News and Events

Blackboard Workshop Targets Assessment (11-28-11)

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning is offering Assessments, the sixth workshop in its Blackboard Training Series, during the week of November 28.

During the workshop, participants will learn:

- How to create exams and quizzes within the Blackboard 9.1 course
- How to use the Assignments tool
- How Assessments and Assignments tie into the Grade Center

Sessions are limited to 16 seats per session. Register online. Please sign up for only one workshop time -- registering more than one time may prevent someone else from participating.

View presentations and handouts from the previous five Blackboard workshops.

For more information, contact Nikki Rosebourgh.

Art Exhibit - Janet Engel-Julian

The Visual Arts Gallery at GSU presents a graduate thesis exhibition by Janet Engel-Julian, from November 30 to December 9. An opening reception will be held on Friday, December 2, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Engel-Julian, a Lake Bluff Middle School art teacher, says her family inspires her artwork -- especially her mother’s family, which immigrated to the United States from a small town outside of Palermo, Sicily, in 1962.

“I think about the hardships and life-changing experiences my mother went through that make her the person she is today,” says Engel-Julian. “My family’s traditions, experiences, and influence on my life are what I use to inspire and influence me as I create my work.”

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays and Wednesdays, from 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays, from 1 to 9 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, from 5 to 9 p.m.; and by appointment.

For more information, call 708.534.4021 or visit www.govst.edu/gallery.
FDC Annual Book Fair

The Family Development Center is making your gift giving a whole lot easier this year. Visit the FDC's annual book fair, from December 2 to 9, to buy the perfect gift for the children in your life. The book fair is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the FDC front entrance.

Book fair proceeds will be used to expand classroom libraries and provide dinner or refreshments during family meetings and events.

Latest CenterPoint Boot Camp is Success

More than 125 military veterans attended this month's Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp, sponsored by CenterPoint at GSU. The event's keynote speaker was Patrick Rea, a retired U.S. Army Brigadier General, former Small Business Administration regional administrator, and current Tinley Park village clerk.

Participants, representing all branches of the military, learned from more than 40 CenterPoint staff and Chicago Southland business owners who volunteered their day to share their expertise in starting a business or improving an existing business. About half of the attendees own businesses and had opportunities to share their experiences with attendees wanting to start a business.

“'I had a great day today. Thanks for putting on such an amazing program,'” said Keith French of K French Photography. “'The team was top-notch and very professional, yet down to earth and approachable. Well done by all.'”

More than 550 veterans or family members have attended entrepreneurial boot camps at GSU over the last three years. Following boot camps, many participants have continued to access CenterPoint’s consulting and educational services.

Junie B. Jones Coming This Weekend

GSU’s Center for Performing Arts celebrates the holidays with Junie B. Jones: Jingle Bells, Batman Smells! on Saturday, December 3 at 11 a.m. and Sunday December 4 at 1 p.m.

Emerald City Theatre's adaptation of the best-selling children's book series by Barbara Park was written by Allison Gregory and is directed by Jacqueline Stone. This show is ideal family entertainment and is part of the GSU Center’s “Especially for Kids” series. Tickets for the show range from $10.50 to $15.50. Junie B. Jones: Jingle Bells, Batman Smells! runs approximately 60 minutes and is appropriate for children 3 and older.

In Junie B. Jones’ world, things are very clear. Christmas means you get presents, elf costumes are awesome, and May is a blabbermouth...
tattletale. Things in first grade, and approaching holidays, are going well until Junie B. pulls May as her Secret Santa. With Santa watching her like a hawk, what will Junie B. do?

For tickets, call the box office at 708.235.2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.

**Critical Thinking Entries Published**

Phyllis Anderson, of CBPA, recently co-authored a book chapter and a journal article on critical thinking. She co-authored the pieces with Joanne R. Reid.

*Critical Thinking: The Foundation of Education in a Technological World* appeared in *Education in a technological world: Communicating current and emerging research and technological efforts*, edited by A Mendez-Vilas.

*Critical Thinking in the Business Classroom* appeared in *Journal of Education for Business*.

CBPA Dean Ellen Foster Curtis congratulated Dr. Anderson and other faculty members who have been published in recent months.

“When it comes to publications, we have had a banner year, a bumper crop, and any other cliche you can think of,” she said. “They will need extra room for us at the faculty authors’ reception in the spring.”

**Naperville Education Center Adds M.A. in Psych**

GSU is expanding the list of programs offered at its Naperville Education Center with the addition of the Master of Arts in Psychology. This is the first graduate program offered by GSU at the Naperville site. Undergraduate programs currently offered for degree completion are the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice.

For more information on the master’s program at the NEC, attend an information session on December 8 and January 11, at 6 p.m. The Naperville Education Center is located at 2244 W. 95th Street, Naperville. For more information, contact Jan Ulner at 708.235.2151.

**Psychotherapy Services**

The Psychology Department is offering free psychotherapy services to members of the community. Conversations with a psychotherapist can help people cope with depression, anxiety, relationship issues, stress, and life transition problems.

Confidential, one-on-one sessions are held with a GSU graduate student in psychology under the supervision of a Licensed Clinical Psychologist. Individuals and couples, 18 years and older, are eligible. All sessions are conducted in Matteson. The number of sessions is determined by the client’s needs.

For information or an appointment, call 708.235.2841.
The Literacy Zone Offers Reading Tutoring

GSU’s Graduate Program in Reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through high school, on Tuesdays, from January 24 through April 17, from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m.

This 12-week, one-to-one program brings students experiencing reading problems together with teachers who have the skills to help them. Students meet on the GSU campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU.

Enrollment is limited and based on the number of tutors. Students will be accepted in the order in which the completed application and registration fee are received. There is a $70 registration fee. Snacks are provided at each session. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, call 708.534.4122 or e-mail m Sesso@govst.edu.

Constructing Reconstructed

Reconstructed, GSU’s online literature and arts journal, is now accepting submissions for the fall issue.

GSU students interested in seeing their creativity showcased are encouraged to submit works of short fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry, or visual artistry for publication in Reconstructed.

Literary submissions should be attached as .doc files, and 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. Please include your name, e-mail address, and phone number in your e-mail. Submissions should be sent via e-mail attachment to: reconstructed@govst.edu.

Visit http://www3.govst.edu/reconstructed/ for submission guidelines and more information.

Thanksgiving Day (11-21-11)

GSU will be closed Thursday, November 24; Friday, November 25; and through the weekend in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

GSU View extends best wishes to you and your family over the holiday weekend. We'll see you back on campus on Monday, November 28.

GSU Food Pantry

The GSU Food Pantry is ready to open its doors to students in need. The GSU Student Senate is sponsoring the food pantry to assist fellow students during these difficult economic times.

The food pantry will be open today and on November 28, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Student Commons (A2140). Students are welcome to receive services during those times. GSU ID required.
The Student Senate is also asking for donations of non-perishable food donations for the food pantry. Pink donation boxes are located in the Student Commons and adjacent to the main entrance elevators (the former Welcome Center).

During the Spring semester the food pantry will open every other Monday. For more information, contact studentsenate@govst.edu.

Slice of Goodness

The Civil Service Senate is sponsoring a Pie and Cake Auction on November 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Participants will have the opportunity to bid on delicious baked creations – just in time to enjoy on Thanksgiving. Bidding begins at 11:30 a.m. and closes at 1:30 p.m. All cakes and pies must be picked up and paid for by 2 p.m.

Donations of cakes and pies and volunteers to staff the auction are needed. Contact Andrea Dalpolo at ext. 4582.

IT Certification Workshop

The MIS Club will host an IT certification workshop on Tuesday, November 22, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Professor Steve Hyzny will discuss various IT certifications available to MIS majors and club members.

SURS Seminar Schedule

SURS has scheduled retirement education seminars for Traditional and Portable participants and SMP seminars for SMP participants for the spring of 2012 in Champaign.

Retirement education seminars for Traditional and Portable participants are:
- Wednesday, March 14
- Wednesday, April 11
- Tuesday, April 24
- Tuesday, May 22

Self-managed Plan seminar dates for SMP participants are:
- Thursday, March 8
- Thursday, April 12
- Thursday, May 24

Interested participants should contact Karen Maggio at 1-800-ASK-SURS, extension 813.

Community Campaign Raffle Winners

Colleen Buche, of DPS, and Jeffrey Slovak, Deputy Vice President of Administration and Finance, are the most recent winners of the weekly GSU Campus Community Campaign raffle. They will each receive two tickets to the Salt Creek Ballet production of The Nutcracker, on December 10, at the Center for Performing Arts.
During the Campus Community Campaign, Institutional Advancement draws tickets from the campaign raffle bowl. Winners receive two free tickets at a Center for Performing Arts performance.

See your Campus Community Campaign volunteer for your raffle ticket or stop by the Development Office. In addition to providing raffle tickets, the volunteers can also help guide you through the easy Campus Community Campaign donation process.

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

Diversifying Faculty Institute Information

The Illinois Board of Higher Education is sponsoring a Diversifying Faculty Institute (DFI) program to encourage and assist minority students to seek positions as faculty or staff members in higher education institutions in Illinois.

Information about the DFI program, application criteria, and benefits will be presented on Tuesday, November 29, at 3:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. GSU students and staff are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Sheree Sanderson.

Get a Health and Human Services Job

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring the 2011 Health and Human Services Career and Internship Fair on Monday, November 28, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

Prospective employers in the fields of physical and occupational therapy, nursing, social work, and non-profit social services will meet with job and internship candidates.

The career fair is open to current students, GSU alumni, and members of the community seeking employment in these fields. There is no charge for job seekers. Participants are advised to dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes.

Representatives from both public and private institutions, organizations, and businesses interested in meeting job candidates are also welcome.

For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974 or e-mail career@govst.edu.

Veterans in Government Workshop

Many veterans are fully qualified for careers in government. GSU's Office of the Coordinator of Veterans and Military Personnel is sponsoring a free, interactive workshop to help veterans find jobs in government and develop rewarding careers. The workshop is on Friday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in B1241.

Bill McClinton, operations staff supervisor of the Center for Human Resources, Chicago Region, Social Security Administration, will present
at the workshop. Topics to be covered include creating a government resume; government hiring processes; navigating government employment websites; and gaining concise feedback from governmental HR departments.

The Office of the Coordinator of Veterans and Military Personnel also offers individual consultations. Contact Keith White at 708.235.2223.

**GSU Joins the American Democracy Project**

GSU is the newest member of the American Democracy Project. GSU applied for membership based on its commitment to further civic engagement and better equip students, staff, and faculty to serve the community and society.

The American Democracy Project is a multi-campus initiative that seeks to create an intellectual and experiential understanding of civic engagement for undergraduates. The goal of the project is to produce graduates who understand and are committed to participating in meaningful actions as informed citizens in our democracy. Currently, more than 240 campuses actively participate in the American Democracy Project.

The project began in 2003 as an initiative of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), in partnership with The New York Times.

For more information, visit [www.govst.edu/ECHO](http://www.govst.edu/ECHO).

**2011 Campus Champions of Change Challenge**

It is time for university students to step up and meet the challenge.

The White House has launched the new Campus Champions of Change Challenge for 2011. The Challenge invites college and university students from across the country to demonstrate how their student-led project is improving their campus and/or local communities. Ideas previously developed and submitted to the Challenge include voter registration drives, sustainability projects, and community health initiatives. The main criterion for submission is how the student-led action improves the community.

The White House will select 15 finalists based on input from a panel of judges. The public will then have an opportunity to review the finalists and vote on the top five projects they think best embody the president’s goal to win the future.

For more information and to submit an application, visit [www.WhiteHouse.gov/CampusChallenge](http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/CampusChallenge). Submissions are due by Friday, December 9.

**GSU, COD Sign Dual Degree Agreement (11-17-11)**

GSU and the College of DuPage signed an agreement Monday launching a new dual degree agreement that provides a transition from registered nurse to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. GSU President Elaine P. Maimon and COD President Robert L. Breuder signed the agreement.
Students enrolled in this program will complete three years of coursework at COD, including nursing academic and clinical core courses and general education requirements.

GSU will accept up to 85 credit hours from COD students, who will then enter into GSU’s RN to BSN Program. Students then complete 35 credit hours from GSU to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing through online delivery.

“We at GSU are happy to partner with COD's excellent nursing program to provide their graduates a clear pathway to complete their bachelor's degree. We are also pleased to welcome COD as out latest partner in the Dual Degree Program,” Dr. Maimon said. “From freshman year to graduation, this is a very student-centered program. This signing is the latest partnership in our nationally recognized Dual Degree Program.”

In addition to the nursing program, GSU and COD have entered into a general Dual Degree Program, available to students in all programs and majors. The DDP provides educational and financial incentives, as well as seamless transfer for COD students who transfer to GSU to complete a bachelor’s degree.

Students who participate in the DDP receive academic advising and transfer planning assistance from both institutions from their first year at COD through their transfer to GSU. Additionally, the DDP includes a guaranteed tuition plan that locks in GSU’s tuition rate at the time COD students first enroll in the program to the time they graduate from the university. Students in the Dual Degree Program are also eligible to compete for GSU Promise scholarships, which enable qualified students to complete a bachelor’s degree at the university debt-free.

### Board of Trustees Session Rescheduled

The GSU Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Friday, December 2 has been rescheduled. All Board business for this period will take place at the Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, December 9, in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

The starting time for the meeting has not been finalized. When the time is determined, it will be announced in a future GSU View edition.

If you have any questions regarding the Board of Trustees meeting, please contact Joan Johns Maloney at 708.534.4131.

### Electronic W-2 Forms Available

You can streamline your personal tax process by signing up for an electronic W-2 form. Financial Services is offering GSU employees the option to update their employee profile through GSU’s online portal to consent to receiving an electronic W-2. This service is part of the transition to the Datatel Colleague system. Signing up for the service allows all employees to access, view, and print their W-2 forms.
Sign up today for an electronic W-2 by following the steps in this memo.

**Campus Closed for Thanksgiving**

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**Global Discussions Continue**

International Education Week and Global Entrepreneurship Week concludes today with three interesting, wide-ranging discussions.

The discussions begin with *How to Manage and Maintain Your Immigration Status at GSU and Beyond* led by Kathleen Gaber from the law firm Masuda Funai. Following this presentation, Jennifer Eick-Magan of Prairie State College will present *English as a Second Language*. These presentations will be from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

A panel discussion, *The Balkan Region: Opportunities and Challenges*, will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Panelists include Evelina Mengova, Gokce Sargut, Colleen Sexton, the Turkish trade commissioner, and the Macedonian trade commissioner. Stephen Wagner will moderate.

Activities are sponsored by the Office of International Services and CenterPoint at GSU. Events are free and open to the public.

**You Can Be a Star**

Dust off that accordion in your closet. Start practicing with those juggling balls. There's still time to try out for this year's Civil Service Day. Auditions are continuing for singers, dancers, comics, and others who'd like to be part of this Civil Service Day entertainment on Wednesday, December 7.

Civil Service Day begins at 10 a.m. in Sherman Hall, and will be followed by lunch. This year's event features a talent show, with a panel of judges picking the top three performers. The audience will then choose an overall winner, who will be announced during lunch.

To arrange an audition, contact Mark Kundla at ext. 3999.

**Oh My, Cake and Pie**

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Scholarship Spotlight Asmeen Radee

Asmeen Radee of Lansing received the Wilbur L. Morrison Endowed Scholarship. Asmeen is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration concentrating in Human Resources.

After graduation, Asmeen plans to help her parents expand their business, and eventually start a business of her own.

DPS Reaches Perfect Plateau in At-Risk Training (11-14-11)

GSU’s Department of Public Safety (DPS) was the first department to register a 100 percent completion rate on the university’s At-Risk Training. DPS will receive the Campus Threat Assessment Team’s Campus Safety Assessment Reward.

Enrollment Management and Marketing was the second university unit to reach the 100 percent level. Other university units and their completion levels are: COE – 32 percent; CHHS – 98 percent; CBPA – 30 percent; CAS – 15 percent; SAAS – 93 percent; Financial Services – 45 percent; Library – 40 percent; HR – 10 percent; President/Provost – 60 percent; Family Development Center – 26 percent; FDM – 10 percent.

Please continue to encourage your faculty, staff, and student workers to participate in this important campus effort. Visit www.govst.edu/ctat to learn more or go directly to GSU’s training launch page: http://aruf.kognito.com, to start your training today. To access the course, all learners must enter the GSU Enrollment Key: govst51.

CTAT is striving to maintain a safe environment at GSU. We must all work together to achieve that goal. If you have questions, please send an e-mail to CTAT.

The World Comes to GSU

International Education Week and Global Entrepreneurship Week will be celebrated today through November 17 with lectures, discussions, demonstrations, and displays. Activities are sponsored by the Office of International Services and CenterPoint at GSU.

You can view the schedule for this week’s events.

Representatives of 403(b) Plans Visit Campus

Two representatives of 403(b) voluntary retirement plans will visit GSU
this week. Appointments are not required to meet with the representatives.

John Olson of VALIC will be on campus Tuesday, November 15 in the Library Conference Center, from 9 a.m. until noon. Neil Meldgin of The Legend Group will be on campus Wednesday, November 16, in the Library Conference Center during those same hours.

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 the vendors below directly. Contribution changes can be made to an existing account by completing the attached form and returning it to HR for payroll deduction.

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:

- VALIC, 800.892.5558 x 89470 John Olson
- TIAA-CREF, 800.842.2005 x 5666 Patrick Windle
- Fidelity, 800.343.0860 hit “0” if you do not have an account
- The Legend Group, 800.835.2158 Neil Meldgin

**GSU Table Tennis Reigns Supreme**

Dominating play continued Saturday as GSU’s Table Tennis Team won all five of its matches at the NCTTA Upper Midwest Division Tournament. The tournament, hosted by GSU, featured teams from the University of Wisconsin, DePaul, Purdue, UIC, and Northwestern. Congrats to our team members on their clean sweep of the competition. Wisconsin and DePaul tied for second with a record of 4 and 1.

The Governors State Table Tennis Team is open to all students, regardless of skill level. For more information, contact Dr. TJ Wang at ext. 4965.

**Holiday Shopping in Hall of Governors**

The calendar never lies. So it’s true – the holidays are indeed just around the corner. You can get a head start on your holiday shopping at Tuesday’s Annual Arts and Crafts Fair, sponsored by the Civil Service Senate. Hours of the event are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

A wide array of homemade items will be on sale at reasonable prices. Everything is handmade and you’ll be surrounded by items that are already on your shopping list – right here at GSU.

**Home Baked Goodies for Sale**

Delicious goodies will be for sale on Wednesday, November 16 when the Student Social Work Organization (S.W.S.O.) hosts a bake sale. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., home baked goods will be for sale in the Hall of Governors.

Proceeds for the event support S.W.S.O.’s participation in Social Work
Advocacy Day 2012.

**Faculty Center Hosts Thursday Kickoff Event**

The newly formed Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center is sponsoring a kickoff luncheon to herald the opening of the Center. The luncheon takes place Thursday, November 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in E Lounge.

All faculty members – Unit A, Unit B, and adjuncts – are invited to come together and meet the Center coordinators, Professors Raven James (CHHS) and Tony Labriola (DLMD), as well as members of the Faculty Development Advisory Council. The council will also present the results of its recent faculty needs survey.

The Center is interested in finding out how best to encourage and assist faculty. During the luncheon, the coordinators and council invite suggestions to brainstorm first steps and long-range goals in supporting faculty in all areas of teaching, scholarship, and service.

Come and participate in a faculty driven process to sustain and strengthen collegiality at GSU.

**Storytelling Event Back at GSU**

Tellebration! returns to GSU on Saturday, November 19 as three master storytellers delight and captivate their audience as part of a world-wide celebration of the spoken word. The free event takes place at 7 p.m., in E Lounge.

Tellebration! was introduced to Chicago Southland audiences for the first time in 2010. The event originated 19 years ago as a means of building grassroots community support for the age-old art of storytelling. GSU is now one of 400 official sites around the world hosting storytelling events on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

“We are excited about this year’s lineup of storytellers and hope to exceed last year’s successful presentation,” said Lynne Clayton, producer of the event.

Storytellers at this year’s Tellebration!:
- Zane Chait is a member of both the National Storytelling Network and the Illinois Storytelling Inc. He has been sharing traditional tales and personal stories for many years.
- Dan Hechenberger, an assistant professor of social studies education at GSU, is a former interpretative ranger at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis and founder of Nipwaantiikaani, an educational non-profit organization that researches Midwest Native American history.
- Clayton, of GSU’s College of Education, began storytelling several years ago and has been a frequent teller at schools, daycare centers, nature centers, retirement homes, and senior centers throughout the region and across the Midwest.

Donations will be accepted at Tellebration!, with all proceeds going to
the South Suburban Humane Society and Crossroads Shih Tzu Rescue. Tellebration! is made possible by the GSU Spirit Committee. Information is available by contacting Lynne Clayton at ext. 3075.

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<td>The Alternative Certification Program also offers the opportunity for teachers to teach full-time as they earn a salary and their teacher certification. In addition, there are reduced paid resident opportunities, which also lead to teacher certification.</td>
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<td>This program is open to college graduates with five years work experience after receiving a bachelor’s degree. December 15 is the application deadline for the Alternative Certification program that begins in March, 2012. For more information, visit the Alt Cert website or call ext. 4399.</td>
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<td>The GSU Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA) is sponsoring an afternoon of bowling and fun on Saturday, December 3. The fun takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. at Orland Bowl/Mickadoon’s, 8601 W. 159th Street, Orland Park.</td>
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The event includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza buffet, salad, and soda. Tickets are $25 for adults and $20 for children. For non-bowlers, tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for children. Cash bar available.

Funds raised will support the GSU PTSA. For more information or to RSVP, contact amyles821@gmail.com.

**Precautionary Evacuation (11-10-11)**

At approximately 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the university evacuated the E and F buildings and cancelled classes held in those buildings. The move was a precautionary measure based on the identification of a potentially harmful chemical in the chemistry lab.

Local law enforcement and fire officials responded immediately and worked closely with the university's Emergency Response Team to coordinate the safe removal and disposal of the substance.

GSU’s Emergency Response Team thanks the first responders, emergency volunteers, and the entire university community for their calm and professional response to the situation.

All university classes, including those held in the E and F buildings, resumed as scheduled today.

**Ticket Discount for Weekend Shows**

GSU 2-for-1 tickets will be available for *Flow* and *If You Give a Moose A Muffin* this weekend at GSU’s Center for the Performing Arts.

The sale begins for both shows at 10 a.m., on Friday, November 11, and continues until one hour before showtime. Contact the CPA box office by phone or in person to enjoy this exclusive GSU discount. The box office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday and Saturday, and opens Sunday at 11 a.m. Call 708.235.2222 to reserve your seats with a $6 convenience fee.

*Flow*, a riveting One More Night production featuring dynamic hip hop rhythms and electrifying storytelling, will be presented at 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 12. *Flow*, a presentation of eta Creative Arts, is made possible by a grant from The Chicago Community Trust. With half price tickets, GSU faculty and staff can get $30 seats for $15; with the discount, GSU and Dual Degree Program students can attend the show for $7.50.

*If You Give a Moose a Muffin*, a rollicking Especially for Kids show, will be presented at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 13. The GSU 2-for-1 ticket offer is good for all seats, which normally sell for $10.50 to $15.50, based on seat location. GSU faculty, staff, students, and DDP students pay only half as much with discount.

The GSU 2-for-1 discount is not available to the general public. Public 2-for-1 seats are available only in-person at the Box Office starting.
Veterans Day Observance

GSU will mark Veterans Day on Friday, November 11 with a program beginning at 12:15 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The program includes remarks by President Maimon and guest speaker, CSM Howard Robinson of the Illinois National Guard. Sgt. Major Robinson is the Senior Enlisted Person in the Illinois National Guard and a GSU student.

The program also includes a moment of silence, military honor guard, rifle salute, and bugle presentation.

In addition, volunteers will read the names of the 6,200 plus American service men and women who died in Iraq and Afghanistan during the past decade. The Remembrance Day National Roll Call begins at 8 a.m. and continues, with a break for the mid-day program, until all the names are read aloud. The reading of the names will also take place in the Hall of Governors.

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CBPA Graduate Program Info

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breakfast will be served.

The free event is open to the public. For more information or to RSVP please call 708.534.4391 or e-mail BPAINFO@govst.edu.

**S.W.S.O. Bake Sale**

Delicious goodies will be for sale on November 16 when the Student Social Work Organization (S.W.S.O.) hosts a bake sale. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., home baked goods will be for sale in the Hall of Governors.

Proceeds for the event support S.W.S.O.’s participation in Social Work Advocacy Day 2012.

**Arts and Crafts Fair Returns Tuesday**

The Civil Service Senate will present its Annual Arts and Crafts Fair on Tuesday, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Limited spaces are still available for artisans and crafters at the fair. All items at the fair must be homemade. Fees for artisans and crafters are $30 for one space and table, $45 for one space and two tables, and $60 for one space and three tables.

For information, contact Kathy Miller or Karen Stuenkel.

**More Winners in the Community Campaign Raffle**

Winners of the weekly GSU Campus Community Campaign raffle were recently announced. They will each receive two tickets to the hit play, *Flow*, by Will Power, at Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, November 12, at 8 p.m.

The winners are Holly Campbell of Marketing and Public Affairs, Linda McCann of CHHS, student worker Pamela McCoy, Patricia Thompson of CBPA, and Barbara Varner of DPS.

During the Campus Community Campaign, Institutional Advancement will draw tickets from the Campaign raffle bowl. Each weekly winner receives two free tickets at a Center for Performing Arts performance.

See your Campus Community Campaign volunteer for your raffle ticket or stop by the Development Office. In addition to providing raffle tickets, the volunteers can also help guide you through the easy Campus Community Campaign donation process. Each donation to the campaign is another step toward helping our students attain their educational goals and the university fulfill its mission.

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

**Osteoporosis Info Session**

Students in the Physical Therapy program are sponsoring an Osteoporosis Information Session on Monday, November 14, at 5:30 p.m., in the Recreation and Fitness Center.
The information session is open to all students, faculty, staff, and friends and family interested in learning more about this important health issue.

Information will be presented by physical therapy faculty members Dr. Ann Vendrely and Dr. Robin Washington. The session will focus on disease information and the risk factors, in addition to nutrition and exercise that can contribute to preventing Osteoporosis.

For more information and to RSVP, e-mail ditzlerhollym@sau.edu by Saturday, November 12. RSVP not required.

**Scholarship Spotlight - Julie Pope**

Julie Pope of Monee received the David Bernstein Endowed Scholarship in English. Julie is a student in the College of Education’s Elementary Education program.

Community service is very important to Julie. She looks forward to receiving her degree so that she can help others as a teacher and serve her community.

**GSA Hosts R&R Game Days**

The Gay Straight Alliance is hosting R&R Game Days - Stress Relief Before Finals Week on Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Student Gaming Lounge. Everyone is welcome to drop by and enjoy a relaxing game of cards or board games.

GSU club meetings will be held on November 17 and December 1, from 3 to 4 p.m., in room F2600.

**GSU Graduate Student Uses Physics in Artwork**

On Thursday, November 17, graduate student Tim Vitek will unveil a collection of new artwork in the Visual Arts Gallery called *Additive / Subtractive; Sensory Interactions Developed By A Geometric Algorithm*. An opening reception celebrating the artist is from 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibit runs through November 23. Both the exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

The collection, which is Vitek’s graduate thesis show, is based on the second year masters student’s modifications to the Weber-Fechner law in physics. The works use an additive and subtractive algorithm Vitek developed to achieve a unique spectrum of color.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays from 1 to 9 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m., and by appointment. For more information, call ext. 4021 or visit...
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**TWAG Seeks News**

*This Week @ GSU (TWAG)*, a student run, student produced news show that highlights what is happening on campus, is looking for submissions. This daily, two minute production focuses on student-oriented news and upcoming events. The show also needs information for its GSU Spotlight segment. GSU Spotlight highlights exceptional students, courses, professors, student workers, and organizations/clubs each week.

Contact TWAG with news and suggestions at thisweek@govst.edu.

**CBPA Professors Are Published**

CBPA faculty have contributed articles to a variety of scholarly publications in recent months. Please join CBPA Dean Ellen Foster Curtis in congratulating her faculty colleagues on their stellar accomplishments.

*Health Care Reform: the Constitutional Challenge to the Individual Mandate*, by Assistant Professor Brian McKenna, was published in the May, 2011 *Illinois State Bar Association Journal* and has been selected for inclusion in WESTLAW, the computer-assisted legal research service of West Services, Inc. The database includes significant articles, comments, notes, and similar materials from legal periodicals.


Assistant Professor Gokce Sargut and Rita McGrath of Columbia University co-wrote *Towards a Model of Market Disruption*, which appears in the recently-published *The Competitive Dynamics of Entrepreneurial Market Entry*, edited by G. D. Markham and P.H. Phan. This book is part of the Johns Hopkins University Series on Entrepreneurship.

**Economic Educators Honored for Classroom Success**

Econ Illinois, the state’s Council for Economic Education, presented the *3M Star in the Classroom Award* to three area teachers. The teachers began their participation in Econ Illinois through programs offered by the Office of Economic Education at GSU.

The award winners are Peg Seaman, from Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park; Wendy Hegarty, from Lincoln-Way East High School in Frankfort; and Carita Hall, from High Point School in Orland Park. They received their awards during the annual Economic Education Day
Awards Luncheon, held recently at the Union League Club of Chicago.

The Office of Economic Education provides curriculum consulting, student programs, and professional development programs for K-12 teachers to enhance economic understanding.

For additional information, please contact Sheryl Szot Gallaher at (708) 534-4926.

**Letter to the Governor 11-07-11**

The Illinois Public University Chancellors and Presidents issued a letter to Governor Pat Quinn voicing their concern about reaching a fair and equitable solution to pension reform.

As convener of the council, Dr. Maimon noted, “Had all three required funding components been fulfilled over the years, the SURS program would now be stable, affordable and solvent. Two of the three necessary components of full funding have been steadfast and consistent: employee contributions and the return on assets from pension fund investments.

“As chief executives of the state’s public universities, we understand all too well that the present situation facing the state’s five pension funds is not sustainable. Notwithstanding the state funding history, successfully resolving this financial obligation requires all parties (university employers, employees, employee organizations, and the State of Illinois) to participate together in crafting a fair and equitable solution.”


**Remembrance Day 11-11-11**

GSU will mark Veterans Day on Friday, November 11 with a program beginning at 12:15 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The program includes remarks by President Maimon and guest speaker, CSM Howard Robinson of the Illinois National Guard. Sgt. Major Robinson is the Senior Enlisted Person in the Illinois National Guard and also a GSU student.

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**Support the Adult Learner**
In celebration of Non-Traditional Students Week, CAS is hosting a panel discussion on how community colleges and universities can support the adult learner. The discussion takes place on Wednesday, November 9, at 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. It is free and open to the public.

Panel members will include representatives from regional community colleges and the discussion will be moderated by Dr. James Howley, Chair, Division of Liberal Arts. Refreshments will be served.

For a complete list of Non-Traditional Students Week activities, see the Events column in the GSU View.

**Eid Celebration and Explanation**

The GSU Muslim Student Association (MSA) is hosting an Eid celebration and awareness event today, at 6 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex, and Tuesday, November 8, at 3 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Everyone is invited to learn more about the holiday and the Muslim faith as well as enjoy Middle Eastern appetizers and refreshments.

**Authentic Tamales at GSU**

The Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) is selling authentic Mexican homemade tamales on Wednesday, November 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. or while supplies last, in the Hall of Governors.

Tamales are available with pork, chicken, or cheese. They are for sale at $12 a dozen, a la carte, or in a $5 lunch plate. The lunch plate includes two tamales, rice, salsa, and a beverage.

Proceeds of the sale support ALAS members’ United States Hispanic Leadership Institute Conference registration. To pre-order, contact Dan Paz.

Proceeds to support ALAS members’ USHLI Conference registration.

**Powerful Show - FLOW**

Powerful narratives, dynamic rhythm and rhymes, and live beats will electrify the audience when *Flow*, by Will Power, comes to the Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, November 12, at 8 p.m. Tickets range in price from $15 to $39, with special $15 tickets for students (of any educational institution). Tickets are available by calling 708.235.2222 or online.

*Flow*, a production of eta Creative Arts, is the first in the Center for Performing Arts’ “One More Night” series, which is bringing the best in Chicago theater to GSU for one final performance. “One More Night” is
made possible by a generous grant from the Chicago Community Trust.

**Flow Director at Wednesday Conversation**

Sonita L. Surratt, director of *Flow*, cast members and GSU English Professor Rashidah Muhammad will discuss the powerful narrative that runs through *Flow* and the meaning behind the play on Wednesday, November 9, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The distinguished lecture is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences. For more information, contact Sheree Sanderson.

**Family Show at the CPA**

Find out if a moose will really eat a muffin in this wonderful production of *If you Give a Moose a Muffin*, by The Magik Theatre. The curtain rises on Sunday, November 13, at 1 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts.

In this hilarious sequel to the 2009 runaway hit *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, the young host is again run ragged by a surprise visitor. If a big, hungry moose comes to visit, you might give him a muffin to make him feel at home. If you give him a muffin, he'll want some jam to go with it.

Tickets are from $10.50 to $15.50. Birthday party packages are also available. Tickets may be purchased at 708.235.2222 or by visiting the CPA box office.

For more information about this and other Center shows, visit the Center's [website](http://www.govst.edu/gsuview/Default.aspx?blogmonth=11&blogyear=2011&blogid=734).

**Scholarship and Teaching Center Kickoff Luncheon**

The newly formed Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center is sponsoring a kickoff luncheon to herald the opening of the Center. The luncheon takes place Thursday, November 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in E Lounge.

All faculties – Unit A, Unit B, and adjuncts – are invited to come together and meet the Center coordinators, Professors Raven James (CHHS) and Tony Labriola (DLMD), as well as members of the Faculty Development Advisory Council. The council will also present the results of its recent faculty needs survey.

The Center is interested in finding out how best to encourage and assist faculty. During the luncheon, the coordinators and council invite suggestions to brainstorm first steps and long-range goals in supporting faculty in all areas of teaching, scholarship and service.

Come and participate in a faculty driven process to sustain and strengthen collegiality at GSU.

**Storytelling Festival Returns to Governors State**

Tellebration! returns to GSU on Saturday, November 19 as three
master storytellers will delight and captivate their audience as part of a world-wide celebration of the spoken word. The free event takes place at 7 p.m., in E Lounge.

Tellebration! was introduced to Chicago Southland audiences for the first time in 2010. The event originated 19 years ago as a means of building grassroots community support for the age-old art of storytelling. GSU is now one of 400 official sites around the world hosting storytelling events on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

“We are excited about this year’s lineup of storytellers and hope to exceed last year’s successful presentation,” said Lynne Clayton, producer of the event.

Storytellers at this year’s Tellebration!:
• Zane Chait is a member of both the National Storytelling Network and the Illinois Storytelling Inc. He has been sharing traditional tales and personal stories for many years.
• Dan Hechenberger, an assistant professor of social studies education at GSU, is a former interpretative ranger at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis and founder of Nipwaantiikaani, an educational non-profit organization that researches Midwest Native American history.
• Clayton, of GSU’s College of Education, began storytelling several years ago and has been a frequent teller at schools, daycare centers, nature centers, retirement homes, and senior centers throughout the region and across the Midwest.

Donations will be accepted at Tellebration!, with all proceeds going to the South Suburban Humane Society and Crossroads Shih Tzu Rescue. Tellebration! is made possible by the GSU Spirit Committee. Information is available by contacting Lynne Clayton at ext. 3075.

GSU’s 2011 Lincoln Laureate

Each year an outstanding senior from each of the four-year degree granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois is named a Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois.

This year’s Lincoln Laureate from GSU is Darwin Gordon of Chicago. Gordon exemplifies the characteristics of Lincoln Laureates, who are chosen for their commitment to the principles of democracy and humanity as embodied by Abraham Lincoln. Gordon was also honored for his outstanding academic achievement and his extensive and committed service to those in need.

On November 5, Gordon and the other student laureates from around the state participated in a ceremony recognizing their achievement at the Old State Capitol in Springfield.

Gordon’s commitment to helping others is demonstrated in his community service. He is active in assisting those who cannot leave their homes due to illness, people who are adjusting to life after incarceration, and those who are homeless. He is currently interning at the Metropolitan Area Group for Igniting Civilization, Inc. (MAGIC), an organization that
advocates for youth programming and support.

"I want to give back to my community and to use my knowledge and experience to help others. I felt called to this field," says Gordon.

Gordon returned to college after an 18-year hiatus. As a senior majoring in social work at GSU, Gordon has earned a 4.0 GPA and is in the University Honors Program. He is the president of the GSU Social Work Student Organization and participates in lobbying efforts to involve state government in issues related to social work and helping others.

“Darwin is an outstanding individual. He has set goals to further his education in preparation for impacting change in his community,” said Dr. Lori Glass, Assistant Professor of Social Work. “He is an exemplary student with outstanding leadership skills. He is an excellent model of good citizenship and leadership.”

Revised Business Card Process (11-03-11)

The university has revised its electronic process for ordering business cards. In addition, the business card layout has changed to better meet GSU’s new branding standards.

The cards will be printed on a thicker, gray linen stock and include the new GSU logo, which is now available in black and white, or color. Smaller card quantities are also available.

How to Order:

1. Access the Online Order form at www.orderprinting.com or via the myGSU portal (under Procurement/Print Shop)
2. Enter the account number (40333494), the password (gsu), and your name
3. Enter card information into the form
4. Review and accept electronic proof
5. Complete a purchase requisition in the Datatel system (note: cards will NOT be sent to the printer until a purchase order has been issued by Procurement)
6. Marketing and Communications is electronically notified and reviews card contents
7. Business cards will be received in approximately one week.

GSU has contracted with bct Illinois to print all business cards. Please indicate this vendor on related requisitions. The University Print Shop no longer processes business cards and does not need to receive a separate print shop order form, as in the past.

Call ext. 4056 with questions.

New Copiers on Campus

The university is in the process of replacing all copiers on campus and most have arrived during the past few days. The new equipment has
copying and scanning capabilities in addition to many other options.

Access Hint: Your prior user access code should now be used as your login name and again as your password.

Training sessions will be held next week on Wednesday and Thursday. Contact Joyce Giroux at ext. 4498 to reserve a space in one of these informative, one-hour sessions.

**Anticipated Blip**

On Friday, November 4, from 7 a.m. to approximately noon, Facilities will test all of the emergency generators. A through G, OTS, and FDC buildings may be affected with two anticipated "blips" of power interruption as general commercial power switches to the generator.

Tests will only affect circuits that are on emergency power (specific light fixtures and certain outlets). Since most wall outlets are on our standard power panel, computer work should not be affected. However, please save your work often, just to be on the safe side.

For more information, contact Facilities at ext. 4515.

**Hat and Glove Drive**

During November, Phi Alpha, the social work national honors society, is sponsoring a new hat and glove drive to help keep children in local communities warm this winter. Donations of new hats and gloves should be deposited in boxes situated throughout the campus.

**Hunting for GSU Talent**

Don’t look now, but you could be the star of this year’s Civil Service Day. Auditions are starting for singers, dancers, comics, and others who’d like to be part of this Civil Service Day entertainment on Wednesday, December 7.

Civil Service Day is going “old school” with a talent show, and participants will compete for the coveted Top Performer award. Guest judges will give their opinions on performers but the audience will pick the overall winner.

To arrange an audition, contact Mark Kundla at ext. 3999.

**Keep the Mail Moving**

Don’t be an envelope hoarder. Envelopes for interoffice mail should be forwarded back to the university Mail Room so there is always an ample supply, and so GSU’s internal mail system doesn’t come to a screeching halt.

Please look around your office to determine if any envelopes are hidden under piles of important papers, or in rarely-visited drawers. You’ll be doing your part to keep the mail moving.

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A pizza party begins the week on Monday, November 7, from 4 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Refreshments will be served in again on Tuesday, November 8, from 4 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

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**Pies and Cakes**

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Donations of cakes and pies and volunteers to staff the auction are needed. Contact Andrea Dalpolo at ext. 4582.

**2011 Health Career and Internship Fair**
The Office of Career Services is sponsoring the 2011 Health and Human Services Career and Internship Fair on Monday, November 28, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

Prospective employers in the fields of physical and occupational therapy, nursing, social work, and non-profit social services will meet with job and internship candidates.

The career fair is open to current students, GSU alumni, and members of the community seeking employment in these fields. There is no charge for job seekers. Participants are advised to dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes.

Representatives from both public and private institutions, organizations, and businesses interested in meeting job candidates are also welcome.

For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974 or e-mail career@govst.edu.

Let’s Skate

Phi Alpha, the national honor society for social work students, is sponsoring a youth charity skating benefit. Everyone is welcome to skate, have fun, and support area youth services.

Tickets are only $10 in advance and $13 at the door for an evening of roller rink fun. The event will be held on November 13, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Glenwood Roller Rink, 656 West Holbrook Road, Glenwood. Skate rental is not included.

For tickets call Nina Lee at 708.969.7548 or e-mail Yvette Smith-Walker.

Scholarship Spotlight - Jamie Peccatiello

Jamie Peccatiello of Orland Park received the Scholarship for Accounting and Finance Students. Jamie is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration and is majoring in Accounting.

Jamie’s goal is to become an entrepreneur after earning her CPA and opening an accounting firm in the south suburbs.

SURS Town Hall Meeting

SURS officials will update state employees on retirement questions at a Town Hall meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, November 15 at the College of DuPage. The meeting, from 7 to 9 p.m., will be held in Room 2800 of the Student Resource Center, 425 Fawell Boulevard, Glen Ellyn.

Executive Director William Mabe will provide a SURS update. Chief Investment Officer Dan Allen will give an investment update and Chief Legal Counsel Mark Weinstein will provide a legislative update. Audience members will be able to submit questions and comments.
International Education/Global Entrepreneurship

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**CenterPoint Chief Honored for Service, Leadership**

Hilary Burkinshaw, Director of CenterPoint at GSU, was honored last week at the fifth annual Women in the Workforce Conference, which took place at Prairie State College.

Burkinshaw received the Women in the Workplace Award, recognizing outstanding professional leadership, exceptional commitment to career, and service to community organizations that benefit women. Professional Women’s Network Chair Terri Winfree, and Debbie Cladis, a longtime PWN member, honored Burkinshaw for more than 20 years of dedication to helping small businesses succeed in the Chicago Southland.

Burkinshaw was honored for her business promotion efforts at CenterPoint at GSU, and previously at Moraine Valley Community College. She was also recognized for helping women develop their professional careers as the founding president of the Professional Women’s Network, and her volunteer entrepreneurship coaching to male and female inmates at the Metropolitan Correctional Center of Chicago.

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