News and Events

Fall Classes Renumbered

All Governors State University classes will be renumbered beginning in the Fall 2012 semester. The renumbering will not affect student study plans or delay degree completion.

A cross reference list, showing a comparison of the old and new course numbers is available at www.govst.edu/renumber.

The recommendation to renumber originated with the university’s graduate council to address master/doctoral level course numbering issues and program accreditation requirements regarding course number sequencing.

Students are urged to contact their advisors with questions.

Dr. Cada Appointed Dean of CHHS

Upon the recommendation of the search committee and Provost Terry Allison, President Maimon is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Beth Cada to the position of Dean of the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS).

Dr. Cada has served as Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy for 15 years and, during that time, shaped that department into a true point of pride for the university, Dr. Maimon said. This year, as Interim Dean of CHHS, Dr. Cada demonstrated excellence in the leadership of the college as a whole and was selected for the permanent position after a competitive national search.

Provost Allison thanked the search committee, chaired by COE Dean
Deborah Bordelon, for bringing such excellent candidates to GSU. “During her interview, Dean Cada was able to articulate an expansive vision for the College of Health and Human Services,” he said. “It was clear that she would achieve this vision through involvement of faculty, staff, and the communities that GSU serves. Dean Cada will be focused on growing GSU’s current fully accredited health programs as well as seeking opportunities to expand new specialties and new degree programs to meet the needs of GSU’s diverse region.”

Dr. Cada holds degrees from Colorado State University, George Williams College, and Northern Illinois University. She is an Illinois-licensed and national board certified occupational therapist with a continuing professional practice in the field. Dr. Cada has held several leadership roles in the American Occupational Therapy Association and has performed service or professional roles with the American Medical Association, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy, and National Down Syndrome Congress.

“She is an exceptional leader at an exceptional time in GSU’s history,” Provost Allison said. “Please join me in welcoming her to this new leadership opportunity.”

**GSU Foundation Scholarship Luncheon 2012**

Nearly 100 dedicated, hardworking students were honored at Tuesday’s annual GSU Foundation Scholarship Luncheon. Dr. Sandy Goldberg, of NBC Chicago, served as event emcee, complimenting the university on its students’ successes, generous donors, and beautiful campus.

Scholarship recipients, Kayla Randolph-Clark, Lisa Adams, Deborah Harris, and Johnny Burns shared their stories and expressed their appreciation of the support they received.

Donors, who make scholarships possible, were also honored at Tuesday’s event. Don and Wilbur Morrison, both longtime donors to Foundation scholarships, received the 2012 Distinguished Philanthropist Award in recognition of their longstanding service and generosity to GSU and its students.
“I’ve seen people lose their jobs and then come to GSU and learn a completely new profession,” Don Morrison said. “I believe people can do anything if they try. I’m glad to have helped GSU students so that can happen.”

More than 70 of the scholarship recipients are current GSU students receiving monetary awards through one of the GSU Foundation’s 58 scholarship programs.

This year, for the first time, community college students enrolled in the Dual Degree Program were recognized at the scholarship luncheon. Sixteen DDP students received GSU Promise scholarships, which provide additional funding so they can complete their bachelor’s degree at the university debt-free. Seven students received Dual Degree Program Honors Scholarships.

**Password Policy Update**

ITS would like to remind all faculty, staff, and students that the password expiration policy that was put into place at the beginning of the year is in effect.

Passwords need to be reset every 60 days for faculty and staff, and every 120 days for students. If passwords are not reset within the proper time frame, accounts will be locked.

When accounts are locked, users may reset their passwords through the password recovery tool at [http://password.govst.edu](http://password.govst.edu). Users can also call the ITS helpdesk at 708-534-4357 for assistance.

**Two More Nights for Stop Kiss**

*Stop Kiss*, by Diana Son, will be presented two more times this week – tonight, at 8 p.m., and Friday, at 7 p.m. All performances of the all-student production are taking place free of charge in Engbretson Hall.

*Stop Kiss* contains adult themes and explicit language, and is made possible by an Intellectual Life Committee Grant.
**Live Exotic Animals at GSU**

Celebrate Earth Day at GSU with two-for-one tickets to the special presentation of *Bixby’s Rainforest Rescue* at the Center for Performing Arts on April 14. The free preshow begins at noon with a live animal exhibit in the Center lobby. The curtain rises on a show full of exotic animals, giant puppets, music, magic, and laughter at 1 p.m.

Don’t miss this delightful family entertainment. Visit the CPA box office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or call 708.235.2222 to reserve your seats. Valid GSU ID required to take advantage of the discount.

GSU is hosting its Earth Day celebration on Thursday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Recycle Dead Batteries**

Don’t toss those dead batteries in the trash. Recycle them at GSU.

GSU’s new battery recycling program collects small device batteries such as A, AA, AAA, C, D, cell phone batteries, watch batteries, etc. Components of recycled batteries are reclaimed and reused.

Six battery collection tubes have been placed throughout campus to make recycling easy for the GSU community. Collection tubes can be found in Building C near DPS and HR; Building G in the vending room; Building F near the first floor elevator; Building A in the north study area; and in ITS and the FDC.

If a small device battery does not fit inside a battery collection tube, please take it to the Environmental Health and Safety Office, E-2583. This program does not include large machine and automobile batteries.
Celebrate Earth Day 2012

Earth Day at GSU has turned into Earth Week with events designed to enlighten and entertain. On Monday, April 16, Sustainable Art Exhibit opens in the Hall of Governors. GSU student work created with recycled materials will be on display.

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

Byrne will also lead a workshop on sustainability and curriculum/course development on Wednesday, April 18, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., in room B-2203. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the workshop.

On Wednesday afternoon, from 1 to 4 p.m., students from the GSU Biology Club with the assistance of FDM will clean trash and debris from Thorn Creek along Dralle Road. Everyone is welcome to help. Appropriate clothing and boots are suggested.

Earth Week culminates with a day of celebration on April 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be music, exhibits, demonstrations, wild animal exhibits, a children’s theater production, and organic food served on eco-friendly products. The first annual GSU Earth Day Award honoring environmental activism will be presented.

Also on April 19, the Kidsworks Touring Theater will present a free, interactive performance celebrating conservation, from 11 a.m. to 11:45, in the Center for Performing Arts.

GSU Earth Day events are sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the GSU Sustainability Committee, and the General Education Task Force. For more information, contact 708.534.4524.
NMSP on WTTW

The sky was blue, the sun was shining, and the sculptures in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park never looked better. The NMSP was featured in a story on WTTW’s Chicago Tonight on April 10. An interview with park director Geoff Bates adds to the feature.

View the feature and then enjoy your own tour of our nationally-renowned sculpture park. The park is free and open dawn to dusk 365 days a year.

Closing the Achievement Gap

*Closing the Achievement Gap* addresses an issue facing educators at all levels. GSU’s Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education is hosting a presentation by Dr. Joseph Murphy of Vanderbilt University, which will investigate the factors contributing to the gap and strategies to close it.

The presentation is on Thursday, April 19, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., at Colin Powell Middle School, in Matteson. The fee is $25. To register, call 708.534.4024.

Murphy’s expertise is in school improvement, with special emphasis on leadership and policy. He is co-author of VAL-ED, the administrator evaluation system, and chair of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standard’s steering committee.

Artwork Exhibited and Artists Celebrated

The Visual Art Gallery is pleased to present a series of exhibits by graduate and undergraduate art students at GSU. Everyone is invited to view the artwork and celebrate the artists at these free exhibits and receptions.

*Beauty in Abandonment* is the graduate thesis art show of Candace Schutt. Schutt’s work will be exhibited through April 16. A reception in honor of her achievement will be held on Thursday, April 12, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Graduate student exhibits continue with *Gear Driven* featuring the work of Richard Cammarata. The show runs from April 18 to 23 with an artist’s reception on Thursday, April 19, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Graduate student Becki Moffett-Moore will exhibit her artwork in *Face Value* from April 25 through 30. A reception celebrating her work will be held on Thursday, April 26, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The final exhibit in the series is the GSU Art Forum All Student Show, from May 3 to 21. This juried art exhibit will include both graduate and undergraduate pieces from students in the GSU art programs. Jeff Zimmerman will serve as guest juror. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, May 3 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The awards ceremony and jurors’ remarks will be at 6 p.m.

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.

### GSA NOH8 Photo Shoot

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) will hold a NOH8 photo shoot and fundraiser on April 24, from noon to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The photo shoot is inspired by the NOH8 Campaign to encourage awareness of LGBT equality. The GSA feels it is important to set a non-discriminatory environment for students and staff and promote gender and human equality through education.

The NOH8 Campaign began in November of 2008 when Proposition 8 passed in California and amended the state constitution to ban same-sex marriage. As a silent protest, the LGBT community began a protest that was organized by celebrity photographer Adam Bouska and partner Jeff Parshley. Photos feature subjects with duct tape over their mouths, symbolizing their voices being silenced by Prop 8 and similar legislation around the world. NOH8 is painted on one cheek in protest.

For more information, contact gsa.govst@yahoo.com.
Scholarship Spotlight - Sharice Coleman

Sharice Coleman of Calumet City received the Dr. Curtis & Mrs. Gina Crawford Endowed Scholarship in Business. She is a graduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration.

Upon receiving her MBA, Sharice hopes to experience personal and professional benefits such as greater opportunities, expertise, and professional and financial advancement.