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News and Events

October Board of Trustees Meeting

The Governors State University Board of Trustees will be meeting on Friday, October 14, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

No Board meetings will take place on Friday, October 7.

Agenda materials will be posted this week on the BOT Bulletin Boards, as well as on the GSU website. For more information, contact Joan Maloney.

So Long Old E & F Buildings

Change is in the air. Finally, the long-awaited E and F renovation project is about to begin. Now is your chance to say so long and good riddance to the old E & F facilities.

Everyone is invited to the groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the beginning of a new era in science education at GSU. Government, business, and community leaders will join university administrators, students, faculty, and staff on October 18, at 10:30 a.m., in the F building atrium to mark the beginning of this long-awaited project.

Upgrading its science facilities has been GSU’s number one capital priority for the last decade. Funds for this important, shovel ready project were recently released. Join the celebration and the start of a new era of science education at GSU.

For more information, contact Penny Perdue.

Campus Community Campaign Under Way
This year’s GSU Campus Community Campaign is off to a rousing start following Wednesday’s kickoff event. Volunteers from numerous university departments were introduced, and President Elaine P. Maimon discussed the importance of on-campus charitable giving in achieving Success By Degrees at GSU.

Campaign Chair Jackie Small unveiled the symbol of this year’s effort – the Success Candle. Donors of $40 to the Campus Community Campaign will receive candles as a reminder of how members of the university community help students achieve success. Donors also enjoyed a sampling of seasonal desserts and apple cider.

Campus Community Campaign volunteers are Ayita Woods, Human Resources; Kathleen Miller, Institutional Research and Provost’s Office; Victoria Lloyd, Digital Learning and Media Design; Christine Hefner, Family Development Center; Sheryl Jones-Harper, Business Office; Collice King, Admissions and Financial Aid; Adrienne Gray, Public Safety; Marge Stanko, Procurement; Jessica Specht, Student Affairs and Support Services; Mary Hession, College of Education; Renee Rainey, GSU Library; Pat Thompson, College of Business and Public Affairs; and Lori Townsend, College of Arts and Sciences.

Faculty and staff members can contact volunteers for details on contributing to the campaign.

Each donation to the Campus Community Campaign is another step toward helping our students attain their educational goals and the university fulfill its mission.

For more information on Campus Community Campaign, contact Jackie Small at ext. 2188.

Jobs + Internships = Career Fair

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for people interested in careers in business, communication, and public and business administration. In addition to employment opportunities, the fair will also include internship opportunities.

The 2011 Business/Administration/Communications Career and Internship
Fair is on Thursday, October 13, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internships positions with qualified personnel.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

**Seeking GSU Lincoln Laureate**

Each year, an outstanding senior from each of the four-year, degree-granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois is awarded the Student Lincoln Academy Medallion and named a Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Student Laureates are honored for their overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities.

GSU is accepting nominations for the Student Laureate Award from the 2012 graduating class (baccalaureate degree). The Student Laureate Nomination Form is located on the Student Life web page.

Student Laureate Nomination Form should be returned to Sheree Sanderson by Monday, October 10.

For additional information, contact Sheree Sanderson at ext. 4552.

**B2B Summit Targets Educational Apathy**

Members of GSU’s Brother 2 Brother organization are taking part in this Saturday’s B2B Fall Summit, taking place at the Lewis University Student Union, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium is inviting all B2B chapters to attend the summit, which will focus on the most important issues facing high school and college minority males. This semester’s discussion topic is *Eliminating Educational Apathy*. B2B members from area colleges and high school will share ideas on how to overcome apathy in the classroom, and elsewhere on campus.

For further information, contact Keith White at 708.235.2223.

**Sarah Wegley Honored**

Senior librarian Sarah Wegley was honored recently at the Oticon Focus on People Awards, a national competition that recognizes individuals who are helping to eliminate the negative stereotypes connected with hearing
loss. As the first place winner in the Advocacy Category, Wegley attended the awards ceremony in Los Angeles.

Wegley, who has a moderate hearing loss, has worn hearing devices since 2006. At that time, she knew no one in a similar situation and frankly admits that it was lonely. Since then, she has developed an award-winning blog, “Speak Up Librarian,” in which she has chronicled her own experiences with late-onset hearing loss and invites others with hearing loss to speak out about their own challenges, adventures, and achievements.

Wegley’s other advocacy interests include working with Discovering Deaf Worlds, an organization assisting deaf communities around the world. She also participates in lobbying efforts to expand availability of captioned films, accessible online education, and hearing aid insurance coverage. She was also recently elected the Social Chair of the Association of Late Deafened Adults Chicago.

In her award acceptance speech, Wegley encouraged the audience of leading hearing care professionals from across the country to “advocate for your clients. Help them connect with local support groups so they do not have to face hearing loss alone.”

In addition to presenting new hearing devices to Wegley, Oticon also donated $1,000 to Discovering Deaf Worlds.

**DrOT Information Session**

The Department of Occupational Therapy will host an information session for the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (DrOT) degree program on Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to noon, in Room G127.

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Dr. Melanie Ellexson, Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy, at 708.235.7622.

**SOTA Bowl Benefit Night**

The Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) will host Bowl Night 2011 on Friday, October 21, beginning at 10 p.m. at Morgan’s Thunder Bowl, 18700 S. LaGrange Road, Mokena.

Tickets are $20 per person, and include three hours of twilight bowling, shoes, and a two-hour pizza buffet with soft drinks.

All proceeds will go to SOTA’s community service projects. For tickets or additional information, contact Russ Thompson.
Archeology on Campus

A visit to the GSU Library offers a unique opportunity to step back in time. In an exhibit sponsored by the South Suburban Archaeological Society (SSSA), artifacts taken from the Nile River displayed next to archeological finds from the Illinois River. Shards of pottery and tools once used by the denizens of our region are displayed next to objects of art found in Egypt.

Additional display cases are located on the landing outside the library. Tools used by archeologists when making these discoveries are on exhibit. Information on the SSSA and how to get children involved in archeology is also available.

Educators from Ethiopia Visit GSU

The COE Division of Psychology and Counseling recently hosted visitors from Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. The educators came to GSU to learn more about the new counselor education and supervision doctoral program.

While on campus, they met with Dr. Elaine Maimon, Provost Terry Allison, and Dr. Gebe Ejigu as well as Dean Bordelon and members of the COE faculty.

Visiting GSU were Dr. Sintayehu Tadesse, Associate Professor and Chair of Counseling and Health Psychology; Dr. Belay Teferra, Associate Professor, Assistant Director of Institute of Psychology and Chair of Developmental Psychology; and Mrs. Berhan Wondimu, AAU Counseling Faculty.

In addition to GSU, the educators from Ethiopia are also visiting Chicago State, and the University of Iowa.

Chili Dawg Day

Who says there’s no such thing as a free lunch? GSU Civil Service employees are invited to a free lunch on Chili Dawg Day, Wednesday, October 19, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in E Lounge.

Board games and playing cards will also be available during Chili Dawg Day. The event is sponsored by the Civil Service Senate. RSVP to Kelly Robinson by Wednesday, October 12.
Fall Food, Fun, and Festivities

GSU’s annual Harvest Fest, on Friday, October 21, from 5 to 9 p.m. offers an evening of fun for students and their families. Events will take place in the Recreation and Fitness Center, the first floor of A Wing, and the Cafeteria Annex.

Harvest Fest features face painting, a Bouncy House, cookies you can design, a candy buffet, disk jockey, and laser tag. Harvest Fest is sponsored by the GSU Student Senate and the Office of Student Life.

Scholarship Spotlight - Shawn McClairn

Shawn McClairn of Calumet Park received the Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship. Shawn is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration.

Shawn would like to open an educational training organization to help women adjust to changing job markets through job training, wardrobe consultation, and mentorship programs.

GSU Graduate Students Curate “Visible”

Students in Professor Jane Hudak’s art class went beyond the scope of their class assignment to offer a unique opportunity to residents of Austin Special, a Chicago facility for developmentally disabled adults. Instead of curating an exhibit of their own artwork, these students chose to apply the skills they learned in class to showcase the creativity of nine artists from Austin Special.

The students are presenting Visible, from October 20 to 31, in the Center for Performing Arts balcony exhibition area. An opening reception celebrating the artists from Austin Special will be held October 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Visible showcases the works of Austin Special artists Ralph Bemont, Earl Guillermo, Tim Holliman, Peter Kuczwara, Margarita Leal, Andrew Raczkowski, Margarita Seda, Mark Suntres, and Ruben Tupayachi.

Students curating the exhibit are studying for their master’s degrees in art. As curators, they organize, budget, publicize, and manage the process from inception to completion. All artwork on exhibit will be for sale with proceeds going directly to the artists.

“This has been an invaluable learning experience for the GSU students and the Austin Special artists,” says Hudak. “I am extremely impressed that my graduate students chose to give back to their community by
giving these artists an opportunity. They are applying important business skills that artists need in a very generous way.”

Student curators of the exhibit are Sara Friedman and Raida Khamis of Tinley Park, Janet Julian of Chicago, Katherine Maksimuk and Jason Walker of Orland Park, Bridget Mitchell of Oak Lawn, Allen Moore of Robbins, James Tadsen of Peotone, Tim Vitek of La Grange Park, and Ka-EL Mycal Zakiah of Hazel Crest.

For further information, contact Tim Vitek.

**More to Know**

During Hispanic Heritage Month, Student Life is recognizing important achievements in this special month-long feature in GSU View.

**General Elwood “Pete” Quesada**

General Elwood “Pete” Quesada helped create the Federal Aviation Agency to manage the growing aviation field and improve airline safety. He served as Administrator from 1958 to 1961. The agency became the Federal Aviation Administration in 1966.