Meet the Recruitment and Admissions Team

The Recruitment and Admissions Team is gearing up to begin admitting Fall 2011 students in the Colleague System this week. Preparation for this event began in September 2010 via the team members’ first training session. Since then, the team has worked with its Datatel Consultant to set up Colleague to process prospective students and applicants.

Leader Yakeea Daniels, Admissions and Records Supervisor, co-leader Sharon Evans, and team members have learned how to create, maintain, rate, and process student applications as well as how to manage recruitment activities and evaluate equivalencies.

In addition to Colleague, the Admissions Office has begun planning for the installation and setup of Datatel Recruiter. Recruiter is a software program that will greatly enhance the recruitment capabilities of admissions offices and their staff members. This will be accomplished by adding greater prospect management capability, enhanced event marketing and management, operational reporting for both management and recruitment staff, and better communication tools.

Team members are Yakeea Daniels, Sharon Evans, Nick Battaglia, Vreni Mendoza, Jose Reyes, Luke Helm, Emma Ziems, and Raphael Ferreira.

It’s Up to Voters

An editorial contributed by Dr. Elaine P. Maimon appeared in the Northwest Indiana Times on April 3, encouraging everyone to vote on election day, April 5.

View Dr. Maimon’s editorial.

Meetings on Academic Master Plan Slated

Two meetings on GSU’s proposed Academic Master Plan will take place this week. The meetings are scheduled in Sherman Hall, on Wednesday, April 6, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., and Thursday, April 7, from 3 to 4:15 p.m.

Provost Terry Allison announced the meetings last Wednesday in an e-mail to GSU faculty and staff. The e-mail also included a tentative draft of the Academic Master Plan, which proposes changes in GSU’s academic program between 2011 and 2020.
At the meetings, Academic Master Plan Committee members will present an overview of the planning process, including our external scan of other universities, a Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (SWOT) analysis, how the colleges engaged in tentative priority-setting, and where discussions within and across colleges are continuing.

**Salute to June Grads**

Students participating in the Spring Commencement Ceremony on June 4 are encouraged to attend Salute to Grads on April 6 and 7, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Students can be measured for cap and gown, have professional graduation photos taken, review class ring options, sign up for the graduate picnic celebration, receive a discount on alumni items from Follett Bookstore, and benefit from additional services and information.

**Join Your Classmates - Leave a Legacy**

The Class of 2011 is leaving a legacy of their achievement and success at GSU. Their class gift will help provide educational opportunities through the GSU Promise.

Each 2011 graduate is asked to give $20.11 to the class gift. Free piggy banks will help graduates save the amount. Banks can be picked up at Salute to Grads, on April 6 and 7, in the Hall of Governors, and in the Development Office, room D34200, from April 8.

Banks filled with the $20.11 contribution should be returned to the Development Office by May 6.

Members of the Class of 2011 may also contribute directly to the class gift at any time. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

For more information, call 708.235.2188.

**Cinema Speaks with Ignatiy Vishnevetsky**

The GSU Honors Program continues its special community lecture series with Cinema Speaks to Change, a presentation by Ignatiy Vishnevetsky, film critic and co-host of Ebert Presents on WTTW, on Wednesday, April 6, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The GSU Honors Program community lecture series, *Rhythms and Currents: Changes and Directions*, is designed to provide information and encourage discussion of current global and regional issues and interests. The lecture is free and open to the public.

**PT Program Open House**

The Physical Therapy Department will host an open house for individuals interested in learning more about the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (t-DPT) degree programs on Tuesday, April 7, from 4 to 7:30 p.m., in room D34000 on the university’s main campus.

GSU’s entry level DPT degree is targeted to students interested in starting a career in physical therapy. The advanced t-DPT is for clinicians who are already licensed and have at least one year of clinical experience.
Advisors and faculty will be available for individual consultation and laboratory tours will be available. Light refreshments will be provided.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mary Tracy at 708.534.7290.

**Writing-Related Resources**

Join the discussion when faculty members discuss writing-related resources for GSU students.

The discussion takes place Thursday, April 14 from 3 to 4 p.m. in Room D34115. Discussion facilitators are members of the HLC Assessment Academy Team: Terry Allison, Carlos Ferran, David Green, Rosemary Johnsen, Jean Johnson, Sandra Mayfield, Colleen Sexton, and Rebecca Wojcik. Topics include:

- What campus writing resources do you know about?
- Which writing-related resources do you use to assist students and assess writing in GSU undergraduate courses?
- What are the benefits and limitations of GSU’s writing-related resources?
- What additional writing-related resources would faculty find useful?

No preparation or RSVP is necessary. Just show up ready for a lively discussion – and bring a colleague. The discussion is sponsored by the Committee of Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes (CASLO).

**Daniel Goleman to Speak**

Noted author, economist, and educator Dr. Daniel Goleman will speak at The Center for Performing Arts, on May 2, at 5 p.m.

Dr. Goleman’s presentation, entitled How Understanding Emotional Intelligence Can Improve Results in Business and Education, will draw on the research and conclusions presented in his best-selling book Emotional Intelligence.

According to Goleman, emotional intelligence is a greater determinant of success than IQ or graduate school. His presentation will impact members of both the business and educational communities.

COE’s Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) and SPEED District 802 are sponsors of this event. Additional sponsorship is provided by Spraga Hauser, LLC and Bimba Manufacturing.

Seating is limited. Tickets are $25 advance registration is required. To register, call 708.534.4024 or email registrationMILE@govst.edu.

**Mindfulness and Emotional Intelligence**

In addition to Dr. Daniel Goleman’s presentation, a free pre-lecture on Mindfulness and Emotional Intelligence will provide an opportunity to learn more. The lecture will be given by Dr. Jon Carlson, GSU professor, counselor, and author. The pre-lecture will be held at 4 p.m., in Sherman Hall.
Two-and-a-half CEUs and CPDUs are available for people attending both lectures. Goleman will sign books and CD’s following the presentation.

COE’s Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) and SPEED District 802 are sponsors of this event.

**Substitute Teacher Prep**

To help develop successful substitute teachers, GSU is sponsoring a daylong Substitute Teacher Academy with Resources on Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Many school districts are in need of qualified substitute teachers. This workshop will help experienced and new substitutes increase their knowledge and skills.

The academy will teach substitute teachers what to expect when they take over a classroom, what to do in an emergency, how to maintain classroom control, and how to follow the teacher’s lesson plans. It will also provide ideas and activities both new and experienced subs can adapt and use in any school and any grade.

The registration fee is $50, which includes lunch and all materials. Seating is limited to 40 registrants. Advance registration is required. Call 708.534.4024.

**Spring 2011 Commencement Student Speaker**

Recognize a worthy, exemplary, soon-to-be graduating student! Nominations are now being accepted for Commencement Student Speaker for the Spring Commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, June 4, 2011.

Nomination forms are available at the Student Life website. Both nomination forms must be completed and sent to Sheree Sanderson, no later than Friday, April 15. Students must be available for an interview on April 29, from noon to 5 p.m.

**Annual All Student Exhibition**

Art Forum, the Governors State University art student organization, and the GSU Visual Arts Gallery are hosting the annual All Student Exhibition, from March 30 to April 15.

Distinguished juror Joyce Owens judged the students’ work and monetary prizes were awarded. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

The juried competition was open to all students enrolled in GSU art courses during the Spring/Summer 2010, Fall 2010, and Spring 2011 terms. The goal of the exhibit is to showcase the best work of GSU graduate and undergraduate students from all disciplines.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, from noon to 9 p.m., or by appointment. It is located adjacent to E Lounge.

For more information, visit gsuvisualartsgallery.blogspot.com or call ext. 4021.
**Tasty Tamale**

The Association of Latin American Students and the Latino Center of Excellence are sponsoring a tamale sale fundraiser on April 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 8 p.m., in the cafeteria annex.

Pork, chicken, and cheese tamales will be for sale for $12 per dozen. Dinner plates with two tamales, tortilla chips, pico de gallo, and a beverage will also be for sale for $5. Pre orders of tamales will be taken until April 8. To ensure that you have the tamales you want, contact Dan at DPaz@mail.govst.edu or 708.374.8008 with your order.

**Adult Enrichment Classes at GSU**

The Anita M. Stone JCC, with the co-operation of GSU, will offer T.A.L.E. (The Adult Learning Exchange) enrichment classes for adults on campus this spring. The eight-week classes begin Friday, April 8, and registration is currently being accepted. Classes meet Friday mornings and afternoons.

Course topics include *Introduction to Geology, Faith and Morality in Cinema, Hands On Color Theory*, and *In Search of Justice II*. Space is still available.

For more information, contact Suzanne Patterson at 708.420.0563.