Reconstructed, GSU’s new online literature and visual arts journal, is now accepting submissions for its premiere issue. All GSU students interested in seeing their work of short fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry, or visual artistry published and shared with the GSU community are welcome to submit.

Questions and submissions should be sent to: Reconstructed@govst.edu. Literary submissions should be attached as .doc files. Visual art should be submitted in jpeg format. Students may submit one work of short fiction or creative non-fiction with no more than 5,000 words, six poems, or five visual art images. Additional required information includes name, email address, phone number, year, and degree program.

Healthy Bargain

The GSU Recreation and Fitness Center has a healthy bargain for you. Faculty and staff can join the center and get a full month membership for free when they sign up for an annual membership. This baker’s dozen bargain gives you 13 months for the 12-month price of $105.

Additional adult household memberships can be added for $120 each and they will also get the 13th month for free.

This is a limited time offer, available only from May 16 through 31. For additional information, call ext. 4556 or visit the sales office in room A1106.

Scholarship Spotlight - Shawanna Beard

Shawanna Beard of Chicago received the Dr. Curtis J. and Mrs. Gina Crawford Scholarship in Business.

Shawanna is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration. She is pursuing a degree in marketing and would like to become a buyer for a retail company.
**2011 Class Legacy**

Dora Hope, Class of 2011, is proud to leave a legacy of hope by donating $20.11 to the GSU 2011 class gift. Hope will receive her Master in Public Administration at Spring Commencement. She also received her Bachelors in Business Administration from GSU.

Members of the graduating class are donating in support of the GSU Promise. Their class gift will help provide educational opportunities for future GSU students.

Piggy banks filled with the $20.11 suggested donation are still being accepted. No gift, however, is too large or too small to give to the 2011 class gift. Piggy banks are available in the Development Office, room D34200 or at the graduate picnic on May 21. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

For more information, call 708.235.2188.

**2011 Class Picnic**

There is still time to join the fun. 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 picnic 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 May 17 at the GSU Welcome Center or by calling 708.534.4550.

**GSU Salutes the Armed Forces**

GSU will honor the U.S. Military on May 26, in the Hall of Governors. The Salute to the Armed Forces includes an Armed Forces Fair from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*From Struggle to Success: A Tribute to the Spirit*, a special program honoring service members, will begin at 3:30 p.m. It will feature welcoming remarks by President Maimon and presentations by students, staff, and faculty. For more information, call ext. 4551.
ScholarShip – Psych Faculty and Grad Students

GSU Psychology faculty and graduate students presented recently at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago.

*Teaching Ethics and Values in Undergraduate Psychology* was presented by Albert Tuskenis, Ph.D.; E. Jean Johnson, Ph.D.; Christopher Dyslin, Ph.D.; Crystal Blount, Ph.D.; and Matthew Covic, M.A.

Posters presentations included *A Preliminary Evaluation of the Effect of Media Exposure on Narcissism* by graduate student Donelle A. Wilkin (Feld) & Dr. Johnson.

*Outcomes of a New Capstone Course in Undergraduate Psychology* was presented by graduate student Jennifer Miroballi, and Drs. Johnson, Dyslin, and Tuskenis.

GSU also serves as the base institution for the National Capstone Project for Undergraduate Psychology, funded by a grant from the Society for the Teaching of Psychology. Dr. Johnson is the project chair. Drs. Johnson, Dyslin, and Tuskenis participated in a capstone team meeting at MPA.

Presentation by Honorary Degree Recipient

Vivian Gussin Paley has spent a lifetime teaching and learning from very young children. For her outstanding and influential work as an educator, Paley is receiving an honorary degree from Governors State University.

She will also share her knowledge during a public presentation, *The Ideal Early Childhood Education*, on Friday, June 3, at 3:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The lecture is free and open to the public.

With 37 years of experience as an early childhood educator, Paley is considered one of the nation’s experts on the education and enrichment of very young children. Her work has influenced how children are taught and teachers are trained. Her presentation will include observations on the world of young children, academic and social growth, and the development of communication. Paley’s research on the importance of storytelling and imaginative play has been cited as an argument against the strict adherence to teaching methods mandated by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

The honorary degree will be awarded during commencement exercises on Saturday, June 4, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center. More than 650 graduates will participate in Commencement. Tickets are required to attend the ceremony.