill Stanley; Mike Sullivan; Lori Townsend; Merri Wilkerson; and Ayita Woods.

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**Art at PSC**

Artwork by Jeff Stevenson, CAS university lecturer, will be on exhibit today in the Christopher Art Gallery at Prairie State College, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. His art appears as part of *In House IV*, a show featuring works by PSC faculty.

Prairie State College is located at 202 South Halsted Street, Chicago Heights.

**Education Outcomes Discussion**

The HLC Assessment Academy Team members are opening the conversation about general education outcomes for GSU undergraduates on Thursday, February 3, from 3 to 4 p.m., in Room D34115. Discussion topics include general education goals, learning assessments, and student feedback.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

**Winter Walk**

Enjoy a walk in through a landscape filled with the great art and beauty of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on Saturday, January 29, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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For more information, visit the sculpture park website or call ext. 4486.

**Education Employment/Internship Fair**

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring an employment fair for people interested in jobs and internship opportunities in education and related fields on Tuesday, February 22, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internships positions with qualified personnel. It is free and open to the public.

For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.
Read with Us

Join over a million readers from all ethnic backgrounds in celebration of Black History Month —participate in the African American Read-In. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to select an excerpt from a book, poem, or other literary work by an African American author to read aloud at the Read-In. Everyone is welcome to participate or to sit in the audience and enjoy the variety of works presented by the readers.

The Read-In takes place on Monday, February 7, from 6 to 8 p.m., in Sherman Hall. To participate or for more information, contact Dr. Rashidah Muhammad at 708.534.9074.

Calling Student Senate Candidates

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Building Diversity on Illinois Faculties

GSU master’s and doctoral students can apply for the 2011-2012 Diversifying High Education Faculty in Illinois Program. Successful applicants can earn tuition waivers and monthly stipends for up to two years.

The program seeks to increase the number of full-time tenure track faculty in Illinois’ two and four year public private colleges and universities. Qualified students can access an online application at www.ibhe.org/applicationhtm. New applicants must obtain a special access code to complete the online eligibility questionnaire. To request the access code, contact Dean Sherilyn Poole at 708.235.7595.

Application packets must be submitted to Dean Poole by February 28.

Authors! Authors!

The University Library is hosting the Faculty Authors Reception on Wednesday, March 2, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., on the library balcony.
All university faculty are invited to display their published works of scholarship and participate in the reception. Submissions must be received by February 18 for inclusion in the bibliography.

For more information, contact Judy Hanacek or Erin Engelbrecht.

**It’s Tournament Time**

Collegiate table tennis competition comes to GSU on February 19 with the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association Regional Tournament. More than 50 competitors from seven universities will compete for the regional championship and the chance to attend the National Championship Tournament in April.

The competition brings together some of the best players in the region including athletes from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Illinois-Chicago, and new table tennis powerhouse, GSU. GSU won the regional tournament last November.

Additional schools attending the regional tournament include Michigan Tech University, Northwestern, Purdue, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and the University of Chicago.

The competition takes place in the Recreation and Fitness Center gym. It begins at 9:30 a.m. with the opening ceremony and will last all day with a break at noon for lunch. Spectators are welcome and admission is free.

**Leading to Success**

*Greater Success 4 U* Upward Bound graduate Tales Love was recently invited to join Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society in recognition of her academic success. Love is a freshman at the University of Illinois. In addition to participating in the Upward Bound program, she is also a 2010 graduate of Bloom High School, where she was editor of the student newspaper and member of the National Honor Society.

The staff of *Greater Success 4 U* is very proud of Love’s achievement.

**King Celebrated**

GSU hosted more than 1,200 junior high and middle school students for a Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration on January 24. Students filled The Center for Performing Arts with the overflow crowd watching video feed in Engbretson Hall.

President Elaine P. Maimon welcomed the students to GSU.

GSU graduate student and WVON Radio news anchor Bryant Monteilh served as emcee.

The students enjoyed music performed by the Rich East High School marching band and songs performed by Cynthia Jackson from Bloom High School and...
GSU’s own Ayita Woods of HR and Keith Briggs of FDM. GSU students Etta Oben and Denise Franklin, members of the GSU Forensic Team, performed excerpts from the play *Non Violence on the Move* by Frank Caropresso. Assistant Professor Vincent Jones was the featured guest speaker.

Data Standards Support Reaches Milestone (01-20-11)

Data Standards Support Team members last Thursday reached an important milestone. The team completed drafts of the Colleague User’s Manual and the Guidelines for Data Standards, Data Integrity and Security. Under the leadership of Linda Buyer, Director of Institutional Research, team members have worked diligently to prepare manuals for the IRiS Project conversion.

The team was surprised last Thursday with a congratulatory visit from President Elaine Maimon and members of the Executive Sponsor Team - Gebe Ejigu, Terry Allison, Sherilyn Poole, Linda Samson, Jeff Slovak, John Stoll, and Sandi Gieson.

Reaching this milestone is just one of the team’s many accomplishments. The team, made up of GSU personnel from a number of departments, has been meeting weekly since April 2010. Since then, they have worked on:

- Data cleaning oversight, which includes preparing translation tables so that GSU codes can be mapped to those that will be used in the new system.
- Completing the Datatel-provided CORE workbook, which includes identifying GSU’s hierarchal system for the new Colleague system, and how all of the offices fit together.
- Creating a master list of GSU abbreviations and acronyms to help maintain consistency in the new system.
- Creating a report inventory so that every single current CX user can indicate what data they’re extracting from the current system; this ensures that the information will still be available after the transfer to the Colleague system.

Data Standards Support began preparing for the IRiS Project long before Datatel Colleague was chosen. The team’s main goal is to maintain an orderly centralized function to maintain data integrity and security.

Team members are: Team Leader Linda Buyer, Omolola Adesanya, Nick Battaglia, Sandi Gieson, Lisa Hendrickson, Bonnie Lunde, Jean Malloy, Kathy Miller, Colleen Rock, Linda Samson, Veronica Williams, Christine Radtke, Marge Godowic, and Jeanne Hagen.

Data Standards Support Team members deserve thanks for their hard work and dedication to the IRiS Project.

Honorary Degree Recipient Marca Bristo
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**Learning Lessons at the CPA**

Students from Medgar Evers School in Ford Heights enjoyed Friday’s theatrical presentation of three Leo Lionni story books: *Fredrick*, *Swimmy*, and *Inch by Inch*. Students received complimentary tickets through the Ralph C. Medhurst Children’s Fund. After the show, they were treated to a private audience with the performers. The experience concluded with each student receiving a variety of Lionni story books.

The performance was put on by The Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia. Kathleen Brennan, CPA Director of Educational Programming, said the theatrical company transformed Lionni’s Caldecott Honor books into an enchanting theatrical experience for kids.

Each child left with an lasting memory of literature, puppetry, and creativity, Brennan said. “They learned very valuable lessons and the entertainment was superb.”

For more information or to donate to the Ralph C. Medhurst Children's Fund, contact Christine Radtke at ext. 7494.

**From Winesburg to Chicago Heights**

GSU’s *One Book, One University* event for the spring semester will feature *Winesburg, Ohio* by Sherwood Anderson, which served as the basis for the recent award-winning film *Chicago Heights*.

For the film, GSU associate professor Daniel Nearing and assistant professor Sanghoon Lee adapted Anderson’s novel, shifting the story from rural Ohio to suburban Chicago Heights.

The *One Book, One University* discussion will take place Wednesday, March 9, from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. President Maimon will give a
brief introduction. Associate professor Rosemary Johnsen, assistant professor Christopher White, and Nearing will serve on the discussion panel.

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All sessions are free – you only need your mind, body, and spirit.

Winter Sculpture Wonderland

Experience a winter landscape filled with great art and the beauty of nature at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park’s annual winter walk on Saturday, January 29, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Park Curator and Director Geoffrey Bates will lead this year’s winter tour. The winter walk is free and reservations are not required.

“The winter walk is the perfect antidote for cabin fever,” Bates said. “This is a particularly beautiful time to be in the sculpture park. It is very still and quiet. Snowy days provide dramatic background to our sculptures, and allow you to see them in a unique setting.”

Visitors should meet inside the Hall of Governors near the sculpture Art Ark by Terrence Karpowicz. Participants should dress for winter weather and be prepared to walk at least 90 minutes. The tour will be held, snow or shine, unless the daytime high temperature is predicted to be below 20F.

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Carnations for Love and Friendship

Just in time for Valentine’s Day, the Civil Service Senate is selling carnations. The fresh flowers must be ordered by February 7 and will be delivered on February 14. All orders must be paid in full at the cashier’s office by February 11.

The carnations are $1.25 per flower, $6 for six, and $12 for a dozen. To order, contact Kelly Robinson.

VALIC Rep on Campus

VALIC representative John Olson will be on campus Tuesday, January 25, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Library Conference Room. Appointments are not required for retirement planning.

VALIC is one of four vendors Governors State University has authorized under its Tax Deferred Annuity Plan under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, to handle new business with its employees for voluntary retirement savings. The others are TIAA-CREF, Fidelity, and The Legend Group.

Disposable Diaper Collection

GSU students in the Social Work Student Organization (SWSO) are sponsoring Share the Love, collecting diapers for families in need through February 24.

Disposable diaper donations can be made to designated boxes on the campus of GSU in University Park and at the First Church of the Nazarene in Gilman. Diapers will be given to the South Suburban Family Shelter in Homewood and Women of Power in Chicago.

For more information, call 815.549.6450.

Attention Commencement Volunteers

All commencement volunteers and employees working to help make Commencement a great success are asked to attend an orientation on Wednesday, January 26, at 10 a.m., in The Center for Performing Arts.

If you have not volunteered already, there is still time. Contact Pulchratia Kinney-Smith at ext. 7466.

The 2010 Spring Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 5, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center.

Student Senate Spring Meetings

Students are encouraged to attend the meetings of the GSU Student Senate. Full Senate meetings are held in the Student Commons, Room A2140.
Meetings will be held:
• Tuesday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m.
• Wednesday, February 16 at 3:30 p.m.
• Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m.
• Wednesday, March 16 at 3:30 p.m.
• Tuesday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m.
• Wednesday, April 20 at 3:30 p.m.
• Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Student Senate elections will be held in February and the new Senate will be installed at the April meeting. For more information, visit the Student Senate website or contact Sheree Sanderson.

**Student Speaker – Mac-Z Zurawski (01-20-2011)**

At the Governors State University’s Winter Commencement on February 5, Mac-Z Zurawski will not only earn a Master of Arts in Political and Justice Studies, she will also have the honor of addressing the Class of 2010 as student commencement speaker.

Zurawski is a single mother of a young son. She has worked as a trash collector for the City of Chicago for the past 12 years and is an active volunteer in the community.

“I was inspired to go back to school for my son. I needed to look for something secure and stable. I needed to find a way to get off the garbage truck,” says Zurawski.

Governors State University Winter Commencement will take place on Saturday, February 5, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center, Tinley Park, Illinois. Admission is by ticket only.

**GSU Celebrates MLK**

The 2011 GSU Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration will be held on Monday, January 24, from 10 to 11:30 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts. The theme of this year’s celebration is “Be the best you can be.”

Elementary and junior high school students from the region will attend this important occasion. This program provides an opportunity to gain greater understanding and appreciation of how the vision and actions of Dr. King impacted the entire country and the world.

The special guest speaker is Vincent R. Jones, LLC, assistant professor in the GSU criminal justice program. The Master of Ceremonies is Bryant Monteilh, news anchor and GSU graduate student. The program also includes music and special readings and presentations.

Everyone is welcome.
## Play Ball

Time to chalk that cue, wield that paddle, and have some fun! GSU now offers students, faculty and staff the chance to relax and enjoy billiards and table tennis. The new recreation facility is located in A-north hall on the first floor.

Balls, cues, and paddles can be checked out at the Recreation and Fitness Center service counter (A1105). The tables are open for play Mondays through Fridays, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4:30 p.m.

A valid GSU student or employee ID card is required to check out billiard and table tennis equipment.

For more information, call 708.534.4556.

## Follow the Yellow Brick Road

Children interested in performing in "The Wizard of Oz" at The Center for Performing Arts can audition on Monday, February 7. Approximately 60 children’s roles are available for local children. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade are encouraged to audition.

The Missoula Children’s Theatre production of classic children’s tale will take place on Friday, February 11, at 7 p.m., at The CPA.

Auditions on February 7 will begin at 4 p.m. Children planning to audition should arrive by 4 p.m. and expect to stay for the full two-hour audition session. No advance preparation is necessary – students should simply be ready to have a good time. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play.

Immediately following the auditions, students will receive their role assignments and rehearsal dates and times. Children cast in the show must pay a fee of $60, which will cover six tickets to the Friday night performance. Extra tickets to the show will be $10 apiece.

For more information, contact Burt Dikelsky at ext. 2238.

## Renumbering Forum

Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend a brown bag lunch on course renumbering and sequencing on Friday, January 21, from noon to 1 p.m., in E-Lounge. This event is the first in a series of open discussions on course renumbering.

Light refreshments will be provided but participants are also encouraged to bring their own lunch.

## $125 Million Milestone

CenterPoint at GSU passed the $125 million mark in loan assistance. Since 2000, the center has helped 400 local entrepreneurs obtain more than $125 million in loans to start or expand businesses throughout the Chicago Southland. In addition to
“Lending activity in 2010 was over $7 million compared to just over $2 million in 2009. Fixed asset lending (CenterPoint 504) and micro lending have both increased significantly in 2010 and look stronger as we head into 2011” said CenterPoint Director Hilary Burkinshaw.

CenterPoint at GSU has provided over 25,000 hours of business consulting, training, and assistance to the Southland business community. Through its network of specialists’ centers and micro lending partners, CenterPoint makes available to its clients a wide variety of free or affordable services including the CenterPoint 504 SBA Loan Program, entrepreneurship assistance, global trade, government contracting, and small business development.

For more information about CenterPoint, visit C3300 or the CenterPoint website, or call ext. 4929.

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Stress Addressed
Are you stressed out? GSU will present a stress management workshop entitled *Dealing with College Anxiety* on Monday, January 31, from noon to 1 p.m., in room B1241 and 6 to 7 p.m., in room B1215.

Workshop participants will have access to written materials and other information on time management, study skills, and test anxiety.

The GSU Academic Resource Center sponsors the workshop, which is free and open to members of the GSU community. Refreshments will be served. More information is available at 708.235.7334.

**Jesse Jackson Sr. at GSU**

Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on January 17, held at The Center for Performing Arts. The community event was sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee. Many GSU students, faculty, and staff were involved in this well-attended annual celebration.

While on campus, Rev. Jackson was interviewed by a CNN news team. GSU staff from Digital Learning and Media Design (DLMD) assisted, and facilitating the use of the GSU television studios.

The CNN staff were impressed with the GSU television facility and commented to Charles Nolley, director of DLMD, that they were the best studios they had seen at any university.

**Faculty Development in Writing**

Faculty are invited to an interactive workshop, *I’m Not a Writing Teacher*, on February 4, from 1 to 3 p.m., in room D2002, at Joliet Junior College.

The workshop gives non-writing educators the opportunity to discuss how to handle student writing in college courses. Participants will be encouraged to share the triumphs and frustrations of incorporating writing into non-writing focused courses. Help and hints will be available from writing instructors.

The workshop is presented by the Writing Consortium in conjunction with the South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center. For more information, contact Becky Nugent.

**Carlson on Loneliness**

Dr. Jon Carlson of the College of Education will appear on the WGN Morning Show on February 3, in a segment airing between 8 and 9 a.m.

Dr. Carlson will be discussing his new book, *Never Be Lonely Again*, which he co-authored with Dr. Pat Love. The book discusses the way out of emptiness, isolation and an unfulfilled life.

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For more information or to register your child, call 708.235.7300.

2. **Sintic to Coordinate CJUS**

The Criminal Justice program faculty recently elected Christina Sintic as the new program coordinator. Sintic has been a member of the CJUS faculty since 2008 during which time she has taught, coordinated courses and advising in off campus locations, spearheaded the development of new CJUS online courses, and served on a number of faculty and project committees.

3. **RecycleMania Hits GSU**

Once again, GSU is competing in *RecycleMania* – a challenge for colleges and universities to increase awareness of waste reduction and recycling initiatives. The contest runs from January 24 through April 2.

In the past competitions, GSU has scored well in the recycling and waste minimization categories. It is time again for the GSU community to pitch in and be sure to toss waste in the proper receptacles. Paper, plastic, and aluminum recycling containers can be found all over campus. Everyone is reminded to recycle, reuse, and use e-copies instead of printed ones whenever possible.

4. **Sculpture Park Docent Orientation**

Looking for a good way to expand your horizons, meet people, and serve as an ambassador at one of the Chicago Southland’s premier cultural institutions?
Orientation sessions begin February 3 for the 2011 Docent Class at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, located at GSU. Docents lead weekend tours of the park, host programs and receptions, and act as park ambassadors.

Seven docent orientation sessions will take place over a 12-week period. Sessions will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on February 3 and 17; March 3, 17, and 31; and April 14 and 27. All sessions are on Thursdays except for the final meeting, which will take place on Wednesday. On May 7, the docent class will be treated to a continental breakfast before taking a tour of the sculpture park.

Orientation session topics include park history, an introduction to the history of sculpture, presentations on each piece in the collection, and pointers on how to conduct tours of the sculpture park. Light refreshments will be provided at orientation sessions.

Advance registration and a $35 fee are required. For more information, visit the park’s website, e-mail the sculpture park, or call ext. 4486.

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**Board 2011 Schedule (01-13-11)**

The GSU Board of Trustees meeting schedule for 2011 is now available.

Further information regarding the Board of Trustees including meeting agendas, meeting minutes, and board regulations, governing policies, and bylaws can be found on the Board of Trustees website.

Download the meeting schedule.

**Bells are Ringing**

Callers for GSU’s Phonathon can earn money while helping raise funds for the university. This year’s Phonathon runs from February 27 to April 24.

Hours for Phonathon workers are 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 4 to 8 p.m. on Sundays. Hours are flexible for callers. They must work a minimum of four hours per week and can work as many as 16 hours per week. Phonathon callers receive $9 per hour.

Participation is ideal for students who are eligible for Federal Work
Study. Callers should be reliable and persistent, team players, and have good telephone etiquette.

To schedule an appointment to become a Phonathon caller, contact Jackie Small at 708.235.2188.

**Penny for Your Thoughts**

With the New Year, the mileage rate for university employees has jumped from 50 cents to 51 cents. Employees should keep the increase in mind while filling out travel vouchers.

**Additional CAS Dean Candidate**

The university is bringing one additional candidate to campus for the position of CAS Dean. Dr. Tamara Hunt (view vitae) (view letter of interest) will be on campus on Monday, January 24.

All students, staff, and faculty are invited to Dr. Hunt’s public presentation at 1:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The presentation will include time for the audience to ask questions of the candidate.

For questions or additional information, please contact Penny Perdue at ext. 4130.

**Welcome, Students**

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Visit the many tables and displays on January 18 and 19, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Refreshments will also be served.

**Bulls vs. Magic**

Students can sign up for free tickets to watch the Derrick Rose and the rest of the first-place Chicago Bulls play the Orlando Magic on January 28 at the United Center.

The outing is sponsored by the Student Senate and Student Life. To qualify, students need to sign up at the Student Senate table during Welcome Days, January 18 and 19. Students will be selected for the tickets in a random drawing. All winners will be notified by Friday, January 21.

Free bus transportation will be offered to and from the game.

**Aloha, Graduates**

Graduates and their families will be treated to a luau celebration on Saturday, January 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The luau will feature great food, a DJ and karaoke, caricature and
balloon artists, and a professional photographer who will take personal and family portraits.

There is no charge for graduates and up to three guests. For additional guests there is a $7 charge for adults and $4 for children between 4 and 12 years of age.

Graduates can register until January 18 at the GSU Welcome Center or by calling 708.534.4550.

**Motor Vehicle Services on Campus**

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The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows driver’s license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver’s licenses and state ID cards. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, cash, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards.

For information, visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

**Hot Stock Market Tips**

Teachers in grades 5 to 12 can sign up for a free workshop on the Stock Market Game. The workshop will take held on Tuesday, January 25, from 1 to 4 p.m., at GSU. A portion of the workshop will take place in a computer lab.

The Stock Market Game is an online simulation in which teams of students invest $100,000 of imaginary money in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. It's a great way for students to practice skills in reading, math, data analysis, critical thinking, and teamwork. The game is free to all participants, thanks to the generosity of Cabrera Capital Markets, LLC.

All participants will receive three CPDUs toward re-certification. To register or for further information, contact Sheryl Gallaher at ext. 4926.

**College Anxiety?**

Are you stressed out? GSU will present a stress management workshop entitled *Dealing with College Anxiety* on Monday, January 31, from noon to 1 p.m., in room B1241 and 6 to 7 p.m., in room B1215.

Workshop participants will have access to written materials and other information on time management, study skills, and test anxiety.
The GSU Academic Resource Center sponsors the workshop, which is free and open to members of the GSU community. Refreshments will be served. More information is available at 708.235.7334.

**Peace Circle Facilitator Training**

*Creating Peace through Restorative Circles* is the focus of the facilitator training course offered at Governors State University in February. Reducing conflict and creating more peace in the home, at school, and in the community is the role of a certified Peace Circle Facilitator. In the five session course, participants will take the next step in developing the skills and strategies needed to implement and apply restorative justice practices.

Dr. Jane Nicholson of GSU leads the training. The full 32-hour course results in certification. Classes are held on Saturdays, February 5, 19, and 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Fridays, February 18 and 25, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Current GSU tuition for two credit hours applies or a non-credit option for $175. CPDUs are available.

For more information or to register, call 708.235.3983.

**Volunteer for Commencement**

Members of the GSU community are encouraged to volunteer to help at the 2011 Winter Commencement Ceremony. Commencement will be held on Saturday, February 5, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center.

All Commencement volunteers and employees working the event are asked to attend an orientation on Wednesday, January 26, at 10 a.m., in The Center for Performing Arts.

To volunteer, contact Pulchratia Kinney-Smith at ext. 7466 by Friday, January 21.

**Prepping for the GMAT**

The College of Business and Public Administration is offering a GMAT preparation course. The non-credit course prepares students who plan to take the GMAT, an admission requirement for many graduate business programs.

GMAT prep classes at GSU are taught by highly qualified, full-time faculty members. Small class size and affordable pricing makes this an attractive option when compared to courses offered by private organizations.

The GMAT Basic Math Refresher Spring Series is offered in three sessions meeting on Saturday, January 22, 29, and February 5, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuition for the math series is $150.

The GMAT Prep Spring Series is offered in six sessions meeting on Saturday, February 26, March 5, 12, 26, and April 2, and 9, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuition for the GMAT Prep Series is $300. Both the Basic Math and the GMAT Prep Series may be taken for $425. All textbooks are included.
Registration and payment is required before the first class. For more information or to register, contact the CBPA Advising Office at 708.534.4391 or BPAINFO@govst.edu.

**Advancement to Go Live (01-10-11)**

IRiS Project team members are back onto a busy schedule following the holiday break.

Advancement Team consultations in the next few days are among the most significant sessions of the young New Year. On Thursday and Friday, team members will complete a live simulation as they anticipate “going live” on January 15. Much preparation has already been completed and fine-tuning is being readied for the live simulation.

The Data Migration Team has been working behind the scenes to transfer data from the present CARS/Jenzebar system to the new Colleague system. In addition, team members from the Accounts Payable/Purchasing team and the Data Standards Team have helped enter data needed for the Advancement live simulation.

Meanwhile, the Accounts Receivable/Cash Receipts Team this week has two days of on-site sessions and the Core Team and the Recruitment and Admissions Team are scheduled for remote consultations.

Last week, team members from Curriculum and Faculty Information, Portal SharePoint, Records and Registration, and Human Resources attended training and consulting sessions with their respective Datatel consultants. In addition, the Degree Audit and Advising team members attended their first consulting session.

**New From FSI**

FSI has introduced new foods, menus, and special deals for GSU in 2011.

New Monster Muffins have joined the breakfast menu offering a tasty morning treat not to be missed. These delicious, extra-large muffins come in blueberry, berry, and pumpkin.

Healthy, new choices to start your day include hot oatmeal or grits. Egg whites are also available on Tuesdays and Thursdays in made to order breakfasts. Additional innovations include the omelet bar and the bagel bar, as well as the fresh hummus with assorted dippers on the salad bar.

View the [January FSI newsletter](#) for more information and valuable coupons.

**Friends January Meeting**

The Friends of the GSU Library will meet on Wednesday, January 12, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Library conference room. Bring a brown bag lunch and lots of great ideas for the New Year.
**Scribblers and Scrawlers Unite**

The GSU Writers Ink group will meet on the third Thursday of the month, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Library Administrative conference room. So all you pen-pushers -- mark your calendars to join fellow ink-slingers on January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 15.

**Renumbering Task Force Forum**

Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend a brown bag lunch on course renumbering and sequencing scheduled for Friday, January 21, from noon to 1 p.m., in E-Lounge. This event is the first in a series of open discussions on course renumbering.

The forum will be presented by the Course Renumbering Task Force, created by Faculty Senate President Heikki Heino, who also appointed Dr. Rashidah Muhammed to work with CHHS Dean Linda Samson to develop a plan for the smooth renumbering of GSU courses.

Assistant Professor Daniel Cortese, Faculty Senate representative on the task force, will make a brief presentation on the course numbering transition. His presentation will be followed by an open discussion. The forum is the first of a series of dialogues with faculty and staff on the potential issues that may arise from course renumbering.

Light refreshments will be provided but participants are also encouraged to bring their own lunch.

**Winter Continues**

Occupants of the FOC are reminded to shut their office windows after work hours. Open windows may result in frozen heating pipes, which can fracture and cause flooding. Collateral damage would not only occur in that office but in the offices adjacent to and below as well. Remediation is very costly in time, money, and loss of materials.

FOC occupants are advised to check the windows at the end of the work day and turn heating units to “low heat.”

All costs to repair damage resulting from an open window will be the responsibility of the college or department unit.

For more information, contact Facilities Development and Management at ext. 4515.

**New Book Cards for Spring 2011**

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**King of Rock n Roll (01-06-11)**

Celebrate Elvis Presley’s 76th birthday with *The Ultimate Elvis Tribute Show*, at The Center for Performing Arts, on January 8, at 8 p.m.

Buy one, get one free tickets are available for main floor seating. The regular ticket price is $42. This offer is valid from January 7, at 10 am., to January 8, at 7 p.m.

For tickets, visit The Center box office or call ext. 2222.

**Filtering the Filters**

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**Diaper Drive**

What better way to celebrate St. Valentine’s Day than by sharing the love?

GSU students in the Social Work Student Organization (SWSO) are sponsoring *Share the Love*, collecting diapers for families in need, between January 24 and February 24.

“One in three American families has to choose between buying diapers or buying food for their families,” said Tamara Lewis of Chicago, SWSO public relations coordinator. “The members of the SWSO thought a diaper drive would be a great way to bring awareness to this diaper need.”

Diaper donations can be made to designated boxes on the campus of GSU in University Park and at the First Church of the Nazarene in Gilman. Diapers will be given to the South Suburban Family Shelter in Homewood and Women of Power in Chicago.

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**Student Senate Elections 2011**

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Course topics include gardening in the south suburbs; a film series investigating suspense and psychological dramas; the music history of the 20th century; and a great discussion series on international events and foreign policy.

For more information and to register, call 224.406.9257 or visit www.gojcc.org.

**CenterPoint Client Recognized**

Peggy Hrindak of Phoenix Business Solutions, a long-time CenterPoint client, has been selected by *The Business Ledger* and NAWBO, Chicago (National Association of Women Business Owners) as one of the region’s *Influential Women in Business*.

CenterPoint staff nominated Hrindak for her continued participation and support of the five Veteran Entrepreneurial Boot Camps, hosted by CenterPoint. “Peggy exemplifies the true spirit of an ‘influential women in business’- not just from the
standpoint of creating significant opportunities for her growing company and its employees - but in the spirit of giving freely of her time and her staff’s time to help returning U.S. military veterans who are thinking about owning a business or Veterans who have a business that is struggling.”

Hrindak received her award November 4 at a reception sponsored by The Business Ledger and the Chicago chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

In the last two years, CenterPoint has been honored by The Business Ledger for its “Leadership in the Region’s Economic Development” as well as director Hilary Burkinshaw as an Influential Women in Business in 2008 and in 2009 for her Outstanding Service to Entrepreneurs. Five CenterPoint clients have been honored by The Business Ledger for Entrepreneurial Excellence in Business.