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.kogni.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.

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.

2011 Health and Human Services Career 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.

Alternative Teacher Certification Options

Learn how to earn elementary or middle school teacher certification and
secure a teaching position through Governors State University’s Alternative Certification Program. Information sessions will be held on Tuesday, November 29, at 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program at Governors State University offers three ways to earn certification and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a master’s degree in education and teacher certification. TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a $30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

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.

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](mailto:altcert@gsu.edu) or call ext. 4399.

**PTSA Bowling Fundraiser**

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.

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.