News and Events

Up On The Roof (08-30-12)

Over the next several weeks, crews will remove and replace the roof on GSU’s D building. Work should be completed by late October, said David Stone, associate vice president for facilities and management, and Ron Bachus, environmental health and safety coordinator.

Repairs to the roof are necessary because of increased leaking and water damage, particularly in D building. The project includes replacement of the original roof drain assemblies, including those above the Hall of Governors. Indoor work will be scheduled around activities in that space.

During construction, everyone needs to keep an eye out for temporary barriers designed to protect students, staff, and the public, as well as contractor personnel.

The university and the contractor are taking numerous precautions to minimize the impact of the roof work on building occupants. These include:
• mobilizing the construction activities to minimize restrictions on pedestrian or vehicular access to the building;
• using “low odor” asphalt products; and
• sealing outdoor air dampers to limit the introduction of unpleasant odors as much as possible.

Materials used during the project, along with construction activities, are being monitored. Some of the odors involved in the roofing project may unpleasant, even at levels far below those considered harmful.

FDM will take the lead on responding to concerns about the project. Persons with question or concerns and should call ext. 4515.

A Penguin in London Town

Pierre the GSU Penguin continued his summer travels when he accompanied Samantha Szkola, a second year student in the Master of Social Work program, to England and Poland.
On the plane

Before landing on the other side of the Atlantic, Pierre got comfortable on his airplane’s travel tray. He got a great bird’s eye view of Big Ben and Westminster Abbey from the London Eye. And, since it is the year of the Queen’s Royal Jubilee, Pierre tried on a crown – it’s actually a special decoration at the top of Wellington Arch in Hyde Park.

Send your pictures of Pierre’s summer travels to the GSU View and you’ll be eligible for fabulous prizes.

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Veterans Services Take Spotlight

GSU is hosting Veterans Appreciation Day on Thursday, September 6. All events are free and open to the public.

A Veterans Employment Workshop will take place from 8:30 to 2 p.m., in room D1246. Veterans will get tips to help them find or change jobs, and learn about programs that are available to them.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a Veterans Resource Fair is planned in GSU’s Hall of Governors. The fair will showcase resources for veterans.

At 2:15 p.m., GSU’s new Veterans Resource Center will be dedicated. President Elaine P. Maimon will speak at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Veterans Resource Center will be a one-stop location for veteran services at GSU.

All events are sponsored by the GSU Office of Veterans Affairs. RSVP to Keith White, Coordinator of Veterans Affairs, at 708.235.2223.

Carts & Cocktails Benefits Manilow Sculpture Park

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**Dave Drechsel Golf Outing Returns September 9**

Signing up for the Third Annual GSU Dave Drechsel Golf Outing just got a lot easier. You can sign up for the golf outing and pay all fees at this PayPal link. Additional information about the golf outing is also available at the link.

This year’s outing will be held Sunday, September 9, at University Golf Club, in University Park. GSU faculty and staff, along with family and friends, are invited to take part in an afternoon of golf, friendly competition, great food, and camaraderie. Everyone is welcome.

Registration for the golf outing begins at noon, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The banquet begins at 6 p.m. The fee for the entire day’s events is $75, or $25 for persons only attending the banquet.

The golf outing was established in memory of Dave Drechsel, who was Human Relations benefits manager and a longtime member of the GSU summer golf league.

For additional information about the golf outing, contact Hollie Campbell at 708.235.6813.

**Robinson-Easley to appear at African Festival of the Arts**

Dr. Christopher Ann Robinson Easley, associate professor of management, will discuss her new book, *Our Children, Our Responsibilities: Saving the Youth We are Losing to Gangs*, at the African Festival of the Arts, taking place Labor Day weekend in Chicago.

Robinson-Easley will appear at the festival’s book pavilion at 5 p.m., on Monday, September 3. She will take part in a discussion on *The Black Church, Youth, and the Preservation of Communities*.
The African Festival of the Arts will be held at Washington Park, 5100 S. Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago.

Learn About Alternative Certification Program

Learn how to earn elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry, or mathematics) teacher certification and secure a teaching position through GSU’s Alternative Certification Program. An information session will be held Thursday, September 5, at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program offers a way to earn a teaching certificate and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a Masters of Art in Teaching (MAT) in Urban Teacher Education in elementary or secondary education (for biology, chemistry, or mathematics).

TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a $30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Since it began more than 13 years ago, the program had helped more than 300 participants change careers to become some of the most well-trained, supported, and effective educators in the south suburbs and Chicago.

This program is open to college graduates with a bachelor’s degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2013, is November 15. For more information, call 708.534.4399 or visit www.govst.edu/altcert.

Tau Sigma Meeting

Tau Sigma, the transfer student national honor society, will hold its first meeting of the 2012-2013 academic year on Wednesday, September 5, at 4 p.m. in A2134. All current members are invited to attend. Officers will be elected and plans for upcoming activities and projects will be discussed.

Phoenix Launching Online Site Next Week

Starting Wednesday, September 5, you'll be able to get up-to-date stories on campus news, events and much more, online as well as in print.

The Phoenix, GSU's student newspaper, is launching its web site at www.gsuphoenix.com to coincide with the first issue of the 2012-2013 school year. In addition to news, The Phoenix will showcase the blogs of GSU students, faculty, and staff, and plans to create an online campus community.

If you have news, blogs, or other ideas to share, contact Melissa Hall, the Phoenix’s new editor, at phoenix@govst.edu.

Student Sustainability Conference

GSU will host the 2012 Student Sustainability Summit, sponsored by the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium (SMHEC). The free
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summit will take place at GSU on Friday, September 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students from area colleges and universities will introduce sustainability efforts and initiatives. SMHEC is comprised of 12 colleges and universities that service the Chicago Southland region.

You can register at this link.

For additional information, contact Genny Boesen or Sheree Sanderson.

DPT Open House on September 12

GSU’s Physical Therapy Department will host an Information Session/Open House for individuals interested in learning more about the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program on Wednesday, September 12, from 4 to 7:30 p.m., in room D34000.

Information will be presented about admission criteria and course curricula. GSU offers an on-campus, entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy degree for those interested in starting a career in physical therapy.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet faculty members and tour classroom and laboratory spaces. Advisors will be available for individual consultation. Light refreshments will be provided.

Additional information is available by contacting Mary Tracy at 708.534.7290.

Minority Internship Program

The Minority Internship Program (MIP) is designed specifically for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at GSU, Chicago State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University, and Western Illinois University. The program is open to African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans (or Pacific Islanders), Native Americans, and Alaskan Natives.

The program provides students with the opportunity to observe and participate in the practical aspects of public policy making in a variety of off-campus settings. While the emphasis is on local and state government agencies, students may complete their internships in a number of other agencies that may be more relevant to their majors and career aspirations.

Applications for the MIP program are currently being accepted for the fall semester. The application deadline is September 10, at 4 p.m. Applicant selection is very competitive. Download an application.

For additional information contact Sheree Sanderson or call 708.534.4552.

Scholarship Spotlight – Brent Panno
Brent Panno of Champaign received the Dr. Katherine Gavin Scholarship. He is a graduate student in the College of Health and Human Services and is working toward a Master of Occupational Therapy degree.

Brent looks forward to being to help others. He currently works as a chemist and is an avid volunteer.

**The Dual Degree Program Front Page Feature (08-27-12)**

GSU’s innovative Dual Degree Program (DDP) was featured on the front page of the SouthtownStar Friday, August 25. The story emphasized how the program addresses President Obama’s call to raise graduation rates. Last week GSU admitted the first cohort of on-campus Dual Degree Program students. The DDP has been gaining national recognition, including a substantial grant from the Kresge Foundation.

Read the SouthtownStar story.

**Mark your Calendar! Two Grants Workshops Slated**

On September 13 and 14. Dr. Robert Porter will lead the workshops, which are hosted by GSU’s Office of the Provost and the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research. Both workshops are three hours long and will take place in Sherman Hall.

*Writing Successful Grants* takes place on Thursday, September 13, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. 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. The workshop focuses on the perspectives of grant reviewers and how to write in ways that meet their expectations.

*Strategies for Success in Sponsored Research* will be held on Friday, September 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. This workshop features three interactive modules:

- Learn how to assess whether a specific research idea matches what the sponsor wants to fund.
- Knowing how to communicate with the sponsor agency prior to writing the proposal is a critical first step.
- Participate in a mock review panel, reading and evaluating a sample grant proposal.

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.

For more information, and to register, contact Jennifer Morehead at 708.235.2846.
A Great Lake, and Close to Home

After journeying to far-flung spots around the globe this summer, Pierre the Penguin decided to take some time off from his exotic travel agenda, and kicked back on a staycation with student Kelly Lorenz.

As a well-rounded, discerning aquatic animal, Pierre knows Lake Michigan pretty much has it all when you are looking for sun, sand, waves, and gorgeous scenery. He basked in the sun and posed for pictures at Kemil Beach, part of the breathtaking Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

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Sign Up with Dean’s Twitter Account

Dean Aurélio Valente invites students to subscribe to his @GSUDean Twitter account to get updated (and sometimes advance) news and information about upcoming GSU events and programs.

If you subscribe to @GSUDean by Friday, August 31, you could be one of the first to get a free dinner as part of the monthly "Dinner with the Dean" program. This new outreach program by Dean Valente provides four to six students with a unique opportunity to talk about their experiences at GSU, and address issues and concerns directly with the Dean of Students.

In addition, all students are encouraged to take advantage of Dean Valente's open office hours, held weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in G372.

Library Sessions Target Online Resources

The GSU Library is providing orientations to demonstrate the functions of the Library’s website. The sessions will be especially useful to those new to the Library’s online resources.
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Orientations will be held in the Library Tuesday, September 4 through Thursday, September 6 at 12:30, 3, and 6 p.m., and Friday, September 7, at 12:30 and 3 p.m.

Students and faculty can learn more about Library instruction services by visiting the Library Instruction and Workshops page.

**ARC Hosts Suicide Prevention Program**

The Academic Resource Center will host an information session on National Suicide Prevention Day, September 10, from noon to 1 p.m., in Room B1216. Learn the issues, warning signs, and assistance services available.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 708. 235.2228.

**Book Addresses Sexuality, Recovery Issues**

Dr. Raven James' new book, *Sexuality and Addiction: Making Connections, Enhancing Recovery*, was published this summer. Dr. James is assistant professor in addiction studies at GSU.

The book presents a broad overview of sexual health issues that documents the link between sexuality and substance abuse, and describes how counselors can help individuals who have been impacted by negative sexual experiences to find a way out of the pain that leads them to addiction or back to substance abuse.

“Sexuality education is not a standard part of treatment even though it is linked to relapse for clients,” Dr. James said. “We need to promote sexual health in substance abuse treatment, and this book is a great resource for educating counselors in the substance abuse field. It is an overview of sexuality issues linked to substance abuse, and not about sexual addiction, which is a concept I do not support.”

The book can be ordered through Amazon.com.

More details about the book are also available on Dr. James’ Facebook page for the book.

**Train for a Computer Networking Career**

Computer Network training is now available at GSU. The Computer Networking Series offered this fall enables participants to gain career enhancing skills through non-credit courses. Students will receive training preparing them for certifications in Comptia’a A+ and Cisco’s Certified Network Administration. Courses may be taken individually or in sequence, depending on individual career and education goals.

Course topics include Computer Hardware, Networking Fundamentals, Networking Switches and Routing, Wireless Networking, Windows
Seven Operating System, and Windows Server Operating System.

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**Nationally Recognized GSU Family Development Center (08-23-12)**

As of August 2012, the Family Development Center (FDC) at Governors State University has been nationally recognized for meeting the highest standards of early childhood education. Congratulations to the FDC.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), is the nation's leading professional organization working on behalf of young children. The FDC has programs for children birth to three years of age, all-day and half-day pre-kindergarten, after school and evening child care, and parent education programs.

Executive Director Carol Morrison and her team spent two years fine-tuning of training, policies, and procedures at the center. Early childhood teachers spent a full year documenting every aspect of their teaching practices and curriculum, she said. The FDC surveyed parents, and the center's handbook was rewritten.

"We are honored to receive NAEYC’s accreditation," Morrison said. "For us, this is an affirmation that we provide an excellent early childhood program. We work to assure that children of all ages in our program are receiving the best education they can, and will be lifelong learners."

In the 25 years since NAEYC accreditation was established, it has become a widely-recognized sign of high quality early childhood education. More than 7,000 programs are currently accredited by NAEYC, approximately eight percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs.
President Elaine P. Maimon praised the FDC’s staff and administration on the accreditation.

“GSU’s Family Development Center is evidence that GSU is committed to quality education, from infancy to longevity,” Dr. Maimon said. “Accreditation from NAEYC, a special achievement for early childhood facilities, emphasizes the exceptional quality of our center. We are proud of the education we provide to young children and also to their parents through ‘The Parent Connection.’ The Family Development Center is one way that GSU serves as a true public square.”

**September 21 Opening Night! Center for Performing Arts 2012-2013 Season**

As the Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University begins its 18th season, audiences will again experience the best in music, dance, theater, family fare, opera, and children’s programming. Tickets go on sale Friday for the 2012-2013 season.

GSU Center’s 2012-2013 season has it all. The electrifying movements of Chicago’s Muntu Dance Theatre. The vocal fireworks of The Three Divas! Multiple Emmy-winning actor Ed Asner as he recreates the life of President Franklin Roosevelt. Galvanizing performances by Chicago theater companies in the One More Night series. Fresh multi-cultural showpieces from Natya Dance Theatre, Kuumba Lynx/FootworKINGz, Celtic Crossroads, and DRUMLine LIVE. The Nutcracker, returning as a perennial holiday favorite. And much more.

The season starts with Broadway’s Next H!T Musical, on Friday, September 21, at 7 p.m. Master improvisers collect made-up song suggestions from the audience and create a spontaneous evening of music, humor, and laughter. The audience picks a favorite song and the cast turns it into a full-blown improvised musical - complete with memorable characters, witty dialogue, and plot twists.

To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the box office at www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222. Click here for more information about the 2012-2013 season.

**Board of Trustees Schedules Meetings**

GSU’s Board of Trustees has set its meetings for the remainder of 2012.

Meetings will take place
- Monday, September 10 – Special Meeting at 3 p.m. in COE Conference Room, G261
- Friday, October 5 – Committee and Full Board Meetings at 8:30 a.m. in Hall of Honors
- Friday, December 7 – Committee and Full Board Meetings in Hall of Honors, time to be determined
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If you have any questions regarding the Board of Trustees, please contact **Penny Perdue** at ext. 4130, or **Joan Johns Maloney** at ext. 4131.

Get a Head Start on Your Career

Students, welcome back for another exciting academic year. The Office of Career Services would like to extend an opportunity to new and past students alike to take advantage of a full range of resources and services.

The Office of Career Services offers:

- Individual career advising appointments
- Resume, cover letter, and job search correspondence critiques
- Employer research
- Networking pointers
- Skills identification assessments and career exploration
- Job search strategies
- Interviewing tips and mock interviews
- Customized workshops: e.g. LinkedIn, What Can I Do With This Major
- Online job and internship database (includes on and off campus job and internship postings)
- Etiquette training luncheon and professional image session
- Internship assistance
- Career and internship fairs

To make an appointment, please call the Office of Career Services at 708.235.3974.

Faculty members are also reminded that the Office of Career Services is available to customize a workshop to enhance the syllabus of a class. To arrange a workshop, call ext. 3974.

Deadline Nears for Civil Service Educational Awards

During the fall 2012 semester, GSU’s Civil Service Senate select will select five applicants to receive the Educational Assistance Award in the following amounts: $250 (three awards) and $500 (two awards). The application deadline is September 28.

The Civil Service Educational Assistance Award was established in 1984 to encourage GSU Civil Service employees, their spouses, and dependent children to further their education and to promote career advancement and self-improvement. The award is underwritten through contributions and fundraising activities by the Civil Service Senate.

Follow this link for more information about applying for the Educational Assistance Award.

Make Sure Your Address is Correct

The GSU Print Shop reminds university faculty and staff to follow correct guidelines when giving out their addresses. Incorrectly addressed envelopes can slow down mail and delivery may end up in the dead mail pile.

According to the postmaster, incoming mail to recipients at the
Maureen Onyelobi of Chicago received the Dr. Daniel Bernd Scholarship in English Literature. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in English.

Maureen’s goal is to continue on to receive a master’s degree in English and to become a professor of English literature.

Webinars for the New Semester (08-20-12)

There is something for everyone in two upcoming webinars sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the Center for Online Teaching and Learning.

*Reaching First-Generation College Students* will be held on August 21, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The webinar is presented by AAC&U and Inside Higher Education. The discussion features the authors of *First Generation College Students: Understanding and Improving the Experience From Recruitment to Commencement*. They will talk about a range of topics from recruitment to successful degree completion and a holistic approach to serving these students.

*The Flipped Classroom: Rethinking the Way You Teach* will be offered on August 23, from 1 to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The presenters will explore the types of active learning possible when lectures can happen outside of face-to-face class time. They will put the flipped model in context with what is known about how learning works in the brain.

Mark your calendars and reserve your seat. For more information, contact Tony Labriola.

Welcome Days 2012 Start Today

Students, welcome to GSU’s 2012-2013 academic year. We know you are excited about the new school year, and so are we.

Get your new semester off to a good start with Welcome Days today and Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. This is your opportunity to learn about departmental and student resources. Information about the Academic Resource Center, Student Life services and activities, the Recreation and Fitness Center, the University Library, and veterans’ services will be available. Students can get IDs validated and TWAG will be recruiting new hosts for the show.
The Illinois Secretary of State’s Mobile Services Unit will be in the Hall of Governors on August 21, from 1 to 7 p.m., providing services such as driver’s license renewal and vehicle title and registration.

Student clubs and organizations will be showcased on August 22, from 11 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Getting involved has never been easier. Discover the student club that is right for you.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about community resources and services at a Community Fair on August 23. Vendors from the community will be present to provide information from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Power 92 radio station will broadcast live from GSU.

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**First New Student Orientation**

New students began their first semester at GSU by attending a lively, informative orientation designed to introduce them to the university and all it has to offer. Student Life organized and hosted the orientation sessions attended by more than 600 undergraduates on Thursday and 200 graduate
Students were greeted by President Maimon and heard from Courtney Kohn Sanders, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing; and Dr. Aurelio Valente, Dean of Students and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. They had an opportunity to speak with program advisors and learn about the many academic support services available to help them, as well as student clubs and organizations active on campus.

The students were made to feel welcome with packets of helpful information and useful give-aways to help them get started at GSU. Feedback from the students was very positive. They were eager to learn about the university and asked excellent questions. Participating departments such as the Academic Resource Center, Library, and Career Services were pleased to have the opportunity to introduce their services to new students.

**Pierre Travels to Israel**

This summer, Pierre the GSU Penguin, the unofficial GSU mascot, is enjoying a fantastic summer full of trips, adventures, and new sights and sound.

Recently, Pierre

Pierre in Tel Aviv, Israel

accompanied Leah Chapman on a trip to Israel. Chapman, a graduate student in the MFA in Independent Film and Digital Imaging program, worked on her thesis during the trip. Pierre had fun tagging along. He had a great time touring numerous locations, including the Mediterranean beaches, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem, where he visited the Wailing Wall.

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**New Season at CPA Begins with a H!T**

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Tickets are $15 to $50. Bring your GSU student ID to the box office to enjoy student discounts all year round. For tickets and information visit the box office or www.centertickets.net or call 708.235.2222.

“At last! A musical of, for, and by the people...That’s entertainment!” – Time Out NY

**Art on Campus Accessible to All**

Artist Karen De Pirro has loaned eight realistic symbolist oil paintings to GSU’s Art on Campus program. The exhibition is on view through October 12 in the Atrium Gallery, located in the D Main Entrance of the campus.

Art on Campus exhibition venues are in public areas on GSU’s campus and can
Tibia by Karen De Pirro

be enjoyed any time the university is open.

A reception honoring DePirro, of St. John, Indiana, will take place on Wednesday August 29, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Visual Arts Gallery and E Lounge. This event coincides with the closing reception the current Visual Arts Gallery exhibit, SO REAL.

“I am excited to have Karen’s work on campus to augment the exhibition in the gallery which is also art work that uses realism in symbolic ways,” said Gallery Director Jeff Stevenson.

De Pirro studied art at The School of The Art Institute of Chicago, The University of Chicago, The Cranbrook Academy of Art, and is represented by the Steeple Gallery in St. John.

**Association of Computing Machinery Comes to GSU**

Extracurricular offerings for GSU computer science clubs have just climbed to a new level.

Tamisha Rose, president of the university’s Computer Science Club, applied to the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) to start a new student chapter at GSU, and her request was approved. ACM is the world’s largest educational and scientific computing society and will provide students at GSU many opportunities to expand their enjoyment of computers and academic interests.

The CS Club and new ACM chapter will be begin holding regular meetings in September and will have many events and speakers throughout the year. October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month and the club is planning a number of activities.

Last year the CS Club participated in the Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC) and defended a computer network from attack for eight hours. This year the team will compete in February and will begin recruiting team members. If you are interested in the CS Club, ACM student chapter, or CCDC, contact Steve Hyzny.

**Convocation 2012**

Governors State University is “faced with insurmountable opportunities,” President Elaine P. Maimon said at Tuesday’s Convocation ceremony.

Dr. Maimon said that quote originally appeared years ago in the classic comic strip “Pogo,” but that it sums up the current exciting times at GSU as the university prepares for first-year students in 2014,
adds state-of-the-art science classrooms and labs, implements a dynamic Academic Master Plan, demonstrates a national model for community college transfer in the Dual Degree Program, opens its first on-campus student housing, and continues to thrive even in challenging times.

During Convocation 2012, the official start of the new academic year, President Maimon presented three Excellence Awards to faculty members, and the Gerald C. Baysore Award, the highest honor that GSU can bestow. This year’s Excellence Awards were presented to Dr. Diana Galante, Associate Professor of Mathematics; Dr. Raven James, Assistant Professor in the Department of Addiction Studies and Behavioral Health; and Dr. Jason Zingsheim, Assistant Professor of Communications Studies. Dr. Larry Cross, Associate Professor in COE’s Division of Education, was presented with the Baysore Award.

Entering her sixth year as president, Dr. Maimon said the state of the university is strong. “Five years ago, at my installation, I articulated a vision of renewal and reinvention,” she said. “GSU was founded in 1969 as an innovative university. The goal, then as now, was to take advantage of insurmountable opportunities. In 2007, I proposed extending that tradition of innovation to create a model 21st century university. In this half-decade, we have come a long way toward that goal.”

Dr. Maimon said GSU has defied conventional wisdom by promoting a high-quality pathway from community college to a university bachelor’s degree while at the same time making plans for a leading-edge freshman program. Next week, 47 Dual Degree Program students will begin their junior year as full-time students at GSU. Sixteen of those students have been awarded GSU Promise scholarships; they are expected to graduate from the university debt-free.

Similarly, GSU’s plans for first-year education are steadily moving forward, she said. Provost Terry Allison has invited two of the most prominent scholars on the first-year experience – John Gardner and Betsy Barefoot – to lead a symposium at GSU on October 19. The First-Year Planning Committee, led by Dr. Ann Vendrely, and the Faculty Senate, led by its president, Dr. Rashidah Muhammad, are making progress on academic plans.

Dr. Maimon said high ethical standards need to be the basis of what GSU, and all institutions of higher learning, must do. The terrible scandal at Penn State University serves as a reminder that we need to renew our commitment to strong ethical leadership, to protect the
vulnerable, to create an atmosphere of trust and transparency, and to prevent bullying and harassment.

“Everyone here has a role in creating this ethical environment, and everyone must exert constant vigilance because creating an ethical environment is something that is never completed once and for all,” she said. “It is constructed of our everyday awareness and actions.”

During the coming year, Dr. Maimon said, the first phase of the E and F Science Renovation Project will be completed. Ground will be broken for student housing. Research will begin in labs funded through the National Science Foundation. “Improvements to GSU’s facilities – from infrastructure to parking lots, classrooms to labs, technology resources to signage – have been significantly upgraded, driven by a commitment to serve students better by improving the teaching and learning environment,” she said. She thanked Executive Vice President Gebe Ejigu for having envisioned, led, and implemented these projects.

Dr. Maimon said GSU’s positive momentum will not be impeded by the depressing financial state of the nation and the state of Illinois.

“Yes, the waters continue to be troubled, but our strong ship sails forward,” she said.

### Fall 2012 Greetings from the President

Dr. Maimon welcomed new and returning students to GSU for the Fall 2012 semester in a letter. She encouraged student participation in the GSU community and the world beyond the campus, and noted, “You are a GSU student during a remarkable period of positive momentum.”

Read Dr. Maimon’s letter.

### More HELP

To better assist student, faculty, and staff, the GSU Helpdesk will extend its hours of operation. Beginning August 20, IT assistance will be available until midnight, Monday through Friday.

At the end of the semester, the effectiveness of this pilot program will be evaluated.

Please contact the GSU Helpdesk at 708-534-H-E-L-P (4357) for IT assistance.

### Welcome Fall 2012

Kick off the new semester with Welcome Days on August 20 and 21, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. This is your opportunity to learn about departmental and student resources. Information about the Academic Resource Center, Student Life services and activities, the Recreation and Fitness Center, the University Library, and veterans’ services will be available. Students can get IDs validated and TWAG will be recruiting new hosts for the show.

The Illinois Secretary of State’s Mobile Services Unit will be in the Hall
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of Governors on August 21, from 1 to 7 p.m., providing services such as driver's license renewal and vehicle title and registration.

Student clubs and organizations will be showcased on August 22, from 11 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Getting involved has never been easier. Discover the student club that is right for you.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about community resources and services at a Community Fair on August 23. Vendors from the community will be present to provide information from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Power 92 radio station will broadcast live from GSU.

Webinars on Recruitment and Teaching

There is something for everyone in two upcoming webinars sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the Center for Online Teaching and Learning.

*Reaching First-Generation College Students* will be held on August 21, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The webinar is presented by AAC&U and Inside Higher Education. The discussion features the authors of *First Generation College Students: Understanding and Improving the Experience From Recruitment to Commencement*. They will talk about a range of topics from recruitment to successful degree completion and a holistic approach to serving these students.

*The Flipped Classroom: Rethinking the Way You Teach* will be offered on August 23, from 1 to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The presenters will explore the types of active learning possible when lectures can happen outside of face-to-face class time. They will put the flipped model in context with what is known about how learning works in the brain.

Mark your calendars and reserve your seat. For more information, contact Tony Labriola.

Limiting Waste

The folks at FSI are continuing to investigate ways to decrease waste. Beginning next week, the GSU Cafeteria will now provide plastic utensils through a dispenser in lieu of pre-wrapped plastic utensils.

The dispensers offer a more durable product, less waste, and dispense each utensil separately.

Scholarship Spotlight – Deborah Murtaugh

Deborah Murtaugh of New Lenox received the Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship. She is a graduate student in the College of Education, working toward her master's in reading. She is a reading teacher at a local high school.

Deborah’s goal each year is to teach her students, through the gift of reading, to be caring individuals who contribute to society and share their gifts with
Deborah Murtaugh  the world. A master’s degree will help her achieve her goal.

**Convocation 2012 on Tuesday (08-13-12)**

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President Maimon will deliver the State of the University and also announce winners of the 2012 Baysore Award and Excellence Awards.

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**Student Artwork on Display**

With the start of a new semester, the walls of the president’s conference room and waiting area outside of Dr. Maimon’s office are showcasing a new collection of GSU student artwork.

This temporary exhibit provides students with the opportunity to exhibit their work and gives visitors to the university and GSU faculty and staff a chance to appreciate their creations.

The students whose work is on display include Richard Cammarata, Tim Evett, Karen Jania, Daniel Paz, and Candace Schutt.

The students recently joined Dr. Maimon and Provost Allison for a celebratory lunch. Also attending the lunch were Dr. Reinhold Hill, Dean of CAS; Lori Montalbano, Chair of Communications, Visual and Performing Arts; Dr. Mort Maimon, and faculty members Jeff Stevenson and Jerry Slowik.

**Picnic Fun**

The threat of rain, overcast skies, and the occasional gust of wind did not dampen the spirit or blow away the good times at Friday’s Faculty/Staff Picnic. The event went off without a hitch with singing, dancing, games, good food, and lots of laughter.

Eri Villagomez and Kevin Barto from FDM recaptured the beanbag contest championship that they surrendered last year. Erin Tobias from the Family
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Development Center won the hula hoop contest and there were many raffle prize winners.

The picnic was sponsored by the Civil Service Senate, the Provost's Office, and the GSU Spirit Committee. Thanks to all the many volunteers who helped make the picnic a success.

Pierre Heads South of the Equator

Pierre the Penguin took a South American sojourn when he traveled to Sao Paulo, Brazil with Joseph Lenard, a university MBA student and food service director of the GSU Café.

In Brazil, Pierre enjoyed a week at the beach building sandcastles. He also traveled into the interior countryside and visited a rural pine tree farming community.

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Ready, Set, Go for Fall 2012

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Registration for courses is open until August 25 and there are many great courses available for students.

One of those courses, Coms 5090-04: Writing as Performance is new this semester and will be taught by new GSU faculty member Dr. Patrick Santoro. This three-hour class meets on Thursdays, from 7:30 to 10:20 p.m., and offers students the opportunity to gain an understanding of how the process of writing can be understood through and enhanced by the study of performance. Classes will function as interactive workshops, requiring students to participate in both discussion and performance. For more information about this class, contact Dr. Santoro.

To register for classes go to myGSU or the Registration website.

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Preparing for the New Semester

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning is beginning a new semester of “Blackboard Course-ready Tips” to assist faculty in preparing their courses for the fall semester. New tips are being e-
mailed prior to faculty prior to the start of class. To view the daily tips and past Blackboard Tips and Strategies click: “Preparing for the New Semester.”

If you have questions about your Blackboard course contact: jbensiger@govst.edu, nrosebourgh@govst.edu, or bmandel@govst.edu.

**Furry, But Not Lovable**

Facilities Development and Management has recently seen an uptick in reports of mice in campus buildings. It is imperative that faculty and staff refrain from storing food in their office areas. Since most campus areas are cleaned during the day shift, it helps to remove trash items from office lunches or snacks to public garbage containers, many of which are emptied during the evening.

FDM has also received a handful of snake reports; eliminating mice should also cut down on snakes. Call ext. 4515 when you believe there are rodents or reptiles in your work area so FDM can place traps or search for entry points.

In addition, there are a few locations on campus where personal plants have migrated from office areas into hallways and public lounge areas. FDM does not discourage keeping plants in offices but asks that you avoid the temptation to put them in public areas. Students, faculty, and staff may have allergies that can be triggered by plants and soil. Potted plants can obstruct exit corridors and additional cleaning may be needed if they are accidentally tipped over.

**Save a Cup, and the Environment**

FSI, which manages GSU’s cafeteria and provides other food services, offers discounts on beverages if you use your own mug or tumbler. There’s a good reason for the discounts.

Americans throw away about 25 billion Styrofoam coffee cups every year, and 2.5 million plastic beverage bottles every hour. Most of these materials do not biodegrade. The Styrofoam disposed of today will be present in landfills 500 years from now.

If you buy just one cup of a beverage in a disposable cup a day, you’ll end up creating about 23 pounds of waste in one year.

Make a switch to reusable mugs and tumblers. Considering most reusable drink holders are designed to be reused 3,000 times, the positive eco-impact of a reusable tumbler can be enormous.

Also, with the start of a new school year, it’s a good time to scour your work space for any brown trays you may have removed from the cafeteria trays to the dining room. If you use a tray outside of the cafeteria, please return them to the university dining area immediately. GSU has no staff to pick up trays from hallway or offices throughout campus, so your assistance is essential.

**Friday, August 10, GSU Faculty/Staff Picnic (08-09-12)**

Join us tomorrow for a fun-filled afternoon to celebrate the summer
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and kick off the upcoming school year. The annual Faculty/Staff Summer Picnic is a time to get together as a university to spend quality time with the GSU family.

The picnic, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will be located in the lakeside area outside the Hall of Governors. Featuring food, games, music, and more, the picnic is free for all faculty and staff. Food will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and games are planned throughout the day.

GSU’s administration fully supports the Faculty-Staff Summer Picnic. Department and unit managers are responsible for assuring that their offices remain open and operational during the picnic. University employees are not limited to attendance only during their prescribed lunch hours.

Special thanks to the picnic sponsors: the Civil Service Senate, the Provost’s Office, and the GSU Spirit Committee.

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**Direct Deposit Refunds for Students Available**

Students can now receive refunds from the university (including
Financial Aid advances and other refunds) through direct deposit into their designated bank account. It is quick and easy to set it up and it makes getting refunds much faster and easier.

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2. Click on Online Services and select Financial Information
3. Click on Bank Information (U.S.)
4. Enter your banking information, including account and routing numbers
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Updating your bank information
GSU Accounts Payable
708.235.7353

Financial Aid information
GSU Financial Aid
708.534.4480

**Deadline Nears for Urban Art Odyssey 2012**

Urban Art Odyssey 2012, hosted by the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP), will present a series of outstanding art experiences during a quick overnight trip into the heart of Chicago. This year’s Art Odyssey will be held Thursday, September 20 and Friday, September 21.

Thursday’s itinerary starts with a visit to the DuSable Museum of African American History to view *Buried Treasure: Art in African American Museums*, an exhibition of nearly 90 works from museums across the U.S. Art Odyssey then proceeds to Zhou Brothers Art Center, a vibrant south side hothouse for new art and young artists. Overnight accommodations have been arranged at the Union League Club of Chicago, voted America’s No. 1 city club in 2009; it is also home to one of the most extensive and distinguished collections of art in the city.

The trip comes to a close Friday with a visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art’s illuminating exhibition *Skyscraper: Art and Architecture against Gravity*.

The Odyssey also includes a VIP Introduction to EXPOChicago/2012 at Navy Pier.

The fee for Urban Art Odyssey 2012 is $270 per person double occupancy or $370 single occupancy. Members of the NMSP Pathfinders qualify for a reduced fee. For reservations, contact Gina Ragland-Owolabi at 708.235.7559. The deadline for reservations and fees is
Scholarship Spotlight - Teri Moore

Teri Moore of Chicago received the Ralph R. and Dolores Turner Endowed Scholarship in Liberal Arts. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences' criminal justice program.

Teri is a hard working student and mom, and is dedicated to helping those in need.

Much Ado About Pierre (08-06-12)

Pierre, GSU’s traveling penguin, accompanied Rosemary Johnsen, associate professor of English, to Stratford, Ontario, for the 60th season of the Stratford Shakespeare Festival. Pierre enjoyed Shakespeare’s Much Ado About Nothing, and The Pirates of Penzance, Gilbert and Sullivan’s comic opera. In the photo, he can be seen perched on the statue of William Shakespeare – and assisting the Bard’s pen – outside the Festival Theatre.

This spring, Pierre gave his official "wing-tips-up" to International Penguin Day, April 25, during a fifth grade health class at James Hart School in Homewood. Jim Murray, a GSU student studying Human Performance and Training, snapped a photo of Pierre standing on a jar containing contest slips; students who wore only black and white to class that day were entered in a drawing for a video or a poster.

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Take a Tour of E and F Wing Project

You don’t need a hard hat to see the steady progress in E and F Buildings, where crews have completed the first phase of their construction project. When the project is finished, GSU students will have state-of-the-art science classrooms and labs.

Follow this link for a video tour of the E and F renovation in progress.

Convocation 2012 Coming Next Week
Members of the GSU community – students, faculty, and staff – are invited to Convocation 2012, on Tuesday, August 14, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

President Elaine P. Maimon will deliver the State of the University Address. Dr. Maimon will also announce winners of this year’s Baysore Award and Excellence Awards.

**Baysore Award Deadline is Tuesday**

President Maimon will present the Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award at Convocation 2012 on Tuesday, August 14. The Baysore Award is awarded annually to a GSU employee who most fully demonstrates four qualities consistently and fully embodied by Dr. Baysore during his 18 years of service to the university.

They are:
- Absolute integrity
- Total competence
- Generous dedication
- Unfailing civility

Nominations for the Baysore Award must be received by Tuesday, August 7. Nominations should explain how the employee includes the above four qualities on a day-to-day basis at GSU.

Please send your written nominations to Penny Perdue.

**MILE Designated School Board Member Trainer**

Effective schools are successful because of a combination of factors that encompass every aspect of the education provided to students. Effective school leadership is one important element. The State of Illinois, in recognition of this factor, recently established the requirement that all school board members receive training in the various aspects of their positions as district leaders and decision makers.

The Metropolitan Institute of Higher Education, (MILE), at GSU was recently designated as a certified training entity for school board member and will begin conducting leadership training workshops in the fall.

In a recent letter to MILE Director Alicia McCray, State Superintendent of Education Christopher A. Koch wrote “...you are highly qualified and meet/exceed the application requirement to train school board members.”

In its capacity as a designated trainer, MILE will lead workshops for school board members on leadership skills, which include fiduciary, ethics, and governance responsibilities.

"MILE has offered programs for school board members since its founding in 2006. We are delighted that we have been recognized with this certification and feel uniquely qualified to provide this service,” said McCray.
For more information on the school board member workshops, contact 708. 534.4024.

**Faculty Grading Workshops Start Today**

All faculty members will soon enter Summer 2012 grades into the myGSU portal. The Registrar’s Office is holding workshops to demonstrate the grading process. All faculty are welcome to attend one of the sessions. Sessions run approximately 30 minutes.

Grading Workshops will be held in the Academic Computing Lab, Lab D2430:
- Monday, August 6, at 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 7, at 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, August 8, at 2 p.m.

Faculty members will also receive the Faculty Guidebook to the myGSU portal from the Registrar's Office via e-mail.

**Library Friends Host Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Friends of the GSU Library will be held on Wednesday, August 8, at noon, in the Library administrative conference room. New officers will be elected. Nominations of current members for office will be accepted. Everyone is welcome.

New members are also welcome. Membership in the Friends is only $5 for students, $35 for faculty and staff, and $100 for community members.

The Friends sponsor programs and events that support the GSU Library. They accept donations and host fundraisers, including the used book sale.

Dr. Jon Carlson donated his professional library to the GSU Friends of the Library. Dr. Carlson was recognized as a “Treasured Friend” for his generosity. His name appears on a plaque on display in the Library.

For more information about the Friends, contact Pam Taylor at ext. 7527.

**Information on Alternative Teacher Certification**

Learn how to earn elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry, or mathematics) teacher certification and secure a teaching position through GSU’s Alternative Certification Program. An information session will be held on Thursday, August 9, at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program at GSU offers a way to earn a teaching certificate and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a Masters of Art in Teaching in Urban Teacher Education in elementary or secondary
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(biology, chemistry, or mathematics). TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a $30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

This program is open to college graduates with a bachelor’s degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2013, is November 15.

For more information, call 708.534.4399 or visit www.govst.edu/altcert.

Orientation Welcomes New Students to GSU

Student Life has been working for months on the first Orientation sessions at GSU. We hope this becomes a model program for introducing students to GSU.

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Help Make Orientation a Success

The New Student Orientation Committee is looking for faculty, staff, and student volunteers for the New Student Orientation on Thursday, August 16 (for undergraduates) and Saturday, August 18 (for graduate students). Volunteers are needed to serve as welcome ambassadors and help with setup, serving, registration, and clean-up on both days.

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Alumni Group Hosts Walk for Recovery

Put your feet to good use and take a walk. The GSU Addictions Studies Alumni Club and the Alumni Association are sponsoring the Walk for Recovery on September 22. This event celebrates National Recovery Month. The Recovery Walk is a two-mile walk around the GSU campus and the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

In addition to the walk there will be door prizes, refreshments, music and entertainment, and a resource fair.

Featured speakers include Peter Palanca, GSU senior lecturer in addictions studies and Executive Vice President and COO of TASC, Inc.; Theodora Binion, Director of the Illinois Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Dr. Groove, inspirational spoken word artist; and comedian Tommy Connolly.

Admission is free and there is no charge to participate in the walk. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. The program begins at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m.

To register online and to be entered to win a special door prize, visit www.govst.edu/alumniwalk.

For more information or to sponsor this event, call Alumni Relations at 708.534.4128.

New Faces at GSU (08-02-12)

We are pleased to introduce 10 new administrators to Governors State who bring a wide range of experience and expertise to the university. Welcome to GSU!

Rhonda Brown, Assistant Vice President of Marketing and Communications
Before joining GSU, Brown was the Vice President of Development for the Joffrey Ballet. She brings more than 15 years of nonprofit fundraising and marketing experience to her role. At GSU, Brown is responsible for institutional marketing and internal
and external communications and looks forward to working with faculty and staff to advance the university. She is the mother of two boys, Avery, 14, and Isaac, 7, and an exhibiting visual artist.

**Will Davis, Interim Chief Development Officer**

Davis, who was named to his position in June, leads the umbrella of GSU’s development efforts, which include holistic corporate partnership, internal and external constituent management, and leading the Governors State University Foundation. Prior to joining GSU, Davis served as Senior Corporate Relations Officer for the American Cancer Society. He believes GSU has great potential in making a systemic impact in not only the Chicago Southland, but throughout Illinois and today’s global society.

**Melinda Gieseke, Controller**

Gieseke started working in the Office of Financial Services and Comptroller on July 16. She moved to the area from Michigan, where she was Controller at Jackson Community College. She previously spent five years in Guatemala as the Finance Director at Christian Academy of Guatemala. Gieseke has other governmental and educational accounting experience as well. She moved to the Chicago area to be closer to family and to experience “life in the big city.” She is excited to work with the accounting staff in Financial Services department and assist other departments with questions regarding their budgets.

**Kristy Goodwin, Director of Recruitment and Outreach**

Goodwin worked at Rush University in Chicago, an affiliate of Rush University Medical Center, for 13 years. At Rush, she was Coordinator for the Office of International Services and Senior Admissions Counselor and Recruiter for the College of Medicine, College of Nursing, Graduate College, and the College of Health Sciences. She also sits on the African American Advisory Committee for Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez, as well as other professional organizations.

**Jonathan Lee, Director of the Office of International Services**

Before coming to GSU, Lee worked at a variety of institutions, including the University of Illinois at Chicago, Prairie State College, Purdue University Calumet, and Valparaiso University. At these institutions, he worked in different areas of
international education, including international campus programming, international student and scholar advising, study abroad, exchange programs, summer programs, teaching English as a second language, assisting students with cultural adjustment, and more. He is excited about the future opportunities for international programs at GSU.

**Dr. Andrae Marak, Chair of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of History and Political Science**

Prior to arriving at GSU, Marak was the Head of the Division of Liberal Arts at Indiana University - Purdue University Columbus and an associate of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at Indiana University. He has published two books, *From Many, One: Indians, Peasants, Borders, and Education in Callista Mexico, 1924-1935* and *Smugglers, Brothels, and Twine: Historical Perspectives on Contraband and Vice in North America's Borderlands*, as well as articles in the *World History Bulletin, the Review of International Political Economy, Paedagogica Historica, the New Mexico Historical Review, the Journal of the West* and the *Journal of the Southwest*.

**Dr. Lori L. Montalbano, Chair of the Division of Communication, Visual, and Performing Arts**

Prior to Joining GSU, Montalbano served as the Chair of the Department of Performing Arts at Indiana University Northwest, and Artistic Director of Theatre Northwest. She has a Ph.D. in Performance Studies from Southern Illinois University. Montalbano has published articles, book chapters, and a book entitled *Taking Narrative Risk: The Empowerment of Abuse Survivors*. She has recently co-authored a textbook, *Public Speaking and Responsibility in a Changing World*.

**Lana Rogachevskaya, Executive Director, Governors State University Center for Performing Arts**

Rogachevskaya comes to GSU from the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts, where she rose from graduate intern to managing director. She emigrated with her family to the United States from Ukraine in 1998. As a pianist, arts educator, and manager, Rogachevskaya combines her passion for business with her love of the performing arts. She holds an M.F.A. in Performing Arts Management from Brooklyn College, and a B.A. in Multimedia Communications from Bernard M. Baruch College.

**Dr. Aurélio Manuel Valente, Dean of Students and Associate Vice President**
Most recently, Valente served as Associate Dean of Student Development at Philadelphia University. His nearly 20 years of experience in student affairs includes functional and leadership responsibilities in residence life, student conduct, leadership development, service-learning, orientation, first-year experience, diversity initiatives, and spiritual development. Valente’s research and scholarly interests include student development in the first year of college and institutional efforts to promote student success and engagement. He has published several articles regarding service learning, first-year experience and ethics in higher education in the *Journal of College and Character* and served as a contributing chapter author for the third edition of *The Handbook for Student Affairs Administration*.

**James Zumerchik, Project Specialist, Facilities Development and Management**

Prior to joining GSU, Zumerchik, a licensed architect, served as a Director of Architecture at a design/build company and as a Project Manager at architectural firms specializing in higher education projects. He has degrees in Urban/Regional Planning and Architectural Science from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana.

**Thanks for a Job Well Done**

Courtney Kohn Sanders, Vice President of Enrollment Services and Marketing, this week thanked all members of the GSU community who helped make last Saturday’s Instant Admission Day such a success.

You can read her [letter of thanks](#) to those who participated in Instant Admission Day.

**Faculty Grading Workshops Next Week**

All faculty members will soon enter Summer 2012 grades into the myGSU portal. The Registrar’s Office is holding workshops to demonstrate the grading process. All faculty are welcome to attend one of the sessions. Sessions run approximately 30 minutes.

Grading Workshops will be held in the Academic Computing Lab, Lab D2430:
- Monday, August 6 at 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 7 at 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, August 8 at 2 p.m.

Faculty members will also receive the Faculty Guidebook to the myGSU portal from the Registrar’s Office via e-mail.

**Our Children, Our Responsibilities**
Dr. Christopher Ann Robinson Easley, associate professor of management, will discuss her new book, Our Children, Our Responsibilities: Saving the Youth We are Losing to Gangs, today on KABF-FM, a community radio station in Little Rock, Arkansas. She will appear on the Literary Nation program today from 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. The program will stream live on the Internet at www.kabf.us.

Robinson-Easley’s book offers a well-designed, multi-disciplinary strategy for the future. Robinson-Easley, who specializes in organization development leading to systemic change, guides the reader through the social, psychological, and theological dynamics for a step-by-step whole systems change model addressing challenges in the African American community and youth gravitating to gang environments.

Orientation Targets Success at GSU

Student Life has been working for months on the first Orientation sessions at GSU. We hope this becomes a model program for introducing students to GSU.

Orientation for new GSU students on Thursday, August 16 and Saturday, August 18 will provide an introduction to student resources, services, and programs that will lead to a successful college experience.

Undergraduate Orientation is August 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. Graduate Orientation is August 18, from 9 a.m. to noon, also in the CPA. The on-campus orientation is required for all new students -- graduates and undergraduates. New students must register for Orientation at http://mygovst.govst.edu.

Orientation features a welcome by President Elaine P. Maimon, an overview of services available to students, an ITS overview, and breakout sessions in respective colleges. Information tables for more than a dozen university units will be set up to give further information on services available to students. Thank you in advance for your participation.

For more information on Orientation, call Sheree Sanderson at ext. 4552.

Orientation Volunteers Needed

The New Student Orientation Committee is looking for faculty, staff and student volunteers for the New Student Orientation on Thursday, August 16 (for undergraduates) and Saturday, August 18 (for graduate students). Volunteers are needed to help as welcome ambassadors and with setup, serving, registration, and clean-up on both days.

Please contact Karen Caesar-Smith at ext. 6360 by Friday, August 10 to sign up or for additional information.

Discounted Great America Tickets

The GSU Alumni Association just made this weekend’s trip to Great America even more fun. If you are planning to enjoy the thrills of
Great America on Saturday or Sunday, August 4 or 5, use the Alumni Association discount code to purchase your tickets for only $29 each.

The code is only valid for online purchases and is available for August 4 or 5 only. Enter the discount code gsualumni2012 to receive the discounted price.

**Walk for Recovery**

Put your feet to good use and take a walk. The GSU Addictions Studies Alumni Club and the Alumni Association are sponsoring the Walk for Recover on September 22. This event celebrates National Recovery Month. The Recovery Walk is a two-mile walk around the GSU campus and the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

In addition to the walk there will be door prizes, refreshments, music and entertainment, and a resource fair.

Featured speakers include Peter Palanca, GSU senior lecturer in addictions studies and Executive Vice President and COO of TASC, Inc.; Theodora Binion, Director of the Illinois Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Dr. Groove, inspirational spoken word artist; and comedian Tommy Connolly.

Admission is free and there is no charge to participate in the walk. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. The program begins at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m.

To register online and to be entered to win a special door prize, visit www.govst.edu/alumniwalk.

For more information or to sponsor this event, call Alumni Relations at 708.534.4128.

**Explore the World in New Courses**

Undergraduate students will have some exciting new courses to choose from this fall as they fulfill general education requirements or investigate new major or minor areas of study. The new Anthropology and Sociology bachelor’s degree program is offering its first series of courses this fall. All students are welcome, regardless of degree program.

In ANSO 3100 Gender and Sexuality, students will analyze ways in which humans create and enforce gender and sexuality norms. In SOC 3200 Social Inequalities, inequality is examined to understand how it affects our life chances. SOC 400 Sociology of Booze and Butts explores the importance of alcohol and tobacco on shaping norms, values, beliefs, rituals, and culture.

For more information about these courses and the new Anthropology and Sociology bachelor’s degree program, contact Dr. Daniel Cortese, faculty advisor.

**Bid Adieu to Summer Hours**

Effective on Monday, August 6, all GSU employees who participated in summer hours should begin working a five-day work week at 7.5 hours
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Baysore Nominations Due by Tuesday

President Maimon will present the Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award at Convocation 2012 on Tuesday, August 14. The Baysore Award is awarded annually to a GSU employee who most fully demonstrates four qualities consistently and fully embodied by Dr. Baysore during his 18 years of service to the university.

They are:
- Absolute integrity
- Total competence
- Generous dedication
- Unfailing civility

Nominations for the Baysore Award must be received by Tuesday, August 7. Nominations should explain how the employee includes the above four qualities on a day-to-day basis at GSU.

Please send your written nominations to Penny Perdue.

One More Weekend for Legally Blonde

Legally Blonde: The Musical, the 2012 production of the Southland Theatre Ensemble (SLATE), is a bona fide hit. You have two more chance to see a production that is pure, joyous fun at GSU’s Center for Performing Arts.

Final performances of this high-energy show are Saturday, August 4 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, August 5, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the Center for Performing Arts box office. Tickets are $22 for adults and $19 for students and can be purchased at the Center’s website at www.centertickets.net or by calling the box office at 708.235.2222.