**News and Events**

**CHHS Leadership Change**

Dr. Linda Samson, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, has announced that she will take a leave for the remainder of the summer and for the fall semester and then resign her position as Dean at the end of fall semester. In January, she will fulfill her role as Professor of Nursing and Health Administration and pursue additional interests.

View the full memo from Provost Terry Allison.

**See the Show - Ragtime**

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. Through Friday, July 29, all tickets are $17. After Friday, usual ticket prices resume. Tickets are $22 for adults and $19 for students. Tickets 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.

**News @ This Week @ GSU**

Catch up on GSU news and events every day with the 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.

**New Signature Cards**

Effective immediately, all departments need to submit new signature cards (found on the procurement portal page), which will define access, input, and approvals for general ledger accounts.

Additionally, each time a department needs to add/change/remove access to an account, an Access and Change request form must be completed. Also, staff must have appropriate ITS approvals and have completed FERPA training before account access can be granted.
**Wanted: A Few Good Men!**

Here is your chance to be one of the Real Men of GSU. Volunteers are needed to walk the runway in the Real Men Wear Pink Fashion Show.

Men of the GSU student body, faculty, staff, and administrators will help the GSU Student Senate raise money for the American Cancer Society and the Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center in Homewood. The fashion show will take place on October 20, at 6:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are only $12 or two for $20.

Models will show off their fashion sense and their giving spirit at the show. Anyone interested in joining the fun to raise funds for this good cause should contact Sheree Sanderson at 798.534.4552 by August 12. All names will be put in a lottery and the winners will be notified by August 16.

**Promise Breakfast**

Leaders of Chicago-area faith-based communities are pledging their support to the GSU Promise, a scholarship initiative that will provide a debt-free education to qualified students.

More than one dozen religious leaders met last week with GSU officials at the Promise Pastoral Breakfast. Following a presentation on the GSU Promise by President Maimon, several pastors said they would support the scholarship initiative through a special offering at their respective churches.

Veteran Chicago broadcaster Merri Dee, the keynote speaker at the Pastoral Breakfast, encouraged the religious leaders to support the GSU Promise. “The GSU Promise is a spectacular offer. This is a fantastic opportunity,” Dee said.

In her remarks, President Maimon explained that GSU developed two programs – the GSU Promise and the Dual Degree Program – to make a university education more accessible to first generation and low income students. Once endowed, the GSU Promise will pay for college costs that are not covered by state or federal financial aid programs. The Dual Degree Program (DDP), established in 2010, is a partnership between GSU and six area community colleges. Freshmen who sign up for DDP at their community colleges lock in GSU’s tuition rate for the next four years and can take advantage of university advising. Dual Degree Program students can apply for the GSU Promise scholarships.

For more information about the GSU Promise, call ext. 4105 or visit the GSU Foundation website.

**Second Annual Golf Outing**

It is time to dust off your clubs and get your swing back for the Second Annual GSU Dave Drechsel Golf Outing. This friendly competition will be held on Sunday, September 25, at the University Golf Club, 23520 Crawford Avenue, University Park.

All GSU faculty, staff, and their family members are invited to join the fun. The afternoon begins at noon with a shot gun start for 18 holes of golf. The festivities continue with a dinner and awards presentation.

Cost of the event is only $75 per person, which includes all fees, a golf cart, and dinner. The golf outing is sponsored by the GSU SPIRIT Committee.

Get some practice swings before the big event by participating in the GSU Golf League on Tuesdays, weather permitting, through September 6. Tee time is 4:30 p.m., at Golf Vista, 5001 W. Augusta Boulevard, Monee. The league is open to members of the GSU community and their friends. The cost of nine holes is $5. Add a cart for $10, or share the cart fee to cut your costs.

For more information about the Second Annual Golf Outing and the GSU Golf League, contact Hollie Campbell at ext. 6813.
Scholarship Spotlight – Darren Heldt

Darren Heldt of Monee received the Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship. Darren is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration in the Business Management program.

Darren’s long-term goal is to own his own restaurant. He believes hard work, education, and experience are the keys to business success.

Local Companies Go International

A delegation from the Illinois SBDC International Trade Center at CenterPoint recently attended a reception at ABC Auto Parts in Riverdale.

Owner Jim Watson conducted a facility tour identifying products and processes and highlighting the company’s current export strategies, which led to discussions to expand opportunities for exports to additional markets.

Hongxia (Mary) Ma, Director of the Trade Center said that it was great to work with dynamic companies like ABC Auto Parts. “GSU’s International Trade Center specializes in supporting the growth of exports. We can bring more resources to help companies like ABC Auto Parts expand further into more overseas market, with help in marketing research, logistics management, and export financing.”

The International Trade Center is supported by a grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.