News and Events

Portal Training Starts for Faculty
The IRiS Project conducted more than 20 portal training sessions for faculty members last week. As portal training began, faculty personnel from all colleges were invited to attend one of the sessions.

Participants learned how to access the portal, viewed how students will “search for sections,” and heard about the Online Services Faculty Information screens they will use.

The portal is scheduled to go live for faculty and staff this Thursday, May 5.

Six additional portal sessions are taking place this week for faculty members who did not attend the earlier training. Portal Introduction training is slated Tuesday and Wednesday at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 6 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

In the next few weeks, the IRIS Project will offer training to the university community-at-large. Training sessions will consist of an introduction to the portal as well as student registration functions. Staff can plan to attend sessions beginning the week of May 9. Announcements will be made regarding the time and place of sessions.

As the project moves ahead, training sessions will be announced regularly. Faculty and staff can find portal login training documents on the GSU website at www.govst.edu/tutorials.

Scholarship Celebration Lunch
Scholarship donors and scholarship recipients celebrated together at the annual GSU scholarship luncheon on April 29.

Attendees heard from Tony Fontana, lecturer in the College of Business and Public Administration who established the Lorraine Fontana Endowed Memorial Scholarship, and from three scholarship participants. Mildred Andaluz, a COE student and recipient of the David and Barbara Barr Endowed Scholarship; Nick Billone, a CAS student and recipient of the Dr. Daniel Bernd Endowed Scholarship; and Asmeen Radee, a CBPA student and recipient of the Wilbur L. Morrison Endowed Scholarship, each spoke of how the scholarships they received helped them in the pursuit of their degrees.

In addition to the gratitude expressed by these students, a video of scholarship recipients expressing their thanks was also shown.
Human Performance and Training Open House
Learn about the Human Performance and Training master’s degree program at an open house on Tuesday, May 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Room D34115.


To RSVP or for additional information contact Nancy Kaczmarczyk at 708.235.3983.

ScholarShip – Dr. James Coldren
Dr. James “Chip” Coldren recently attended the Keeping Our Communities Safe conference in South Bend, Indiana. On the invitation of Jim Mesterharm, Law Enforcement Coordinator in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in the Northern District of Indiana, Coldren presented information on the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Smart Policing Initiative. Coldren serves as the National Project Director for training and technical assistance for this project.

Coldren also gave a presentation about the history and core concepts pertaining to Smart Policing, as well as a review of Smart Policing Initiative implementation in several currently funded sites.

In early May, Coldren will be in Vancouver, B.C., at the Spring Symposium of the International Association of Crime Analysts. He will be co-presenting with Nathan Ong, Senior Crime Analyst in the Los Angeles Police Department, on the role of the crime analyst in Smart Policing.

In mid-May, Coldren will attend a meeting in Washington, D.C. to participate in a working group convened by the Bureau of Justice Assistance on the future of policing in America, and the agency's role in supporting police innovation, performance measurement, and evidence-based solutions.

Spring Open Market
There will be many interesting and unique items for sale at the Spring Open Market, sponsored by the Civil Service Senate. The one-day shopping event takes place Wednesday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Mama's Night Out
Mama’s Night Out at The Center for Performing Arts is the perfect present for Mother’s Day for your mom or for yourself.

On Saturday, May 7, three finalists from Nick at Nite’s Search for the Funniest Mom in America, Karen Morgan, Nancy Witter and Sherry Davey, will entertain with jokes and sketches ideal for celebrating Mother’s Day. Everyone in the family will enjoy the show.

The show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are still available and cost from $15 to $44. Call 708.235.2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.
**Friends in Bloom**
The Friends of the GSU Library are sponsoring a plant sale just in time for Mother’s Day. Buy your mom, auntie, sister, friend – even yourself – a plant on Thursday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current members of the Friends may take advantage of the presale by contacting Pam Taylor at ext. 7527 before 3 p.m., on May 4.

**On Your Mark**
There is still time to join the Run for Rehab, a 5K run and 2-mile walk sponsored by the Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA, on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 9 a.m., at GSU.

The Run for Rehab will raise funds for the Miami-Marquette Challenge, a national competition between physical therapy schools to collect and distribute money for physical therapy research grants around the country, and PTSA.

Awards will be given to the overall male and female finishers as well as the top three finishers in each age group. Every participant will receive a T-shirt. Registration is $20.

Download the registration form.

**Time to Parté**
Graduates and their families will be treated to a picnic celebration on Saturday, May 21, 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.

Graduates can register until May 17 at the GSU Welcome Center or by calling 708.534.4550.

**Your Class Gift**
Members of GSU’s 2011 graduating class are leaving a legacy of their achievement and success by contributing to the GSU Promise. Their class gift will help provide educational opportunities for future GSU students.

Each 2011 graduate has been asked to give $20.11 to the class gift. To help graduates save the amount, free piggy banks are available in the Development Office, room D34200 or at the graduate picnic.

Banks filled with the $20.11 contribution should be returned to the Development Office by Friday, 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.