News and Events

**Friday August 10, GSU Faculty/Staff Picnic**

Join us tomorrow for a fun-filled afternoon to celebrate the summer 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.

**Convocation Marks Beginning of Academic Year**

We hope to see you at Convocation 2012, Tuesday, August 14, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

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

Convocation is open to all members of the GSU community – students, faculty, and staff.

**Welcome New Students! GSU’s First New Student Orientation Starts Next Week**

On August 16 and August 18 GSU will host its first Student Orientation. We hope this becomes a model program for introducing students to the university. This is a mandatory program. The purpose of orientation is to introduce students to GSU resources, services, and programs.

Undergraduate Orientation is Thursday, August 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Graduate Orientation is Saturday, August 18, from 9 a.m. to noon. Both sessions will be held on-campus at the Center for Performing Arts.
If you have not yet registered, click here to register at the GSU website.

Orientation features a welcome by President Maimon, an overview of services available to students, 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.

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

**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.

To submitting direct deposit information through myGSU Portal, follow these steps:
1. Log into the myGSU portal at [http://mygovst.govst.edu](http://mygovst.govst.edu)
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
5. Read and select I Agree to the Terms and Conditions
6. Click on the Submit button
7. You will receive an email confirmation that your submission was recorded

MyGSU User name and password
GSU Help Desk
708.534.4357

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 Friday, August 17. Seats are limited to 45 travelers.

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.

Teri Moore