Toward Innovation and Creativity in General Education (03-29-12)

How should GSU provide the best learning to students during general education? What topics are most appealing to new GSU students? What should every student at GSU be able to do?

About 115 faculty and staff tackled those questions, and related topics, during Tuesday’s “Innovation and Creativity in General Education,” a participatory workshop that is likely to provide important ideas for first- and second-year programs as GSU prepares for freshman students in Fall, 2014.

Carol Geary Schneider, president of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, offered valuable guidance in her keynote address. Students attend college for varied reasons, she said, but colleges and universities should never underestimate their vital role in our democracy.

“General education was established in the 20th Century to give people what they need to know as citizens,” she said.

AAC&U initiated Liberal Education and America’s Promise – LEAP – in 2005 as a response to increased pressures in the U.S. and around the world. LEAP sets four essential learning outcomes: knowledge of human cultures and the physical and practical skills, intellectual and practical skills, personal and social responsibility, and integrative and applied learning. Schneider said the fourth outcome – integration and application – is particularly suited as a response to 21st century demands; it covers “big picture thinking” that is essential in our rapidly changing world.

Schneider introduced the concept of high-impact educational practices that foster learning and completion. High-impact practices include first year seminars, common intellectual experiences, learning communities, writing intensive courses, collaborative assignments and projects, undergraduate research, diversity/global learning, service and community based learning, internships, and capstone courses and projects.

GSU needs to establish a purposeful and public spirited general education program, guided by high quality aims and intended outcomes, and anchored in carefully sequenced high-impact practices,
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IDSS Portfolio Seminar
College Credit for Prior Learning
June 23
10 a.m. – noon
D1496
$50
Register
708.534.4092

Chicago Southland Gospel Fest 2012
June 29
7:30 p.m.
Cntr Perf Arts
Tickets

DrOT Information Session
June 30
2 p.m.
G127

Schneider said, “It should be a curriculum that fosters civic capacities and also prepares students for the complexities of today’s economy.”

Today, Schneider said, colleges and universities aren’t just facing economic pressures; they are also pressured by civic and global challenges. Employers, in particular, are “demanding more, much more. They want and seek many more college educated workers. They also seek much higher and broader levels of learning in those they employ, retain, and promote.”

Download Schneider’s handout and PowerPoint presentation.

Cabaret Weekend Ticket Special

2-for-1 tickets are on sale for Cabaret Weekend at the GSU Center for Performing Arts. Cabaret Weekend – on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday – brings rock and jazz, country and pop, all performed up-close to an audience seated at onstage tables.

Interested persons must directly contact the CPA box office for the GSU discount. Current GSU ID required. 2-for-1 tickets can only be used for same show.

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An Immortal Life Discussed

David "Sonny" Lacks Tuesday shared his mother’s story with an audience of students, faculty, staff, and community members. Lacks was accompanied by his daughter, Kim.

Dr. Judy Berglund, assistant professor of social work at GSU, moderated the discussion of the bestselling book, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, which details how Lacks’ mother’s cells were used without her permission for medical research, and the family’s discovery of the facts years later.

This event was sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee, the College of Health and Human Services, and the College of Education.
Alcohol Awareness

Identifying the facts, realizing the risks, and determining your limits are all important in understanding the effects of alcohol. Learn what you need to know at the Alcohol Awareness Information Session, on Thursday, April 5, 5 to 6 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

This event is free, open to the public, and sponsored by the Academic Resource Center in conjunction with National Alcohol Awareness Week.

GSU Offers Home Inspection Course

GSU is offering a home inspector certification course on May 11, 12, and 13, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The course provides the tools needed to successfully start a home inspection business and is open to those seeking both a part and full-time career opportunities. Studies show that full-time certified home inspectors earn approximately $50,000 per year.

GSU’s Office of Continuing Education has partnered with the American Home Inspection Training Institute (AHIT), the industry leader, to offer a comprehensive home inspection course. Students will accompany the instructor to five local homes to conduct actual hands-on inspections. The course includes training on structure, interiors, exteriors, plumbing, electrical, roofs, heating and cooling, and report writing. Students will also receive expert guidance in how to develop and market a business.

The course fee is $1,795, which includes all materials. Registration must be completed by April 13 and is available by calling 877.838.0959. Further information is available at www.ahit.com/affiliates/govst or by calling 708.534.4099.

Intellectual Life Grant Deadline Nears

Intellectual Life Grants will be awarded for up to $500 for events taking place between August 20 and December 1 that promote and increase awareness of the arts, humanities, and other intellectual topics of universal interest. Possible events might include lecture series, faculty research salons, workshops, panel discussions, film screenings, exhibits, presentations in local communities, and field trips.

Submissions are due April 6. Please download and fill out the grant form and return it via email to lruetten@govst.edu. Award winners will be notified by April 20.

Scholarship spotlight – Monica Clanton

Monica Clanton of Park Forest received the Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Health and Human Services’ social work program.

As a licensed social worker, Monica intends to make an impact on her community through the administration and implementation of services and
## Substitute Teacher Academy 2012

GSU is sponsoring a daylong Substitute Teacher Academy with Resources on April 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Many school districts are in need of qualified substitute teachers. This workshop will help experienced and new substitutes increase their knowledge and skills.

The academy will teach substitute teachers what to expect in the classroom, what to do in an emergency, how to maintain classroom control, and how to follow the teacher’s lesson plans. It will also provide ideas and activities for both new and experienced subs that can be adapted and used in any school and any grade.

Participants must have a bachelor’s degree. The $50 registration fee includes lunch and all materials. Seating is limited to 40 registrants. Advance registration is required.

Call 708.534.4024. Registration deadline is April 6.

## Navigating Our Colliding Worlds

The GSU Honors Program is hosting *Navigating Our Colliding Worlds*, a lecture series featuring presentations by Anna Carvalho, Alex Kotlowitz, and Dr. Charles Payne.

The lecture series begins with a presentation by author Alex Kotlowitz, *Making Sense of the Madness: Reflections from Twenty Years of Reporting on Urban Violence*, on April 11, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Kotlowitz is best known for his bestselling book, “There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America,” selected by the New York Public Library as one of the 150 most important books of the century. Most recently, he co-produced the film “The Interrupters,” a documentary on urban violence. Kotlowitz also contributes to The New York Times Magazine, The New Yorker, and public radio’s “This American Life.”

The lecture series continues with *Urban School Reform: the State of the Debate*, a lecture by Dr. Charles Payne, on Wednesday, April 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The series concludes with *Riding the Cultural Revolution: Lessons From Chicago’s Southland*. Anna Carvalho will discuss the unexpected observations and benefits found in embracing differences in on Wednesday, April 25, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The Honors Program lectures are free and open to the public.

## Power of Mindfulness

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**Adventure Club at GSU (03-26-12)**

Children no longer have to face the summer weeks with little to do and nothing to excite their interest. The Adventure Club will take them on a journey of excitement, discovery, and exploration.

The Adventure Club is summer camp with a difference. It was developed by GSU’s Family Development Center to take the boredom out of summer. Children ages 6 to 12 will enjoy nine weeks of fun and learning. Recreation activities include swimming, basketball, table tennis, foosball, air hockey, and lots of outdoor play. Fine arts activities involve art enrichment, creativity, field trips, and drama. The academics include economic education though business games and computer instruction and activities.

Adventure Club takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with before and after club childcare services available. The cost is only $175 per week. Adventure Club is supported in part by a grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services. Eligible grant participants receive discounts based on income. Pell grant, TANF, SSI, and low income families receive camp free of charge. Childcare fees apply.

For more information, visit [www.govst.edu/children](http://www.govst.edu/children) or call 708.235.7300.

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**Fill the Shelves**

The GSU Student Food Pantry shelves need restocking. Please bring non-perishable food items to help those in need. Food collection containers are located near the elevator in the Hall of Governors and in the Student Commons (A2140).

The pantry is open on the first and third Mondays of the month through June. The pantry will be open on April 2.

**Ideas and Pizza at SOTA Meeting**

Members of the GSU Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) will meet on Tuesday, March 27, at noon, in room G127. SOTA’s officers for the 2012-2013 school year will meet for the first time to discuss goals for the coming year.

Pizza will be served and all are welcome to bring ideas for educational, social, and fundraising events.

**TALE Spring 2012 Schedule**

The Adult Learning Exchange (T.A.L.E.) will again offer classes at GSU for adults on Fridays, from March 30 through May 25.

Course topics include “The Place of G-d in American Political Discourse,” “Fall of Eagles,” “What Will Save Our Public Schools,” “Abraham Lincoln II,” and “Foreign Affairs: Understanding Culture Through Film.”

To learn more and to register for classes, contact Suzanne Patterson at 708.420.0563.

**Media Images of Women**

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E-Lounge.

Panelists include Dr. Debbie James, assistant professor of Media Communication; Vera Barkus, Communications Department co-chair, Kennedy King College; and Bryant Monteilh, GSU alum and WVON radio personality.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Cafeteria vouchers will be awarded to the first 20 attendees who complete an optional online survey.

This event is the project of GSU student Carla Roberson and is sponsored by a grant from the Intellectual Life Committee.

**Holistic Health Conference – March 31**

Learn about holistic health at a daylong conference on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The conference includes presentations, demonstrations, and exhibits of holistic and healthful products and services. Vendors and exhibitors will fill the Hall of Governors with information, products, and services related to holistic health. Presenters include Dr. Wendy Westbrooks, Bi Nah Davis, Kim Simmons, and Tom Masbaum and Linda Nyberg.

This event is free and sponsored by Student Life and the GSU Wellness Club.

Continuing Education Units are available for persons attending the seminar on massage therapy and reflexology. Exhibitor/vendor space is still available.

For more information, contact Vanessa Newby at 708.534.4551.

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**Leave a Legacy - 2012**

Members of the graduating class of 2012 are leaving a legacy of their achievement and success at GSU and honoring the people in their lives who helped them to achieve.

Each 2012 graduate has been asked to give
$20.12 to the class gift, which will help support the GSU Promise. Graduates may honor someone special who contributed to their success by making an additional $20 gift per honoree. All graduate contributors and honorees will be included in a special tribute at Commencement.

To help graduates save the amount, free piggy banks are available in the Development Office, room D34200.

Banks filled with the $20.12 contribution should be returned to the Development Office by April 26. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

For more information, call 708.235.2188.

**Trade Center Client Is Top Small Business Exporter**

PARC Corporation, a client of the International Trade Center at GSU CenterPoint, has been selected as the Small Business Administration’s Illinois 2012 Small Business Exporter of the Year. PARC, based in Romeoville, has been in the plastics recycling business for more than 10 years, exporting various types of recovered plastics material to and from Canada, Europe, South America, Central America, and other destinations around the world.

Mary Ma, International Trade Center director, has been working with PARC Corporation for the last 10 months. Ma said she has been helping PARC with export resources offered at the federal and state level to help it increase global sales, optimize its logistics management, and elevate its global marketing strategy. During the first half of 2011, PARC increased its export volume by $17.5 million.

**Creativity and Innovation Registration (03-22-12)**

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The purpose of the event is to provide members of the university’s General Education Working Group with input so they can create the GE outcomes statements and recommend the structure for lower
division General Education courses, as well as any upper division courses that may fall in that category.

Workshop sessions will concentrate on topics related to General Education at GSU:
• Concepts that guide GSU’s General Education program
• Relating LEAP outcomes to GSU’s General Education planning
• Exploring high impact learning practices and how they may be integrated into GSU’s General Education and first-year experiences

Participants also will discuss a GE Working Group timeline and a possible first-year kickoff event in the week before freshmen start classes in Fall, 2014.

Before the workshop, participants will be asked to do some pre-work on exercise sheets dealing with General education outcomes, themes, and high impact learning.

We urge you to attend and participate in this significant campus event.

Copier Upgrades

Auxiliary Services and ITS are working with the vendor to upgrading the billing software for the networked copiers. This will improve both billing and reporting detail availability. All billing chargebacks are now complete and will be entered into Datatel. In the future, copier billing will occur monthly.

The new copier software will allow for campus-wide use of your security password at any networked copier and will allow departments to receive a detailed usage reports. Additional enhancements include longer time out reset features while using copiers and more advanced billing and reports.

If you have any questions regarding copier access codes, training, or billing, please contact Joyce Giroux in the University Print Shop.

Makes Cents

Next time you get thirsty or need that caffeine boost remember the great deal available at the GSU cafeteria. Refills of pop or coffee are only $.79 for up to a 32 oz. when you bring your own cup, glass, bottle, or mug. You save some money and the Earth gets trashed a bit less.

Student Theater Production Takes Stage Next Month

Stop Kiss, by Diana Son, will be presented as an all-student production
Lauren White, the director of *Stop Kiss*, said the multimedia play, set in modern-day New York City, tells the comedic, dramatic story about “how love and hate can change lives in an instant.”

“This is the first fully-student produced live theater event at GSU in over a quarter of a century,” White said. “It is an honor to bring this production to our university.”

*Stop Kiss* cast members include Shawnta Young, Niki Kimmel, Joe Butler, Chris Zurales, Dabney Buchanan, Adriene Farmer, and Carla S. Roberson. Other production personnel include filming by Matt Sass and White; film editing by Sass; and publicity and house management by Keyana Marshall.

*Stop Kiss* contains adult themes and explicit language.

White said *Stop Kiss* is made possible by an Intellectual Life Committee Grant and the support of Dr. Jason Zingsheim, faculty advisor.

**Students Strike!**

Spare some time for a great game. It will bowl you over and you will have a ball. Join the GSU Bowling League for pins and needles excitement on Fridays, from March 30 through April 27, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Lakewood Bowl, in Richton Park.

Interested students should contact Dean Jennings.

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**March GSA Meeting**
The GSU Gay Straight Alliance will meet on Thursday March 29, from 3 to 4 p.m. in room E2590. Everyone is welcome.

### Science Division Chair Presentations

As part of the interview process, candidates for Science Division Chair will give presentations to the university community.

Dr. Louise Wootton will present on Monday, March 26, from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. Download vitae.

Dr. Sebastian van Delden will present on Wednesday, March 28, from 2 to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Download vitae.

Dr. Yun-Yau (Steve) Shih, currently serving as interim Division Chair, will present on Thursday, March 29, from 3 to 4 p.m. in room D2441. Download vitae.

Everyone is welcome.

### MOT Student Spotlight – Russ Thompson

Graduate student Russ Thompson has been elected vice president of the American Occupational Therapy Association Assembly of Student Delegates. Russ is in the second year of the Master of Occupational Therapy program,

As vice president, he will preside at the national conference meeting in Indianapolis in April. Russ will attend the conference with 18 other GSU students. The MOT program is being honored by the American Occupational Therapy Association for its 100 percent student membership in the organization.

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### Earth Day Award Nominations Due

GSU’s Sustainability Committee is seeking nominations for the first-ever Earth Day
Award.

The award, to be announced at the university’s Earth Day celebration on April 19, recognizes a member of the university community who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, pioneering contributions, and innovations in four areas:

- Grass roots activism – mobilizing individuals in response to environmental problems
- Service – working on committees that have a mission related to sustainability.
- Education – involvement in organized efforts to teach how natural environments function and how people can manage their behavior and ecosystems to live sustainably.
- Research – making a substantial contribution in advancing knowledge about sustainability.

Any person formally associated with GSU is eligible for the Earth Day Award, including current degree-seeking students, alumni, staff, faculty, administrators, and retirees.

Nominations are due March 29 and should be submitted to Sheree Sanderson in Student Life (A2103). An ad hoc committee of students affiliated with the Student Senate will determine the award recipient.

Creating a More Sustainable Future

Learn more about establishing and maintaining a sustainable future from Jack Byrne, Director of Sustainability Integration Office at Middlebury College, on Tuesday, April 17, from 1 to 2 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Byrne will discuss his work with a wide range of sustainability projects including green building designs, greenhouse gas reduction strategies, local foods, renewable energy, and transportation initiatives. He is the co-founder of the non-profit Foundation for Our Future at the Center for a Sustainable Future. He oversaw Education for a Sustainable Future, a six-year, $18 million U.S. Department of Education project.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. It is sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the GSU Sustainability Committee.

Scholarship Spotlight – Johnny Burns

Johnny Burns of Chicago received the Monsignor Ignatius D. McDermott Scholarship. He is a graduate student in the College of Health and Human Services working toward his master’s in social work. He is currently a certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor.

Johnny’s education at GSU has increased his skill level and ability, and has emphasized the need to deliver services in the field of social work from a social justice perspective. He wishes to
be an advocate for children and other oppressed and disadvantaged populations.

**Remembering Dr. Gary Lyon (03-19-12)**

A memorial service in honor of the late Dr. Gary Lyon will be held on Tuesday, March 20, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. A reception will follow in the CPA Lobby.

Dr. Lyon was an admired member of the GSU faculty. He joined the chemistry department in 2001. He is remembered for his genuine warmth, compassion, and dedication to GSU and to helping his students achieve in the classroom and their careers.

Please join us in remembering a remarkable educator and friend.

**Criminal Justice Employment Opportunities**

The Criminal Justice Career and Internship Fair will be held on Thursday, March 22, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

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

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**Keys to Good Health 2012**
Learn the keys to good health at a series of workshops sponsored by the GSU Wellness Club. Workshops are presented by the Health on Earth Wellness Centers and are designed to help students, faculty, and staff improve their health and wellness.

The series begins with *Manage Stress Before It Manages You* on Wednesday, March 21, at 3 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

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Link to nomination forms.

**Student Research Conference – 2012**

GSU will hold its 18th Annual Student Research Conference on Thursday, April 19. The conference provides students an opportunity to present their research work before an audience of their peers, and also provides a forum to highlight research accomplishments at GSU. Presentations will be made by students only. Faculty should encourage students to present their research and other scholarly work in this conference.

Registration and abstract submission forms are in the electronic format and are available at the conference website. Further information and the conference program is also available at the website. Students and faculty need to fill out and submit forms on the website. Abstracts are to be submitted in the abstract submission form.

All attendees are required to register using the registration forms. Students are encouraged to attend the conference even if they are not presenting any paper. There is no registration fee. The deadline for registration and abstract submission is Monday, April 9.

The conference will begin at 9 a.m. and lasts until 5 p.m. It will have morning and afternoon podium presentations. Posters will be displayed right after lunch, which will be provided to all registrants. Certificates of merit will be awarded to all student participants.
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Linen Donations Needed

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Purple Friends of Epilepsy Foundation donation barrels are located near the elevators in the Hall of Governors and in Student Life, room A2100.

For more information, contact Vanessa Newby at 708.534.4551.

Etiquette Lessons and Lunch

Learn the etiquette skills you'll need when meeting potential employers and clients in social settings during the Etiquette Luncheon for GSU students. The Office of Career Services is sponsoring this very informative lunch workshop on Tuesday, April 3, from noon to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Receive manners instruction as you enjoy a full meal. Learn about appropriate and professional attire. Gain tips on social etiquette — a valuable skill set needed for professional settings.
Registration for the Etiquette Luncheon at GSU is required and the fee is $5. Contact the Office of Career Services for more information at 708.235.3974.

**Mentoring Matters**

If you are a new or current counseling student and are feeling lost, overwhelmed, or simply looking to establish a connection, consider establishing a connection to a peer mentor.

The Counseling Peer Mentoring Program (PMP) provides peer mentors who are also classmates. Mentors are students who understand what you are experiencing. They can offer a different viewpoint from the academic advisor and counseling faculty. They can give you hints on what worked for them and let you know what to expect. A mentor gives you a contact person to help you navigate through the system.

The PMP will include social events for mentors/mentees and workshops on topics such as study tips, time management, and Blackboard/Portal tutorials.

Contact Bonnie Gregg for more information. Respond by April 6 for Summer 2012 participation.

**Brown Bag Tools and Toys**

The Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center presents *Tools and Toys for Faculty— Technology Horizons*, this semester's third Brown Bag lunch, on Thursday, March 22, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Based on a survey of faculty needs, the session will focus on tools available to GSU faculty that support and reinforce teaching around, between, out of, and in the classroom.

This session, led by Yevette Brown and colleagues from the Center for Online Teaching and Learning, will provide helpful information on:
- creating audio announcements and podcasts;
- narrating your Power Point and publishing it to Blackboard;
- adding video to your PowerPoint, and Screencapture using Camtasia and Captivate;
- producing and sharing video with your students; and
- creating a few other “high end” bells and whistles.

They will also introduce the new Faculty Technology Lab.

Bring your lunch, ideas, techniques you would like to share, and questions. Coffee, tea, soft drinks, and snacks will be provided by the Office of the Provost.

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and training demanded by the IT market in the future. They will also discuss the education gaps exhibited by new entrants into the IT workforce and how job seekers can develop the skills they will need.

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GSU Library March Madness Continues

Friends of the Governors State University Library are sponsoring a book and media drive during the entire month of March. It is GSU’s very own version of March Madness.

Bring in any books or DVDs that are collecting dust in a corner or taking up room on your bookcase. Drop off your used books or DVDs at the Library and fill out a simple donation form for tax purposes. It’s a win-win situation that helps the Friends continue their support of the GSU Library.

Smoking Rules Will Be Enforced

The Department of Public Safety has received a number of complaints about smoking within 15 feet of the entry doors. DPS asks that you be mindful and courteous to your GSU colleagues – co-workers, students and faculty -- when smoking.

DPS will enforce smoking violations with state citations. A person who smokes in an area where smoking is prohibited faces a fine of not less than $100 and not more than $250.

Class of 2012 Gift (03-15-12)

Members of the graduating class of 2012 are leaving a legacy of their achievement and success at GSU and honoring the people in their lives who helped them to achieve.

Each 2012 graduate has been asked to give $20.12 to the class gift, which will help support the GSU Promise. Graduates may honor someone special who contributed to their success by making an additional $20 gift per honoree. All graduate contributors and honorees will be included in a special tribute at Commencement.

To help graduates save the amount, free piggy banks are available in the Development Office, room D34200.

Banks filled with the $20.12 contribution should be returned to the Development Office by April 26. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

For more information, call 708.235.2188.

Innovation and Creativity at GSU

Faculty and staff are invited to Innovation and Creativity in General
**Education**, a March 27 workshop that focuses on GSU’s General Education planning. The workshop takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Center for Performing Arts stage, and will include lunch.

Carol Geary Schneider, president of the Association of American Colleges and Universities is the featured speaker. She will discuss the national framework and best national practices of General Education.

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RSVPs are essential for the workshop. Participants will be assigned seats at onstage tables and lunch will be served. Interested persons should RSVP to Penny Perdue at 708.534.4130 by March 23.

**Rakstang Named State 'Champion of the Year'**

Bob Rakstang, director of the GSU CenterPoint’s Illinois Small Business Development Center, has been selected as the Small Business Administration’s Illinois 2012 Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year.

Rakstang was honored as an advocate for veteran-owned businesses and for creating GSU’s Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp program, which has offered training in entrepreneurial skills to more than 500 veterans in the last four years. During boot camps, business professionals from a wide range of backgrounds volunteer their expertise and support toward veteran business development, and help veterans understand the resources that are available for veteran-owned businesses. Rakstang connects with government agencies at local, state and federal levels to build expertise, resources and support for veteran outreach efforts.

CenterPoint Director Hilary Burkinshaw said Rakstang “is quietly dedicated to improving the business environment for veterans and is a deserving recipient of the SBA Veterans Small Business Champion of the Year Award.”

Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camps were recognized by the Illinois Entrepreneurship and Small Business Growth Association in 2008 and 2009 for their “outstanding, innovative, and best practices in the programs and services offered by member Illinois centers and the impact the program has had on the community, region, and state.”

**IT Job Prospects**
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**Women’s History Month 2012**

GSU celebrates Women’s History Month in March with discussions, a film series, and a special performance.

The film series begins on Monday March 19, at 5 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex, with *Breaking Our Silence: Gloucester Men Speak Out Against Domestic Abuse*. This 11 minute documentary focuses on the activist efforts of men in Gloucester, Massachusetts, who take a stand against domestic abuse and bullying. A discussion will follow the screening. Refreshments will be served.

*War Zone* will be shown on Tuesday, March 20, at 5 p.m. The location will be announced. This documentary is 45 minutes long and focuses on first-hand, direct confrontations with men sexually harassing women. A discussion will follow the screening. Refreshments will be served.

The film series concludes with *Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls* on Thursday, March 22, at 5 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. This 38 minute film examines the developmental challenges facing teenage girls in today's world and provides a medium to discuss how females can empower themselves while dealing with historical stereotypes, toxic influences, and pressures of pop culture. A discussion will follow the screening. Refreshments will be served.

Singer Marcya McReynolds will perform and a discussion will follow on Wednesday, March 21, at 5 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Women’s History Month activities are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. The activities are sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, Student Life, ARC, and a grant from the Intellectual Life Committee.

**Grants for an Intellectual Life**

The Intellectual Life Committee is again offering Intellectual Life Grants. The mission of the Intellectual Life Committee is:

- To expand the intellectual opportunities available to the GSU community
- To contribute to the enhancement of intellectual pursuits
- To increase the growth of and participation in intellectual endeavors.

The Intellectual Life Grants will be awarded for up to $500 for events taking place between August 20, 2012 and December 1, 2012 that promote and increase awareness of the arts, humanities and other intellectual topics of universal interest. Possible events might include
lecture series, faculty research salons, workshops, panel discussions, exhibits, presentations in local communities and field trips.

The primary audience for these events is GSU students, although the events should be open to all members of the GSU community and the region.

GSU staff and faculty, as well as enrolled GSU students with a faculty collaborator, are invited to apply using the Intellectual Life Grant Application. Events must be promoted as sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee in addition to any other sponsors.

Selection Criteria include:
- Comparative analysis between grant projects presented,
- Value to the GSU community in terms of intellectual life,
- Strategies for promoting the event,
- Completion of the event within Fall 2012 Semester,
- Feasibility of the project based on the support of this grant plus any other sources of funding, and
- Grant funding may not be used to compensate GSU employees or purchase hardware or software.

Submissions are due April 6. Please fill out the accompanying form in Microsoft Word and e-mail it to Lydia Morrow Ruetten. Award winners will be notified by April 20, 2012. Interested persons can contact for more information.

Author, Author

The University Library will host the Faculty Authors Reception on March 29 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the Library balcony. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Erin Engelbrecht at ext. 7515 or Lynn DiMaggio at ext. 8398.

Factory Physics

Edward Pound will present a lecture on Factory Physics on Tuesday, March 20, at 6 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex. The lecture is sponsored by CBPA APICS-Chicago.

Factory Physics is the title of both an award-winning book and company name. Formed in 2001 by author Dr. Mark L. Spearman, Factory Physics Inc. is a management consulting company that provides a scientific framework, software support tools, and training to optimize performance of manufacturing supply chains.

Edward Pound is Chief Operations Officer at Factory Physics Inc. He has more than 20 years of experience in manufacturing, having worked in general management, operations, purchasing, and product development.

Factory Physics applies scientific principles to manufacturing and service operations, and the lecture should be of interest to anyone who manages resources. Anyone from Governors State University may attend free of charge, but space is limited to the first 30 who register. Interested persons should register with John Simon by Monday, March 19.
Scholarship Spotlight - Valencia Brown

Valencia Brown of Park Forest received the Donald Dolan Endowed Business Scholarship. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration. She plans on continuing her education to receive her master’s in business degree.

Valencia’s short term goal is to become an administrator for a south suburban business. She would like to open a non-profit organization to assist underprivileged individual to get their lives back on track.

E and F Renovation Update (03-12-19)

This week, the contractor started demolishing two sets of concrete stairs. This will be very noisy, and there may be “structure-borne vibration.” Workers started today with the stairs closest to occupied areas of E-wing, and will move to the F-wing stairs after the first set is razed. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this (possibly) disruptive portion of the project.

Last week some areas experienced an unpleasant odor coming from the construction area. The smell was from sprinkler line water that had been stagnant in the sprinkler piping for most of the last 40 years. While the odor lingered for a while in some areas and was unpleasant, it was not harmful.

The demolition has exposed an interesting piece of GSU’s history. Our longtime employees and faculty will recall that the buildings were originally covered with a Cor-ten steel panel, which was supposed to form a rust coating and then last “forever.” In many locations it never stopped rusting, and within 10 years there were spots where snow would blow under the panels into occupied areas. The brick you see today was added in front of the metal panels in the mid-1980s. As walls were removed this week, we found the original panels, which apparently “weathered” better once they were covered by brick.

Stories about Dads

GSU is looking for stories about fathers.

On April 17, the Division of Digital Learning and Media Design will be taping a one-hour program with journalist and author John Fountain, based on his most recent book, Dear Dad: Reflections on Fatherhood. Fountain’s book is a compilation of true stories written by journalists and writers about their relationships with their fathers, or lack thereof, and fatherhood in general.

Students and faculty are invited to share their own story about their relationship with their dad—good or bad. Some of the stories will be
used during the taping of the show. DLMD is also looking for people who are willing to share their story on camera.

Interested persons should submit a one or two page paper addressing these questions: What role your dad has played in your life? How has your father inspired you? Do you want to be like your father? Do you want to be better than your father? Is there anything else you would like to share about your dad?

Stories should be submitted to ThisWeek@govst.edu by Monday, March 26. Persons who are interested in telling their stories on camera should contact Keisha Dyson at 708. 235.6870.

**Tools and Toys for Faculty**

The Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center presents *Tools and Toys for Faculty— Technology Horizons*, this semester’s third Brown Bag lunch, on March 22, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Based on a survey of faculty needs, the session will focus on tools available to GSU faculty that support and reinforce teaching around, between, out of, and in the classroom.

This session, led by Yevette Brown and colleagues from the Center for Online Teaching and Learning, will provide helpful information on:

- creating audio announcements and podcasts;
- narrating your Power Point and publish it to Blackboard;
- adding video to your PowerPoint, and Screencapture using Camtasia and Captivate;
- producing and share video with your students; and
- creating a few other “high end” bells and whistles.

They will also introduce the new Faculty Technology Lab.

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The next Brown Bag session, on April 26, will target assessment.

For more information and to register, contact Raven James or Tony Labriola.

**Feeding the Food Pantry**

The GSU Student Food Pantry is open on the first and third Mondays of the month through June. The pantry will be open on March 19.

Food collection containers are located near the elevator in the Hall of Governors and in the Student Commons (A2140).

**Careers and Internships in Criminal Justice 2012**

The Criminal Justice Career and Internship Fair will be held on March 22, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internship positions with
Celebrate the Life of Dr. Gary Lyon

A memorial service in honor of the late Dr. Gary Lyon will be held on Tuesday, March 20, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. A reception will follow in the CPA Lobby.

Dr. Lyon was an admired member of the GSU faculty. He joined the chemistry department in 2001. He is remembered for his genuine warmth, compassion, and dedication to GSU and to helping his students achieve in the classroom and their careers.

Please join us in remembering a remarkable educator and friend.

Understanding State Pension Reform (03-08-12)

More than 150 faculty and staff Tuesday heard Dr. Steven Cunningham of Northern Illinois University explain ongoing pension reform efforts in Illinois, and how current proposals will affect state university employees.

Tuesday’s forum is one of a series of meetings on pension reform taking place at many Illinois public universities. President Maimon gave a brief update on efforts by state university presidents and chancellors, on behalf of their employees, to find the best solution to the current pension crisis. As convener of the public university presidents and chancellors, she and other presidents met recently in Springfield with Governor Quinn’s top staff members and key state legislators to encourage a full analysis of pension reform that would protect employees, the universities, and the state.

During his presentation, Dr. Cunningham related the history of public pension funding in Illinois, and how pensions have become increasingly underfunded in recent years. The state’s unfunded public pension obligation has climbed from $15 billion in fiscal year 2000 to $85 billion in fiscal year 2010, he said.

According to Dr. Cunningham, there are four options for stabilizing the state pension systems:
- Continue into an unprecedented funding crisis, with unpredictable results.
- Amend the Constitution to weaken the Pension Protection Clause.
- Statutorily reduce benefits for current participants, leading to extended litigation and uncertainty.
- Establish an alternative funding model to reduce the unsustainable burden on the state budget.

There are currently 20 pension reform bills pending in the Illinois General Assembly. President Maimon urges university employees to follow the debate and to communicate with legislators as this matter is discussed in Springfield.

You can read Dr. Cunningham’s Power Point presentation.
Student Senate Winners

Results have been announced in the 2012 GSU Student Senate elections.

Winners in the recent online voting are:

Lisa Wallace, COE – President
Erin Fletcher, CAS – Board of Trustee Representative
Brandon Sanders, CAS – IBHE Representative

CAS
Christopher Apata – Senator
Codjo Padonou – Senator

CBPA
Valencia Brown – Senator
Regina Hayes – Senator

CHHS
Lydia Quinones – Senator

IDSS
Betty Campbell – Senator

Senators at Large
Irma Gonzalez Pita, CBPA
Shawnta Young, CBPA
Darren Heldt, CBPA (Write-in)
Eric Williams, CAS (Write-in)
John Hosty, CAS (Write-in)
Imani Aloway, CAS (Write-in)

The 2012 Online Voting System for Governors State University is monitored and tabulated by Votenet Solutions, an independent firm.

Workshop Targets General Education Planning

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Workshop sessions will concentrate on topics related to General Education at GSU:

- Concepts that guide GSU’s General Education program
- Relating LEAP outcomes to GSU’s General Education planning
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- Exploring high impact learning practices and how they may be integrated into GSU's General Education and first-year experiences

Participants also will discuss a GE Working Group timeline and a possible first-year kickoff event in the week before freshmen start classes in Fall, 2014.
Before the workshop, participants will be asked to do some pre-work on exercise sheets dealing with General education outcomes, themes, and high impact learning.

We urge you to attend and participate in this significant campus event.

Rapid Research Reports

Students, faculty, and staff will have the opportunity to hear what GSU professors and colleagues are working on at the at the faculty “rapid research” event on Friday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. These rapid overviews of the research and developments taking place in our community illustrate our diverse interests and inquiring minds.

Present your research and hear what your colleagues are working on. Some highlights of rapid presentations include Stone Soup Project: Restorative Justice in the South Suburbs; Disaster Preparedness and Training in Illinois; Using Motion Capture to Measure Functional Changes in Children with CP; The Advantages of Using Nanoparticles for Drug Delivery; Policy Implications of Addiction as a Brain Disease; National Studies on Social Workers' Unprofessional Conduct and Sanctioning Patterns of State Licensing Boards; Phenomenon of Student Active Class Participation in MOT; and Sexual and Behavioral Health Intervention Development.

Presentations will take place from 10 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to Raven James with the topic of your research, and/or to confirm your attendance at the event. The event is sponsored by GSU’s Scholarship and Teaching Center.

Commencement Participation

GSU Commencement ceremonies are fast approaching. Faculty and staff are asked to confirm their participation and reserve their regalia. Participation and regalia order forms are due by March 14.

Link to participation and regalia order forms.

Please return the forms to the Advancement Office, room D34200. For more information, contact Erin Markase at ext. 2832.

Student Speakers 2012

The Commencement Student Speaker Committee is currently accepting nominations for the commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 19. This year we will hold two ceremonies: at 10 a.m. for CAS and CBPA graduates, and at 5 p.m. for CHHS and COE graduates.

As a result, we will select two commencement speakers, one for each ceremony. We need candidates who represent all colleges, so please
make a concerted effort to nominate deserving students for this prestigious honor.

Please complete both nomination forms and send them to Sheree Sanderson no later than March 28. Please note that nominees must be available for an interview on Friday, April 6, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Link to nomination forms.

Union Street Gallery Show Features GSU Artists

Six GSU artists are participating in Botanic/Organic, the current exhibit at Union Street Gallery in Chicago Heights. The show takes place through March 31 at the gallery, 1527 Otto Boulevard.

Contributing to Botanic/Organic are GSU alumni Margie Glass-Sula, Brooke Nicholson, Lori White, and Jason Walker; current graduate student Luis Sahagun; and Associate Professor of Art Javier Chavira, who is also a GSU graduate.

Sahagun received an honorable mention for his piece. Elizabeth Whiting, curator for the Union League Club in Chicago, curated the show.

“It is extremely gratifying that so many of our students made the cut to be part of this nationally juried show,” Chavira said. “Through the years, many of our students have participated in juried exhibitions at Union Street and I am extremely gratified to have this little gem of a place right next door in Chicago Heights.”

Admission to Union Street Gallery is free. For gallery hours, or more information on the show, contact Union Street Gallery at 708.754.2601.

You can read a review of Botanic/Organic in the NWI Times.

Criminal Justice Career and Internship Fair 2012

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Towels and Linens Collection

Donate clean, used towels and linens to help a good cause. The GSU Wellness Club has teamed with the Friends of Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago for a towel and linen drive at GSU. The donations will help the foundation provide programs and services for more than 130,000 Chicagoland residents affected by epilepsy.

Purple Friends of Epilepsy Foundation donation barrels are located near the elevators in the Hall of Governors and in Student Life, room A2100.
How to Paint at GSU

The Visual Arts Gallery presents “Ways of Making: Painting” from March 9 through 30. The exhibit will feature the artwork of 25 painters, all women, in recognition of the 25th year of Women’s History Month. A closing reception celebrating the artists will be held on Wednesday, March 28, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Gallery Director Jeff Stevenson and Guest Curator Dolores Mercado, of the National Museum of Mexican Art, invited artists who represent a diversity of working styles, career stages, and subject matter.

“This exhibit seeks to enhance the classroom experience for our students as well as provide a wonderful cultural experience to our extended and growing community outside of the university,” said Stevenson.

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, visit www.govst.edu/gallery.

Keys to Good Health

Learn the keys to good health at a series of workshops sponsored by the GSU Wellness Club. Workshops are presented by the Health on Earth Wellness Centers and are designed to help students, faculty, and staff improve their health and wellness.

The series begins with Manage Stress Before It Manages You on March 21, at 3 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

Learn how to add activity to a sedentary work day in Stay Fit While You Sit on March 28, at 1:30, in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

On April 4, you can learn how to give yourself a hand at a workshop on Carpal Tunnel Syndrome at 1:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

The final workshop is addresses good health and longevity in 10 Keys to Longevity, on April 24, at 1:30 p.m.

Social Work Awareness Month 2012

In recognition of Social Work Awareness Month, GSU is sponsoring a series of presentations, workshops, and events.

Impact of Trauma and Possible Solutions for Women Involved in the Legal System, including Incarceration for Nonviolent Crimes will be presented by Jo Ann Smith, MSW, LCSW, on Wednesday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m. The presentation will take place at Corazon Community Center. For more information, contact Vanessa Newby at 708.534.4551.
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Services, 5339 W. 25th St., Cicero. It is free to members of the National Association of Social Workers. There is a $10 fee for non-members seeking CEUs.

A Social Work Employment Panel will offer students the opportunity to learn about various options for social work practice. The discussion will be led by GSU Addictions Studies Lecturer Mark Sanders, LCSW. The discussion is on Tuesday, March 20, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. This event is free.

Events continue with a panel discussion on the causes and effects of trauma on Tuesday, March 20, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Panelists include Dr. Wendy Westbrooks, a clinical physician, radio talk show host, and health/wellness coach; and representatives from the Red Cross, the Veteran’s Administration, Rape Victim Advocacy, and National Disaster Relief organizations. This discussion is free.

The GSU community has the opportunity to take part in a special reception with David "Sonny" Lacks on Monday March 26, from 5 to 7 p.m.. Lacks, who will be speaking at GSU the following day, will be available to sign the book, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, which details how his mother’s cells were used without her permission for medical research. Registration for the reception is required by March 16, at www.govst.edu/Sonny_Lacks_Reception. This event is free and sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee, the College of Health and Human Services, and the College of Education.

Lacks will speak on Tuesday, March 27, at 1:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. Online registration is required by March 20, at www.govst.edu/Henrietta_Lacks/ This event is free and sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee, the College of Health and Human Services, and the College of Education.

Social work students and those interested in social issues will have the opportunity to let their opinions known to Illinois legislators on Social Work Advocacy Day. Students, faculty, and community members will be in Springfield on March 29. For more information, contact Darwin Gordon, president of the Social Work Student Organization at dgordon2@student.govst.edu.

For information about the events of Social Work Awareness Month, contact Jo Anne Smith at 708.235.2233

Earth Day Award Honors Environmental Activism

GSU’s Sustainability Committee is seeking nominations for the first-ever Earth Day Award.

The award, to be announced at the university’s Earth Day celebration on April 19, recognizes a member of the university community who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, pioneering contributions, and innovations in four areas:
- Grass roots activism – mobilizing individuals in response to environmental problems
- Service – working on committees that have a mission related to sustainability.
- Education – involvement in organized efforts to teach how natural
environments function and how people can manage their behavior and ecosystems to live sustainably.

- Research – making a substantial contribution in advancing knowledge about sustainability.

Any person formally associated with GSU is eligible for the Earth Day Award, including current degree-seeking students, alumni, staff, faculty, administrators, and retirees.

Nominations are due March 29 and should be submitted to Sheree Sanderson in Student Life (A2103). An ad hoc committee of students affiliated with the Student Senate will determine the award recipient.

### Holistic Health Presentations

Learn about holistic health at a daylong conference on March 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The conference includes presentations, demonstrations, and exhibits of holistic and healthful products and services. Vendors and exhibitors will fill the Hall of Governors with information, products, and services related to holistic health. Presenters include Dr. Wendy Westbrooks, Bi Nah Davis, Kim Simmons, and Tom Masbaum and Linda Nyberg.

Dr. Westbrooks is a clinical physician, health and wellness coach, entrepreneur, and radio talk show host. Dr. Westbrooks will present on the importance of a healthy lifestyle and identifying potentially unhealthy conditions in our lives and our communities.

Bi Nah Davis will present a seminar on modern day stress as it relates to bio-energy and mind-body communication focusing on the colors in one’s energy field and how the intensity and strength of the colors reflect the health and wellness of the individual.

Kim Simmons will present a stress release workshop focusing on the transformative power of exercise and nutrition.

Tom Masbaum and Linda Nyberg will present on the use of Emotional Freedom Techniques in the treatment of emotional and physical problems.

This event is free and sponsored by Student Life and the GSU Wellness Club.

Continuing Education Units are available for persons attending the seminar on massage therapy and reflexology. Exhibitor/vendor space is still available.

For more information, contact Vanessa Newby at 708.534.4551.

### GSU Science Students present at STEM Conference

Even as the university's science education facilities undergo a $22.6 million dollar renovation, GSU students are excelling in their studies.

Four GSU undergraduate students recently presented their research at the 2012 Spring Symposium and Student Research Conference in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), held in Chicago.
Anthony Stulgate, of Country Club Hills, won first place in the undergraduate computer science oral presentations. His winning presentation was on his research into “Protein Expression Transformation Analysis System.”

Biology student Felicia Krelwitz, of Plainfield, won third place in the undergraduate environmental science oral presentations for her research entitled, “Microbial Analysis of Runoff from Governors State University Retention Ponds and Potential Impact on the Thorn Creek Watershed.”

Marlon Berry, of Richton Park, presented his chemistry research on “Photodynamic Therapy for Prostate Cancer.” Biology student Rodney Balitewicz, of Chicago, presented his research on the “Utilization of Microbial Biology in Aquatic Sediment for Microbial Fuel Cell Energy Production.”

“Presenting at conferences provides a valuable learning experience. Our students are able to share their research with other students and faculty, as well as learn from the research of others,” said Dr. Mary Carrington, Professor of Biology. “We are very proud of their achievement.”

At the conference, students were accompanied by Dr. Carrington, Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Coordinator at GSU; Dr. Tim Gsell, Professor of Microbiology and faculty mentor; and Dr. Soon-Ok Park, Academic Coordinator of Computer Science and faculty mentor.

**Language Training for Kids**

Free, one-on-one language instruction for qualified middle school children is being provided by Governors State University as part of a research study. All instruction is conducted by a certified, trained speech-language pathologist.

The summer language intervention program provides one or two hours of instruction per week for nine weeks. Instruction focuses on building knowledge of advance sentences that are important for reading comprehension, writing, following verbal instructions, and verbal expression in middle school and beyond.

Participation is based on eligibility screening, which takes place in March and April. Students must have a documented language or learning disability, be between 10 and 14 years old, have normal hearing, and meet certain reading and language criteria.

The Summer Language Program is part of a language treatment study supported by a grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. The study is designed to train speech pathologists in effective language development techniques and to examine their effectiveness on student learning.

Transportation to and from the university is not provided. For more information, and to register your child for evaluation, contact Dr. Catherine Balthazar at 708.534.4592.
### Scholarship Spotlight – Chris Boylan

Chris Boylan of Crete received the Scholarship for Finance and Accounting Students. He is an undergraduate student in Accounting.

Chris is a laborer working for a local contractor. He believes that an ethical person will do what is right because it is right, not for any other motive.

### If You’re Locked Out... (03-05-12)

Students or staff who failed to change their computer password prior to the February 29 deadline may not have access to their office computers.

If you are locked out of your computer, contact the ITS Help Desk at 708.534.4357.

According to a state mandate, students and staff are required to periodically change their passwords. GSU staff must change their passwords every 60 days; students need a new password every 120 days.

### Answering Pension Questions

Whether you are recent hire or one nearing retirement, pension reform is an important issue. GSU is sponsoring an important forum to help employees understand the complex issues surrounding pension reform.

Steve Cunningham, Vice President of Human Resources and Compliance at Northern Illinois University, will discuss pensions on Tuesday, March 6, at 1 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Cunningham has conducted extensive research into pensions.

All GSU employees are encouraged to attend.

### Preparing for Graduation

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### Looking Good

The E & F Renovation Project is picking up speed. Demolition in the "t phase 1 area" is well under way and will continue for the next three to four weeks. Students, faculty, and staff can expect to see frequent traffic as debris is taken out of the
Once debris is removed, it is taken to a sorting facility where recyclable materials are removed. The goal is to divert as much material as possible from the landfill. This is one of the steps being taken to make the building as sustainable as possible.

ITS and FDM have joined forces to establish a webpage for project updates. Check on the progress of the E & F Renovation Project at www.govst.edu/renovationupdates.

Rapid Research Event

Present your research – or hear what your colleagues are working on – at the faculty “rapid research” event on Friday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The event is sponsored by GSU’s Scholarship and Teaching Center.

All research is welcome, whether it’s past or present, dissertation research, or ideas you may be developing. Under the presentation format, faculty members will be given three to five minutes to deliver a snapshot of their research. Presentations will be compiled according to discipline and department after the event, and distributed to the greater GSU community for further collaboration and mentorship opportunities.

Presentations will take place from 10 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m.

If you are interested in presenting or have more questions, please respond to Raven James with the topic of your research, and to confirm your attendance at the event.

Successful Grant Writing

Mark your calendar for “Writing Successful Grants,” taking place Monday, March 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The workshop is sponsored by GSU’s Office of the Provost and the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research.

For those who are new to the grant game, this introductory workshop covers basic principles of good grant writing — starting with the phrasing of a compelling research theme to the actual construction of the proposal itself. Major differences between traditional "academic prose" and persuasive grant writing are highlighted.

Common pitfalls that can lead to early rejection of good ideas are reviewed, matched with practical strategies for better writing. Special attention will be paid to the perspectives of grant reviewers and how to write in ways that will meet their expectations.
The workshop focuses on:
• Killer mistakes in grant writing and how to avoid them
• Two critical steps that will double your chances for success
• How to win over the grant reviewer
• Simple keys to a more powerful writing style
• Visualization: using illustrations to "sell" your project

Dr. Robert Porter is workshop leader. Dr. Porter has presented grant writing workshops at leading universities and medical schools across the country. Currently Director of Research Development at the University of Tennessee, Dr. Porter has 30 years' experience as a tenured professor, private consultant, and research administrator.

Participants must RSVP by Friday, March 9. Contact Jennifer Morehead at 708.235.2846.

Real-IT-Y

Learn what you need to know to compete in the IT job market at a special panel discussion on Wednesday, March 21, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in E-Lounge. IT professionals and directors will discuss the traits and training demanded by the IT market in the future. They will also discuss the education gaps exhibited by new entrants into the IT workforce and how job seekers can develop the skills they will need.

This event is sponsored by the GSU Computer Science Club. For more information, contact Dr. Steve Shih at 708.534.4547.

Holistic Health Conference

Learn about holistic health at a daylong conference on March 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., The conference includes presentations, demonstrations, and exhibits of holistic and healthful products and services. Vendors and exhibitors will fill the Hall of Governors with information, products, and services related to holistic health.

Presenters include Dr. Wendy Westbrooks, Bi Nah Davis, Kim Simmons, and Tom Masbaum and Linda Nyberg.

Dr. Westbrooks is a clinical physician, health and wellness coach, entrepreneur, and radio talk show host. Dr. Westbrooks will present on the importance of a healthy lifestyle and identifying potentially unhealthy conditions in our lives and our communities.

Bi Nah Davis will present a seminar on metaphysical bio-energy and mind-body communication focusing on the colors in one's energy field and how the intensity and strength of the colors reflect the health and wellness of the individual.

Kim Simmons will present a stress release workshop focusing on the transformative power of exercise and nutrition.

Tom Masbaum and Linda Nyberg will present on the use of Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT) in the treatment of emotional and physical problems.

This event is free and open to the public. Continuing Education Units are available for attendees of specific seminars. Exhibitor/vendor
spaces are still available. The Holistic Health Conference is sponsored by Student Life and the GSU Wellness Club.

For more information, contact Vanessa Newby at 708.534.4551.

CBPA Professor Published in Finance Journal

Dr. Yonghong Jia, Assistant Professor of Accounting, recently published “Cross Country Analysis of Secular Cash Trends” in the Journal of Banking and Finance.

CBPA Dean Ellen Foster Curtis asks her GSU colleagues to congratulate Dr. Jia on her publishing success. “This is a top 10 journal in the finance field and represents a great accomplishment, especially for someone so early in her academic career,” Dr. Foster Curtis said.

CenterPoint International Trade Center Director Receives Certification

Mary Ma, Director of the CenterPoint’s Illinois International Trade Center at GSU, has earned the designation of Certified Global Business Professional (CGBP) by the National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators (NASBITE). The CGBP designation certifies that Ma is competent in the areas of global business management, global marketing, supply chain management, and trade financing. Only two other International Trade Centers in Illinois acquired the certification last year.

Under Ma’s leadership, the Illinois International Trade Center at CenterPoint has worked closely with regionally based Illinois companies involved in more than $800 million in exports. Export products include agricultural products, recycled plastics, thermal insulation products, used automobile parts, and a wide variety of medical and surgical instruments. Since the trade center was launched at GSU last April, seven companies have added 17 new jobs, retained 100 positions, and last year invested over $700,000 in expanding their businesses. Last year, an agricultural exporting client of the center was honored when it received the 2011 Export Excellence Award from Governor Pat Quinn.

Media’s Message to Women

The media’s message to women is often interpreted as a call to be skinnier, sexier, and more attractive. Join a special discussion of the media’s message to women, the reasons for it, and its effects on women, men, and society on Tuesday, March 27, from 5 to 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

Panelists include Dr. Debbie James, Assistant Professor of Media Communication; Vera Barkus, Co-Chair Communications Department, Kennedy King College; and Bryant Monteilh, GSU alum and WVON Radio Personality.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Cafeteria vouchers will be awarded to the first 20 attendees who complete an optional online survey.
This event is the project of GSU student Carla Roberson and is sponsored by a grant from the Intellectual Life Committee.

University Research Grants 2012

The University Research Grant (URG) is sponsored by the Provost’s Office to fund faculty, staff, or student research. Proposals, submitted with the grant application, are screened by a committee of faculty members and recommendations are submitted to the Provost for funding. The maximum seed grant is $3,500. URG applications are due by 5 p.m. on April 2.

View the application.

Revised Spring Break Library Hours

During Spring Break, the University Library hours will be as follows:
Saturday, March 11 - 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, March 11 - closed
Monday to Thursday, March 12 to 15 - 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Friday, March 16 - 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 17 - closed
Sunday, March 18 – closed

Counseling Students Experience Politics

GSU School Counseling graduate students Lisa Bogart, Jackie Gass, Zofia Guiney, Yolanda Richardson, and Sarah Sexton, and Dr. Julia Yang, university professor, participated in the Day on the Hill initiative in Springfield, on February 29. The GSU students joined 74 volunteers at the annual Advocacy Day sponsored by the Coalition of Illinois Counselor Organization (CICO). The participants advocated for their profession with Illinois Senators and Representatives.

GSU students met with Representative Lisa Dugan and Representative Sidney H. Mathias and discussed the importance of supporting the funding of K-12 education and voting for House Bill 5290, which includes a bullying prevention program. They also talked about school counselors’ expertise in social and emotional development, which helps students overcome barriers to learning.

Dr. Yang also represented the Illinois Counseling Association by presenting the ICA’s annual legislator’s award to Senator Heather Stein.

Pension Forum (03-02-12)

Whether you are recent hire or one nearing retirement, pension reform is an important issue. GSU is sponsoring an important forum to help employees understand the complex issues surrounding pension reform.

Steve Cunningham, Vice President of Human Resources and Compliance at Northern Illinois University, will discuss pensions on Tuesday, March 6, at 1 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Cunningham has conducted extensive research into pensions.
All GSU employees are encouraged to attend.

Three Cheers for GSU Table Tennis

The GSU table tennis team triumphed at the NCTTA Midwest Regional Tournament held on campus last weekend. The GSU team won second place behind Lindenwood University in the competition for the regional title.

GSU will now advance to the NCTTA national competition, to be held this April in Plano, Texas.

Speak Out at Commencement

The Commencement Student Speaker Committee is currently accepting nominations for the commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 19. This year we will hold two ceremonies: at 10 a.m. for CAS and CBPA graduates and at 5 p.m. for CHHS and COE graduates.

As a result, we will select two commencement speakers, one for each ceremony. We need candidates who represent all colleges, so please make a concerted effort to nominate deserving students for this prestigious honor.

Please complete both nomination forms and send them to Sheree Sanderson no later than March 28. Please note that nominees must be available for an interview on Friday, April 6, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Link to nomination forms.

March Madness in the GSU Library

Friends of the Governors State University Library are sponsoring a book and media drive during the entire month of March. It’s GSU’s very own version of March Madness.

Bring in any books or DVDs that are collecting dust in a corner or taking up room on your bookcase. Drop off your used books or DVDs at the Library and fill out a simple donation form for tax purposes. It’s a win-win situation that helps the Friends continue their support of the GSU Library.

GSU Cyber Defense Team

The GSU Cyber Defense Team will compete in the Illinois Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition on March 3, at Moraine Valley Community College. Students studying computer science at GSU comprise the team and Stephen Hyzny, university lecturer, is the faculty sponsor and coach.

Teams of eight students from around the state will spend the day in the operational role of network security teams. The teams will defend and maintain an operating network consisting of Linux and Widows computers and servers while being attacked by professional security
Books for a Good Cause

With recent bookstore closings in our area, it is becoming more difficult to browse the shelves for the ideal gift or the perfect read. The GSU Student Education Association (SEA) is bringing the bookstore experience to you.

SEA is sponsoring a book fair on March 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Books on sale include selections for preschoolers through adults. All proceeds from the sale benefit the SEA.

Spring Break Library Hours

The University Library will be open regular hours during Spring Break (March 12 - March 19).

The Library is open Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, from 1 to 5 p.m.

ICA at GSU

The Illinois Counseling Association GSU Student Chapter will hold its first meeting of the year on March 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

All psychology and counseling students are invited to attend to learn more about the benefits, opportunities, and professional connections that involvement in ICA offers.

For more information, contact Tiff@gsu@gmail.com.

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GSU Capoeira Club

Looking for a fun and exciting way to keep fit and bring some diversity into your life? Capoeira combines fighting, self-defense, dancing, acrobatics, music, and Afro-Brazilian traditions to create a unique cultural experience that is also a full-body workout.

The GSU Capoeira Club is the place for training in capoeira kicks, sweeps, escapes, cartwheels, and other movements. It is also where you can learn to play traditional capoeira instruments, sing capoeira...
songs in Portuguese, and the history capoeira.

Training sessions are Monday and Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the racquetball court at the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center. Sessions are led by GSU student and club president, Danny Rio, with guest instruction by Contra-Mestre Denis and others.

For more information, email GSUCapoeiraClub@gmail.com.

**Success at the APICS Competition**

GSU operations management students did extremely well at last weekend’s Great Lakes APICS Student Case Competition. GSU’s squad – comprised of Gracia Martinez, Alethia Pollard, Daniel Rodeghero, and Monica Zaczyk – finished eighth out of 31 teams from Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio, Michigan, and Texas.

Participants were scored according to their responses to a number of hypothetical supply chain challenges. Teams were also rated on their Power Point presentation, interaction with the audience, time management, and organization.

GSU’s team scored higher than squads from Ohio State University, Northern Illinois University, Illinois Institute of Technology, and Bradley University.

Martinez, Pollard, and Rodeghero are graduate students in business. Zaczyk is a CBPA undergraduate.

**Exhibit Explores Ancient Roots of Modern Art**

Javier Chavira’s El Guerrero (The Warrior) is included in of an exhibit of Mexican art currently at the City Arts Center in Oklahoma City.

Chavira is an associate professor of art at GSU.

*Miradas: Ancient Roots in Modern and Contemporary Mexican Art* is on loan from the Bank of America collection. The show was curated by Cesareo Moreno of the Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago, and the bank’s staff.

Read a review of the show in the Daily Oklahoman.

**Math Alum Earns Honors**

GSU alum Michael Bickham, seventh and eighth grade math teacher at Jerling Junior High School in Orland Park, was named one of the ABCDE honorees for 2012 by the Orland School District 135 Board of Education. This is the first time a first-year teacher has won this award.

The ABCDE Award is an employee recognition program that gives parents and community members the opportunity to recognize district staff members who go “above and beyond the call of duty every day.”
Bickham graduated from GSU in 2011 with his degree in mathematics education.

**Women’s History Month - 2012**

GSU celebrates Women’s History Month in March with discussions, a film series, and a special performance.

The film series begins on Monday March 19, at 5, in the Cafeteria Annex, with *Breaking Our Silence: Gloucester Men Speak Out Against Domestic Abuse*. This 11 minute documentary focuses on the activist efforts of men in Gloucester, Massachusetts, who take a stand against domestic abuse and bullying. A discussion will follow the screening. Refreshments will be served.

*War Zone* will be shown on Tuesday, March 20, at 5 p.m. The location will be announced. This documentary is 45 minutes long and focuses on first-hand, direct confrontations with men sexually harassing women. A discussion will follow the screening. Refreshments will be served.

The film series concludes with *Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls* on Thursday, March 22, at 5 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. This 38 minute film examines the developmental challenges facing teenage girls in today’s world and provides a medium to discuss how females can empower themselves while dealing with historical stereotypes, toxic influences, and pressures of pop culture. A discussion will follow the screening. Refreshments will be served.

Singer Marcya McReynolds will perform and a discussion will follow on Wednesday, March 21, at 5 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Women’s History Month activities are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. The activities are sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, Student Life, ARC, and a grant from the Intellectual Life Committee.

**One-on-One Language Training for Children at GSU**

Free, one-on-one language instruction for qualified middle school children is being provided by Governors State University as part of a research study. All instruction is conducted by a certified, trained speech-language pathologist.

The summer language intervention program provides one or two hours of instruction per week for nine weeks. Instruction focuses on building knowledge of advance sentences that are important for reading comprehension, writing, following verbal instructions, and verbal expression in middle school and beyond.

Participation is based on eligibility screening, which takes place in March and April. Students must have a documented language or learning disability, be between 10 and 14 years old, have normal hearing, and meet certain reading and language criteria.

The Summer Language Program is part of a language treatment study supported by a grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. The study is designed to train speech pathologists in effective language development techniques and to
examine their effectiveness on student learning.

Transportation to and from the university is not provided. For more information, and to register your child for evaluation, contact Dr. Catherine Balthazar at 708.534.4592.

Scholarship Spotlight - Nick Billone

Nick Billone of Tinley Park received the David Bernstein Scholarship in English. Nick is an undergraduate student in the College of Education. He would like to become a high school teacher guiding his students through a century’s worth of literature.

Nick wishes to continue his education and receive a master's degree in English. He also wishes to become a writer and teach at the collegiate level as well.