News and Events

There’s Still Time

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 Avita Woods.

Chinese New Year

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.

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.

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.

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**

Put your leadership abilities to good use on the GSU Student Senate. The GSU Student Senate is looking for students who want to make a difference at the university. In addition to representatives from each college and at large representatives, students will have the opportunity to vote directly for president of the Student Senate for the first time.

Graduate or undergraduate students enrolled either full or part time are eligible and encouraged to run for Senate positions. Pick up campaign packets at the Welcome Center or visit www.govst.edu/studentsenate. Completed candidate forms are due on February 3.

For more information, contact Sheree Sanderson at 708.534.4552.
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/application.htm.

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 Engbreton 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.