News and Events

Holiday Celebration GSU Style – December 7

President Elaine P. Maimon and the Governors State University Board of Trustees invite faculty and staff to a reception celebrating the joyous holiday season.

The reception takes place Friday, December 7, from noon to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Please RSVP to Penny Perdue at 708.534.6364.

Time Sheets Timeliness

Beginning this month, it is imperative that employee time sheets are submitted before the end of the month, and for all future pay periods, Gail Bradshaw, Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Diversity, announced.

During the past month, Human Resources and Payroll staffs have been working to input all the data in Colleague that is necessary for the automated leave plan feature to go live effective January, 2013.

This feature will allow faculty and staff to see a summary of earned accrued leave on pay advices and also allows GSU employees to review the details of their earned accrued leave by specific type, including vacation leave, non-compensable sick leave, compensable sick leave, cumulative and non-cumulative sick leave, and personal leave. This information will be recorded on the Leave Plan Summary page.

In order for this to happen, November time sheets for all employees must be completed and submitted to the Payroll Unit no later than November 30. Leave accrual reporting for employees whose time sheets are not submitted by November 30 will not have an accurate leave accrual record in January when the Leave Plans go live in Colleague.

And the Winner is...


The apotheosis of awards – at least as far as GSU View is concerned – is
coming next Monday, when the long-awaited

winners of this year’s Take Pierre on Vacation Contest will be announced.

Our plucky penguin racked up tens of thousands of miles this summer, visiting ancient ruins, mountains, oceans, beaches, great cities, and some locations much closer to home. Many of you shared your vacation photos of Pierre with GSU View, a source of never-ending delight to us. We believe Pierre allows us to share happy moments in our lives, and brings us a little closer together.

So circle the date – November 26. Make plans for elegant post-award announcement soirees. Start popping the corn, and get ready to find out who took the winning photos, and will be taking home fabulous prizes for their extraordinary efforts.

**E & F Building Disconnect – November 21**

A scheduled outage affecting all computer systems and Cisco office phones in the E and F buildings will take Wednesday, November 21. Outages are planned in E building from 6 to 10 a.m. and in F building from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please make arrangements to shut down office computers in these locations prior to the outage. Remote access into office computers from off-campus will NOT be available during or after power outage until the computers are manually restarted.

For more information, contact the ITS Helpdesk at 708.534.4357.

**Registration 2013 Continues**


Registrants are reminded that the new course renumbering system is now in use. 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](http://www.govst.edu/renumber).

To register, students should visit the GSU registration website. Students are urged to contact their advisors with questions.

**Scholarly News from Baden-Baden**
Dr. Winfried K. Rudloff, retired GSU faculty and IIAS Distinguished Professor of Internet-Based Global Education, attended InterSymp’2012, the 24th International Conference on Systems Research, Informatics and Cybernetics, and the 32nd Annual Meeting of the International Institute for Advanced Studies in Systems Research and Cybernetics, in Baden-Baden, Germany.

During the Opening Plenary Session, he presented a keynote address on *Minds and Memories of Men and Machines II: How will High-Tech Influence our Lives.*

At The Symposium on Cybernetic, Logic, Mathematics, Informatics, and Artificial Intelligence, he delivered a second keynote address on *The Mind-Body Problem from the Viewpoint of Computer Science, Cognitive Science, Philosophy, and Modern Biophysics.*

His third keynote address was a contribution to the Symposium on Computer Science, AI, Systems Research, and Engineering Cybernetics on *Use of Multimedia and Information Technologies in the Hybrid Classroom I.*

Professor Rudloff organized and chaired a Special Focus Symposium on Global Education, Managerial Cybernetics, Risk Analysis, and Risk Management in combination with a Workshop on Global Education and the Technological Frontiers VI where he discussed *Global Education and Technological Frontiers VIII* as an introduction to the symposium.

At the conference, Professor Rudloff was inducted into the International Academy of Arts, Sciences and Engineering for his “outstanding scholarly work and his significant life-long contribution to the advancement of Computer Science and Global Education.”

Congratulations, Dr. Rudloff.

**2012 Health and Human Services Career and Internship Fair – November 28**

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring the 2012 Health and Human Services Career and Internship Fair on Wednesday, November 28, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

The career fair is open to current students, GSU alumni, and members of the community seeking employment in these fields. There is no charge for job seekers. Participants are advised to dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes.
Representatives from both public and private institutions, organizations, and businesses interested in meeting job candidates are also welcome.

For more information, call 708.235.3974 or email career@govst.edu.

**Spotlight on Performance – November 29**

Students in Writing as Performance, one of the courses in the new Theater and Performance Studies program at GSU, will perform their works at Performance Spotlight, on November 29, at 8 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Governors State University’s Graduate Program in Reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through twelve, on Tuesdays, from January 29 through April 23, 2013, from 4:45 to 6:15 p.m.

**Cancer Awareness Silent Auction 2012**

After months of planning and preparing, all of the hard work for the Silent Auction has paid off. Vanessa Newby and her team raised $1,736.50 from bidding on items and donations for ribbons and pins.

The team would like to thank everyone who donated items for the auction as well as the many generous people who bid on the items and made donations. “We could not have done this without all of your help and support!” said Newby.

All proceeds were donated to Faye’s Light. Faye’s Light is a local cancer organization providing quality of life services to those currently undergoing treatment for cancer. Faye’s Light is a 501 (c) 3, not-for-profit organization, located in East Hazel Crest.

**World AIDS Day – November 29**

Information and discussion are the themes of GSU’s World AIDS Day program, on Thursday, November 29. Learn the real facts and get honest answers at this day-long event.

- Film Screening – *Philadelphia* - 9 to 11:30 a.m., Engbretson Hall
- Film Screening *Endgame: AIDS in Black America* - noon to 2:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall
- Workshop: Psychological Impact of AIDS/HIV - noon to 12:45 p.m., CPA Lobby
- Workshop: Sexually Transmitted Infections and Protection Negotiation - 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Cafeteria Annex
- World AIDS Day Awareness Fair - 1 to 4 p.m., Hall of Governors
• Free, Confidential AIDS Testing - 1 to 3 p.m., ARC
• Workshop: Safe Sex - 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. CPA Lobby
• Workshop: History of AIDS/HIV - 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Cafeteria Annex
• Workshop: Living with AIDS/HIV - 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall
• Panel Discussion: The Impact of AIDS/HIV - 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall

All events are free and open to the public. The Academic Resource Center sponsors World AIDS Day events at GSU.

**Student Holiday Celebration – November 30**

The Student Senate invites all GSU students to the Annual Holiday Celebration on November 30, from 6 to 10 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The celebration includes music, food, entertainment, and prizes. Singer Audrey Cher LaBranche, winner of the GSU's Got Talent competition, will share her spectacular vocal talents, and comedian Calvin Evans will provide plenty of laughs.

Students can bring one guest; no children are allowed at the event. Participants are urged to wear dress attire and bring non-perishable items for the GSU Food Pantry.

An after-party will be held at the University Golf Club, 23520 Crawford Avenue, University Park. University Park. There is a $3 cover charge for the after-party.

For information, contact studentsenate@govst.edu.

**Free Holiday Concert at GSU – December 1**

Just in time to share the spirit of the season, the GSU Choral Performance Class is presenting a free Holiday Concert on December 1, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

This concert has old favorites, new standards, and sing-alongs; including songs of Hanukkah, music from South America, and jazz versions of traditional carols with accompanist Joyce Beer.

“We are singing a variety of music that is sure to get everyone into the spirit,” says choir conductor Stacy Eckert. “Our program has favorites like ‘The Little Drummer Boy,’ and ‘Peace on Earth’ as well as fun songs like ‘A Charlie Brown Christmas,’ and ‘The Grinch.’ And we love it when the audience joins in and sings with us. This is a free, fun, family event.”
MOT Information, Please – December 13

The Department of Occupational Therapy will host an Information Session for individuals interested in learning more about Master of Occupational Therapy degree program on Thursday, December 13, 2012, from 5 to 6 p.m. in G127 in the Faculty Office Center (FOC), located at the far eastern edge of the campus.

Attendees are encouraged to bring unofficial copies of transcripts.

For more information, contact Patricia Kalvelage at pkalvelage@govst.edu, or 708.534.7294. Additional information may be found at www.govst.edu/chhs/dot/mot/.

SWSO Clothing Drive

Help the Social Work Student Organization support families in need by donating clothing and personal care items through November 29. SWSO will distribute items to Respond Now and the South Suburban Family Shelter, Inc.

Personal care items, such as soap, shampoo, deodorants, and toothpaste, will help Respond Now continue its mission to provide emergency services to families in crisis. Clothing and cell phone donations will aid South Suburban Family Shelter, Inc. in serving women and children who are survivors of domestic violence.

Drop-off locations are D Building - main entrance, D Building - first floor elevators, E Building - Sherman Hall entrance, G Building, and Student Life.