News and Events

Thanksgiving Day

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. Submissions are due by Friday, December 9.