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News and Events

The Most Wonderful Time (12-22-11)

It’s beginning to look a lot like winter break at GSU and many of us will be gone for 12 days (more or less). The university will be closed from Friday, December 23 through Monday, January 2. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, January 3.

And remember – whether you will be home for the holidays or travelling over the river and through the woods, the weather outside can be frightful, so take care. On the upside, if we want a winter wonderland, we have to let it snow. It is time to deck the halls, jingle some bells, and go wassailing.

We wish you a merry little – or big - holiday season and a very happy New Year. And rest ye merry gentlemen and ladies of GSU – until normal operations resume on Tuesday, January 3.

Peace on Earth, good will to all, and see you next year!

Throw Down the Sash! (12-22-11)

We are all eager to enjoy our winter break, but before you leave your work areas and offices, please remember to perform a few basic housekeeping chores.

If you do not need access to your office computer from home over break, turn it off. That will save energy and give IT a chance to perform upgrades without risk of losing any unsaved content.

Don’t forget to close all windows and turn heating units to the low heat setting before leaving for break. This will protect your office and the offices below and beside yours from damages that may occur when frozen water pipes fracture and cause flooding.

One more thing – be sure to empty your refrigerator before you leave, so you don’t return to work in January to find something unwanted growing where your sack lunch should be.

For more information, contact Facilities Development and Management at ext. 4515.

ZIP-a-dee-doo-da 60484

All GSU faculty and staff are reminded that the university’s former ZIP
code, 60466, was changed to 60484 on July 1, 2009.

Mailed materials bearing the old ZIP code can no longer be used and should be recycled immediately. All departments are encouraged to review all materials (i.e. business cards, website, envelopes, stationery/masthead, forms, marketing materials) to ensure that they have been changed to reflect the new ZIP code.

All departments doing business with outside entities are also responsible for informing those entities of the change for correspondence and billing purposes.

**Cafeteria 2012**

The cafeteria is closed for the year and will reopen and resume normal business hours on Tuesday, January 3.

**SLATE's Forbidden Broadway at the CPA**

Greet the New Year with a rollicking good time at the Center for Performing Arts. *Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits* will have you laughing out loud as you watch send-ups and parodies of 25 Broadway shows and 18 Broadway legends performed by members of an all-star cast from the Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) at GSU.

*Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits* comes to the CPA on January 13 and 14 at 8 p.m., and January 15 at 4 p.m. Seating is limited as the show will be performed cabaret style will the audience seated on the stage with the performers. Tickets are only $25.

Visit or call the CPA box office at 708.235.2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.

**Scholarship Spotlight - Alicia Uwumarogie**

Alicia Uwumarogie of Matteson received the Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers Scholars Award. Alicia is in the College of Health and Human Services’ Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program.

Alicia is a rehabilitation aide with a physical therapy company. As a physical therapist, she plans to use her experience, compassion, interpersonal skills, and critical thinking abilities.

**Scholarship Spotlight - Katie Vegter**

Katie Vegter of Glendale Heights received the Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers Scholars Award. Katie is in the College of Health and Human Services’ Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program.

Katie is a seasonal rehabilitation aide with a physical therapy company. Katie was previously a high school teacher.
Scholarship Spotlight - Ronald Wojcik

Ronald Wojcik of Frankfort received the College of Business and Public Administration Student Advisory Board Endowed Scholarship. Ronald is a graduate student in the Public Administration program.

Ronald has 25 years of practical business experience and is working toward a degree to advance his career.

Holiday Message from the President (12-19-11)

In her holiday message to the campus community, Dr. Maimon expressed her optimism on the future of the university and her appreciation of the hard work it has taken to achieve so much.

Read Dr. Maimon’s holiday message.

Unique Gift Idea from CPA

For only $250, you can give a gift that has meaning. The Center for Performing Arts’ Seat Campaign lets you leave a lasting legacy in your name or the name of someone you choose and make a meaningful contribution to our community’s vibrant cultural heritage.

For your donation to the Seat Campaign, the name you designate will be engraved on a permanent brass plaque on the back of a luxurious, custom-designed seat in the CPA. The name you designate will also be permanently listed in the Center’s program books.

Engraving is limited to two lines of 15 characters or spaces on each line.

Your donation to the Seat Campaign is tax-deductible as allowed by law. Accommodations will be made whenever possible for specific seat requests, but cannot be guaranteed. Seat name recognition does not guarantee seat availability for performances. In addition to direct donation, you may use payroll deduction through the Campus Community Campaign for your purchase.

For more information, contact your campus community campaign volunteer or Jackie Small at ext. 2188.

GSU Xpress Holiday Schedule

The GSU Xpress Metra shuttle will operate by request only from December 19 through December 22. Transportation will not be provided during times when the shuttle does not usually operate.

Requests for transportation must be made 30 minutes prior to a regularly scheduled departure/arrival time. To request transportation from December 19 through 22, call the Department of Public Safety at 708.534.4900 or ext. 4900.

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Public Transportation (P.A.C.E) will operate under normal scheduled routes and times.

For more information, call the Department of Public Safety.

**Cafeteria Takes a Holiday**

The cafeteria will close at 2 p.m. today and tomorrow. Today is the last day to place a catering order.

The cafeteria will be closed for the holidays from December 17 to January 3 except to fill catering orders.

**Scholarship Spotlight - Sotayo Sowemimo**

Sotayo Sowemimo of Matteson received the Saint Paul Federal Scholarship. Sotayo is a graduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration’s Master in Information Systems program.

Sotayo is currently a program representative for the State of Illinois. He looks forward to receiving his degree and future job opportunities.

**Scholarship Spotlight - Brian Stepanek**

Brian Stepanek of Orland Park received the Donald and Helen Morrison Endowed Scholarship. Brian is a student in the College of Business and Public Administration.

Brian says his business degree will help him achieve his career goal of being the owner of a large corporation.

**Scholarship Spotlight - Ellen Uhlir**

Ellen Uhlir of Westmont received the Annie Lawrence Scholarship. Ellen is a graduate student in the College of Health and Human Services’ speech language pathology program.

Ellen spent four years working in the Czech Republic as an account executive. While volunteering there, she decided to go into speech language pathology.

**Board of Trustees Meeting Recap (12-12-11)**

President Elaine P. Maimon reported to the Board of Trustees Friday that recent developments confirm that GSU is well on its way to becoming a model 21st century university.

“This is a historic moment at GSU,” Dr. Maimon said. “With last week’s approval by the IBHE of lower division programming at the university, we now have the opportunity to develop a state-of-the-art freshman...
curriculum and learning environment." GSU plans to admit its first freshman class – a cohort of 270 students – in Fall, 2014.

GSU’s Dual Degree Program, already recognized as a national model for degree completion, will be strengthened by an $875,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation, Dr. Maimon noted. The Foundation announced the grant last month. The resources made available through the three-year grant will be matched dollar-for dollar by GSU. The university will develop a cadre of transfer specialists who will work with advisors at GSU and partner community colleges to facilitate the success of Dual Degree students as they work to achieve their associate and bachelor’s degrees.

Dr. Maimon also noted other significant developments at the university. “This semester has been a game changer,” she said. Construction is about to begin on the renovation of the university’s science facilities. Dr. Martha Kanter, Under Secretary of the U.S. Education Department, visited campus this fall and praised the Dual Degree Program. And the Datatel computer system is improving the way GSU operates every day, and in myriad ways.

In other business Friday, the Board approved a conceptual plan for the introduction of on campus student housing, and authorized the seeking and securing approval from the Illinois Board of Higher Education at its February meeting. Under current plans, Phase One of the housing initiative calls for construction of a 300-bed student apartment complex, to be financed through the sale of revenue bonds. The building will be available for occupancy in the Fall of 2014.

Dr. Gebeyehu Ejigu, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff, said studies indicate freshman students benefit the most from living on campus. The current plan will provide students with living-learning opportunities that will enhance their college experience, he said. The U-shaped housing complex will offer four types of apartments, as well as classrooms and lounges in the building, and 24-hour safety features. All residents -- freshmen through doctoral candidates -- will benefit from living together in an environment that promotes academic interaction among the diverse age groups and experience levels.

The Board also approved the creation of a new position, Vice President for Administration and Finance. The new position is a cabinet level position that will assume day-to-day operational responsibility for administrative and financial services, freeing the Executive Vice President to focus on major issues and projects of strategic value to the university. Administrative and functional units reporting to the new vice president include the Budget Office, Financial Services and Comptrollership, Facilities Development and Management, Procurement and Business Services, and the Department of Public Safety.

Following the Board’s approval, Dr. Maimon announced the appointment of Karen Kissel, currently Chief Financial Services Officer and Comptroller, to the new position. The appointment is effective December 16.

View Dr. Maimon’s full announcement of Kissel’s appointment.

The Board created two requests for new units of instruction:

- The proposed Master of Science in Mathematics is designed to help increase the number of graduates in the high demand field of mathematics with the knowledge and skills needed for current
and future job markets. The program will be part of the College of Arts and Sciences.
- The Doctorate in Interdisciplinary Leadership is designed to produce advanced leaders for the fields of education, not-for-profit, and public safety. The program will be part of the College of Education.

Board Chair Lorine Samuels reflected on GSU’s accomplishments during the four years she has held the position. With her term expiring, the Board chose a slate of officers who will be in place until next June. Jack Beaupre will serve as Chair, Samuels as Vice Chair, and Bruce Friefeld as Secretary.

Samuels introduced the Board’s newest members, Eileen Durkin and Brian D. Mitchell, who were recently appointed by Governor Pat Quinn.

Mitchell, who is village administrator in Matteson, said he was impressed by how much GSU is accomplishing in providing educational opportunities. Durkin, who is president and CEO of Neumann Family Services in Chicago, said she asked the governor to appoint her to the GSU Board because the university is changing the dynamic of education in the Chicago region. She said she was impressed by GSU’s accomplishments under its current leadership.

**GSU Makes History (12-08-11)**

GSU this week announced two historic, unprecedented steps toward becoming the national model of the 21st Century University.

The university moved forward with its plan to admit its first freshman class in 2014 when the Illinois Board of Education Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) voted to approve the proposal by the GSU Board of Trustees to add lower division programming to the university’s upper division and graduate offerings.


GSU was also honored to announce that the Kresge Foundation approved a grant of $875,000 to support the Dual Degree Program, which provides students with a state-of-the-art transfer pathway from community college to a bachelor’s degree.


In her memo to the campus on Wednesday, President Maimon noted, “In order to fulfill the goals set forth by the Illinois Public Agenda and Complete College America, modern universities must focus on both designing an outstanding four-year baccalaureate experience and creating state-of-the-art transfer pathways from community colleges to the bachelor’s degree and beyond. GSU leads the way in taking a both/and approach rather than an either/or approach."

She also thanked the entire GSU community for making the historic developments possible.

**BOT Meets Friday**
The GSU Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, December 9, at 12:30 p.m., in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

For more information, contact Joan Johns Maloney at 708.534.4131.

**Celebrating the Holiday Season**

GSU President Elaine P. Maimon and the Board of Trustees invite faculty and staff to celebrate the holiday season at a reception on Friday, December 9, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

RSVP to Penny Perdue at ext. 6394.

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**New Login Passwords**

Under a mandate from the Illinois Auditor General, faculty and staff are required to change their network login password once every 60 days. Students will be required to change their password once every 120 days.

To assure a smooth transition, the password change requirement will be rolled out in phases. ITS will provide faculty, staff, and students with information on their first password change date and other details about this program. When users change their password for the first time, they will be prompted to answer a set of security questions. These questions will assist users in retrieving forgotten passwords in the future.

After the initial password reset, users will be notified when the next password update is required. Starting seven days before the expiration of their current password, users will receive a daily reminder to change their password. If faculty and staff passwords are not reset every 60 days, users will be locked out of GSU systems.

The ITS Helpdesk, which will remain staffed throughout the semester break, can be reached at helpdesk@govst.edu or 708.534.HELP (4357).
Cafeteria Holiday Hours

The cafeteria will close at 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, through December 16. The cafeteria will be closed Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11, and from December 17 to January 3 except to fill catering orders. All catering orders must be placed by December 15.

Ways of Making: Photography Exhibit

The Visual Arts Gallery will present *Ways of Making: Photography*, featuring the work of artists Myra Green and Cecil McDonald, Jr., from January 9 to February 3, 2012. A closing reception celebrating the exhibition will be held on Thursday, February 2, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The exhibit and the reception are free and open to the public.

Myra Greene received her BFA from Washington University in St. Louis and her MFA in photography from the University of New Mexico. Her work uses photographic processes to engage issues about the body, memory, the absorption of culture, and African-American identity.

Cecil McDonald Jr. grew up on the South Side of Chicago where an appreciation of art was encouraged by a creative mother, and influenced by the burgeoning DJ culture, House music, and the dance club scene.

*Ways of Making: Photography* is the second in a series of exhibitions highlighting the art-making practices taught in GSU's art program. The series began with an exhibit on *Ways of Making Paper*. Additional exhibits exploring the intricacies, methods, and some of the secrets of artistic creativity are planned. This series is made possible in part by a grant from the GSU intellectual Life Committee.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays and Wednesdays, from 5 to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, from 5 to 9 p.m.; and by appointment.

For more information, call 708.534.4021 or visit [www.govst.edu/gallery](http://www.govst.edu/gallery).

Scholarship Spotlight - Rachael Severance

Rachael Severance of Oak Lawn received the Lorraine Fontana Endowed Memorial Scholarship. Rachael is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration's finance program.

After receiving her degree, Rachael plans to continue her education and earn her master’s degree. Rachael wants to become a financial advisor.

Scholarship Spotlight - Seweryn Skibinski
Seweryn Skibinski of Burbank received the Donald W. Hansen Memorial Endowed Scholarship. Seweryn is a graduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences’ Master of Arts in Political and Justice Studies program.

He received his undergraduate degree with a double major in Criminology, Law, and Justice, and Spanish and Hispanic Studies.

Classic Holiday Entertainment (12-05-11)

Get in the holiday spirit with *The Nutcracker*, performed by the Salt Creek Ballet on Saturday, December 10 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., at the Center for Performing Arts.

Early bird 2-for-1 tickets for *The Nutcracker* are available only until Wednesday, December 7 at 4 p.m. This offer is open only to persons with a valid GSU ID.

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

BOT Meeting

The GSU Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, December 9, at 12:30 p.m., in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

For more information, contact Joan Johns Maloney at 708.534.4131.

Cafeteria Collects for Neediest Kids

Every year, the GSU Cafeteria sponsors a collection for the Neediest Kids Fund. Donations are deposited in the change jar located by the front cashier. Small donations of change from cafeteria patrons can add up to a worthwhile contribution.

The funds collected throughout this year will be donated to the Neediest Kids Fund on December 20. The Cafeteria would like to thank the GSU community for their ongoing support of this annual project.

Civil Service Holiday Celebration

Civil Service Day begins at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, December 7, in Sherman Hall, with the rollicking fun of the Civil Service Show featuring the many talents of GSU employees. Lunch for registered Civil Service employees will be served in the Hall of Governors following the show.

Book Sale at the FDC

Visit the Family Development Center’s annual book fair to buy the perfect gift for the children in your life. The book fair is open through December 9, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the FDC front entrance.
Meet the 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. 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.

W-2 Online

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.

T.A.L.E Winter Schedule

The Winter 2012 schedule of The Adult Learning Exchange (T.A.L.E.) includes classes for adults interested in pursuing new ideas and sharing their love of learning. Classes offered include A History of Ancient Rome; Film Series: Remarkable Remakes; Great Decisions; and Music of the 20th Century.

T.A.L.E. is a partnership between the Jewish Community Center (JJC) Chicago and GSU. All classes are held at GSU on Fridays, from January 13 through March 2. The next series of classes runs from March 22 to May 18.

For more information and to register for classes, contact Susanne Patterson at 708.420.0563.

Holiday Reception – Dec. 9 (12-01-11)

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Faculty and staff to celebrate the holiday season at a reception on Friday, December 9, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

RSVP to Penny Perdue at ext. 6394.

**FDM Reminder**

In the interest of personal safety as well as preservation of GSU property, FDM would like to remind the GSU community that the moving of furniture, equipment, or other permanent objects by persons other than FDM staff is strictly prohibited. Doing so may subject the college, unit, or sponsoring organization to a grievance charge with monetary consequences. Only items with rollers/casters may be moved within a classroom or office.

**Ticket Offers for Holiday Shows**

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.

CPA is offering 2-for-1 tickets to *Junie B. Jones: Jingle Bells, Batman Smells!* The offer is in effect between Friday at 10 a.m. until one hour before shows start on Saturday and Sunday. The offer is open only to persons with a valid GSU ID.

Emerald City Theatre’s adaptation of the best-selling children’s book series is ideal family entertainment and is part of the GSU Center’s “Especially for Kids” series. Tickets range from $10.50 to $15.50. *Junie B. Jones: Jingle Bells, Batman Smells!* runs approximately 60 minutes and is appropriate for children three and older.

Early bird 2-for-1 tickets for Salt Creek Ballet’s production of *The Nutcracker* are available between Friday, December 2 and Wednesday, December 7 at 4 p.m. Performances of *The Nutcracker* take place on Saturday, December 10 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. This offer is also open only to persons with a valid GSU ID.

For tickets, or information about the special ticket offers, call the box office at 708.235.2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.

**Civil Service Day - December 7**

Civil Service Day begins at 10 a.m., on December 7, in Sherman Hall, with the rollicking fun of the Civil Service Show featuring the many talents of GSU employees. A panel of judges will pick the top three performers. The audience will then choose an overall winner, who will be announced during lunch.

Lunch will be served in the Hall of Governors following the show. Civil Service employees are reminded to RSVP for lunch by contacting Lynne Clayton at ext. 3075 by Friday.

**December Trustees Meeting**
The GSU Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, December 9, in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

For more information, contact Joan Johns Maloney at 708.534.4131.

MIS Graduate Student Presents Paper at Conference

Christopher O’Hara, a graduate student in Management Information Systems, presented a paper with Dr. David Green, of CBPA, at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute in Boston, on November 19.

The paper, *Insider Threats to Systems, Networks, and Data by Involuntary Lame-Duck Employees*, explores counterproductive and non-productive uses of information and communications technologies in the case of employees who become aware of their upcoming involuntary termination while maintaining access to the organization’s systems, networks, and data.

O’Hara is a graduate student in the Master of Science in MIS program. Dr. Green is an Associate Professor of MIS.

For more information about the MS in MIS program at GSU call 708.534.4391 or e-mail bpainfo@govst.edu.

Apply for Scholarships

The GSU Foundation has scholarships available for Spring 2012. The deadline to apply is December 20. Application information is available at www.govst.edu/foundationscholarships.

For more information, visit the Alumni Relations Office or Financial Aid.

Scholarship Spotlight - Jacquelyn Rich

Jacquelyn Rich, of Matteson, received the ACESSS Scholarship. She is a student in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Jacquelyn looks forward to earning her degree and making herself more marketable in a tough economy. She also hopes to pursue a master’s degree.

CCC Raffle Winners

Members of the Department of Public Safety were the big winners in the GSU Campus Community Campaign raffle this week. Terri Garner and Maurice Hill – both of DPS – each won two tickets to the Salt Creek Ballet production of *The Nutcracker*, on December 10, at the Center for Performing Arts.

So far, the campaign is a resounding success. With 121 donors in cash and checks and 67 donors in pledges, the CCC has raised more than $45,500. There is still time to help the campaign reach its New Year’s goal of $50,000 and enter the weekly drawing for CPA tickets.
Visit the Development Office or contact a CCC volunteer. 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.

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

**Engel-Julian Exhibit**

Don’t miss the opening reception celebrating the exhibition of artwork by graduate student Janet Engel-Julian, on Friday, December 2, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Visual Arts Gallery. The exhibit continues through December 9. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

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.

**Vets and Jobs in Government**

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.

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

**Thanks for Support**

Student Life would like to thank GSU faculty and staff for making the Cancer Awareness Silent Auction a huge success. With the support of the GSU community, the auction raised $3,647.50. All proceeds benefit the Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center in Homewood.

Established 17 years ago, the Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center provides support and information to cancer survivors and their families in 70 Chicago-area and Northwest Indiana communities.