News and Events

Show Time!

Enjoy great music, songs, dance, and fun at the Southland Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) production of *Ragtime*. The curtain goes up on Saturday, July 30 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, July 31 at 2 p.m.; Saturday, August 6 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, August 7 at 2 p.m. Performances take place at the GSU Center for Performing Arts.

Forty-six cast members from 23 communities, mostly in Chicago’s Southland, were chosen following auditions.

Tickets are on sale at the Center for Performing Arts box office. Tickets are $22 for adults and $19 for students and can be purchased at the Center’s website at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net) or by calling the box office at 708.235.2222.

*Ragtime* is sponsored by the SouthtownStar, the Yonover family, and Sutton Ford.

Retirement Savings

John Olson of VALIC will be on campus Tuesday, July 19, in the Library Conference Center from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. Appointments are not required. He is here to discuss 403(b) plans.

Employees may choose to open a 403(b) account and begin pre-tax deductions for additional retirement savings at any time with the approved vendors. To open an account, contact vendors directly.

GSU has authorized the following vendors, under its Tax Deferred Annuity Plan under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, to handle new business with its employees. The approved vendors are:

- John Olson, VALIC, 800 892-5558 x89470
- Patrick Windle, TIAA-CREF, 800 842-2005 x5666
- Fidelity, 800 343-0860 (hit “0” if you do not have an account)
- Neil Meldgin, The Legend Group, 800 835-2158

Business Expertise

Learn more about the Master of Business Administration (MBA) at an open house on Tuesday, July 19, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn and Convention Center.

College of Business and Public Affairs faculty, advisors, administrators, and current students will be on hand to discuss the program. Participants will also be able to apply for program admission.

The free event is open to the public. The Tinley Park Holiday Inn and Convention Center is located at 18451 Convention Center Drive, Tinley Park.

For more information, call 708.534.4391 or e-mail BPAINFO@govst.edu.
**In the Know**

Don’t forget to watch GSU’s new student-produced daily news show, This Week @ GSU. The two-minute segments provide up to date information about current events and campus news. You can watch it on Facebook, YouTube, the [GSU website](#), and local public access cable.

A different host will appear each week. Departments wishing to have their event or news featured in the show should e-mail information to thisweek@govst.edu.

**Job Hunt Help**

Helping people in the community find employment is the mission of the Mobile Workforce Center. The mobile unit will be parked near the university front entrance every Tuesday, from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Center services include resume development, access to online job boards and websites, instruction on conducting online job searches, and assistance from staff. The mobile unit has 11 computer stations equipped with Internet access, printer and copy machines, and wheelchair accessibility.

The center, housed in a large bus, travels to various Will County locations offering free services. Job search assistance is available to everyone and is not limited to Will County residents.

For more information, contact the Workforce Services Division of Will County at 815.727.4980.

**Couples Therapy Workshop**

*Sex in the Sand: Play Therapy Techniques with Couples* will be held on July 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at GSU. The workshop is designed for psychology and counseling students and psychologists, therapists, and counseling professionals.

Attendees will learn the benefits of play, the importance of movement and touch in relationships, recent research on creative therapies, and how to utilize play assessment and intervention techniques to help couples bring the fun back into their relationship.

The workshop is presented by Dr. Catherine Ford Sori, associate professor in the Division of Psychology and Counseling.

Five CEUs are available. The cost of the daylong workshop is $65 for professionals and $20 for students. Advance registration is necessary. Contact Raquel Rios-Aquirre at 708.534.4516.

**Childcare While You Study**

Students of GSU can benefit from the availability of childcare services at the GSU Family Development Center for their children while they are in class. Children, ages 3 to 12 years old, enjoy the safe and enriching environment of the Family Development Center. Childcare is available Monday through Thursday, from 4 to 8 p.m.

The GSU Family Development Center also offers a 75 percent discount on evening childcare services for the children of GSU Pell Grant recipients. To take advantage of this discount, a copy of the student’s financial aid award letter is required.

For more information, call 708.235.7300.