Student Leadership took the spotlight when Student Life recently hosted the Student Leadership Awards Banquet. About 120 students, faculty and staff attended the event. Participants enjoyed music, excitement, and good times as student clubs and organizations were honored for dedicating their time and efforts to leadership and development of GSU’s student population.

The evening got off to a great start when GSU Idol Audrey LaBranche serenaded the crowd with one of her original works. President Elaine P. Maimon and Dean of Students Aurelio Valente presented awards and Dr. Jane Groebner from CHHS did an outstanding job as emcee, along with her assistant Brittani Barnett, a student in the Criminal Justice program.

Dr. Maimon and Provost Terry Allison were presented with the 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll Certificate for GSU.

Award winners were:

*Outstanding Club Advisor* - Ann Manning-Nagel

*Outstanding Graduating Student* - Stephanie Snow, Undergraduate Student

*Outstanding Graduating Student* - Shaniqua Anderson-Jones, Graduate Student

*Outstanding Student Organization* - Social Work Student Organization

*Unsung Hero* - Student - Snehal Chavda

*Outstanding Support Staff* - Johnsie McAuley-Davis

*Program of the Year* - Inaugural trip to Washington, D.C

Sheree Sanderson, Assistant Dean of Students

Dr. Elizabeth Johnson

Christopher Cook
Dr. Phyllis West

*New or Most Improved Club/Organization* - Computer Science

*Rising Stars* - Terry Banies, Raymond Vasquez

### Kites & Kids Returns Saturday

Send your kite skyward over GSU’s magnificent Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

Kids & Kites, on Saturday May 18, from 1 to 4 p.m., gives everyone who loves flying kites – young and old – a chance to experience the sky above and great art ground-level at the nationally-renowned sculpture park.

Participants can color their kites before launching them into a spring breeze. Kite kits are $8 each. Kids & Kites will be held lakeside just north of the main university buildings.

Admission is free and sculpture park docents will be on hand for guidance. Kids & Kites is part of a series of events at Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park during its 35th anniversary year.

### Third Provost Search Candidate on Campus – May 20

Dr. Rajib Sanyal, candidate for the position of Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs at Governors State University, will be on campus Monday, May 20. He will take part in a Faculty Forum at 1:15 p.m., in Engbretson Hall, followed by a Public Forum at 2:30 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall. The GSU community is invited to attend.

Click here to see [Dr. Sanyal’s CV](#).

Dr. Sanyal

If you have any questions about the Provost Search, please contact [Joan Johns Maloney](#).

### GSU Trustees Meet Friday

GSU’s Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, May 17, at 8:30 a.m. in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors. The meeting is open to the public.

Any questions regarding the GSU Board of Trustees may be directed to [Joan Johns Maloney](#) at 708.534.4131.
FC14 Series Focuses on Millennial Students – May 22

Darcie Campos, Director of the GSU Career Center, will present The Millennial Student on Wednesday, May 22, at 10 a.m., in B2203.

Faculty and staff are invited to the presentation, the first of three discussions this spring that explore what the FC14 students might be like, and what the implication might be for designing and delivering a high quality four-year education with a series open to the entire community.

Persons planning to attend should RSVP to Lisa Carra.

The FC14 series continues with a discussion and roundtable review of Generation on a Tightrope: A portrait of today’s college student, on Wednesday, May 29, at 10 a.m., in the B2203.

Dr. Diane Dean, co-author of Generation on a Tightrope: A portrait of today’s college student, will make a presentation about the book on Wednesday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m., in E-Lounge.

Commencement Orientation Meeting – May 23

Orientation for Commencement staff and volunteers will take place Thursday, May 23 at 10 a.m. on the Mezzanine Level of GSU’s Center for Performing Arts.

For further information, contact Karen Caesar-Smith at 708.534.6360.

Aloha, Dr. Allison

The GSU community is invited to say “Aloha!” to Provost Terry Allison at a reception honoring his service to GSU and wishing him success and happiness in the future, on Monday, June 3, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., on the Center for Performing Arts stage.

To RSVP, contact Penny Perdue at 708.534.4130.

Dr. Terry Allison  In lieu of gifts, Dr. Allison would appreciate if gifts were made to the Dr. Allison Endowed Scholarship for Creative Arts at GSU. To donate, call Gina Ragland at 708.235.7559 or visit the Foundation website.
**Father Michael Pfleger Lecture - June 3**

The CBPA begins its Dynamic Leadership Lecture Series with featured speaker Father Michael L. Pfleger, on Monday, June 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts, on the GSU campus. His presentation, “Leading a Community: Advocating for the Disenfranchised,” is free and open to the public.

Father Pfleger, Senior Pastor of Saint Sabina Church, is known for his commitment to equality and passionate stance against injustice. He has been recognized for his fight against alcohol and tobacco billboards, drugs, and racism. His work has been profiled in the national media and he has been honored for his achievements with numerous regional and national awards.

Advance registration is not required. Everyone is welcome.

**University Lends Support to Maryland Mentoring Program**

GSU is helping support a Maryland mentoring program that encourages girls in their personal growth, and to fulfill their aspirations of higher education. Girls in the program have received a number of items from GSU, including t-shirts, water bottles, key chains, and Pierre the Penguin.

Sisters Empowered to be Leaders for the future – S.E.L.F. – was cofounded by Jasmine Bradshaw, a fifth grade teacher in the Annapolis area. She is the daughter of Gail Bradshaw, GSU’s Associate Vice President for Human Resources, and is one of four mentors in the program.

SELF Students in Maryland

S.E.L.F.’s mission is to empower young women to develop self-confidence, self-worth, self-determination and a belief in self-sacrifice. Participants in the program are to develop leadership skills, cultivate a sense of sisterhood, unity, and healthy friendships, realize their potential and accomplish goals, develop cultural appreciation, and build knowledge of women’s and civil rights history.

Jasmine Bradshaw recently thanked GSU for its generosity and support, which is helping the girls to envision their futures and motivate them toward higher education. Girls in the program also sent thank you letters to several GSU staff members.

“Upon receiving the t-shirts, water bottles, key chains, and penguins, they immediately wanted to know if they could keep the items,” Bradshaw wrote. Some of the girls gave their own names to the penguins and attached the items to their key rings or book bags. “Thank you for becoming part of the S.E.L.F. community.”
Keep the (Interoffice) Mail Moving

Don’t be an envelope hoarder. Envelopes for interoffice mail should be forwarded back to the university mailroom so there is always an ample supply, and so GSU’s internal mail system doesn’t come to a screeching halt. Please send any available interoffice envelopes to the mailroom in care of Vickie Carra.

Take a few moments to look around your office to determine if any envelopes are hidden under piles of important papers, or in rarely-visited drawers. You’ll be doing your part to keep the mail moving.

Health Care Employment Boot Camp and Job Fair

GSU’s Health Care Jobs for Chicago Southland Project will host an Employment Boot Camp and a Job Fair for individuals seeking a healthcare career on May 16 and 17 at GSU.

The Boot Camp will begin on Thursday, May 16, in GSU’s E Lounge with registration from 3:30 to 5 p.m., followed by a plenary session from 5 to 6 p.m. Leading the panel discussion on The Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Health Care Sector Careers, will be Dr. Linda Samson, GSU Nursing professor and principal investigator for the Health Care Jobs for Chicago Southland grant.

Following the plenary session, concurrent workshops will run from 6 to 9 p.m., covering topics including: The Job Hunt; Behavioral Interview; Entrepreneur Opportunities in Healthcare; Resume Revival; Credit Repair and Family Services; and Waivers and Expungement.

On Friday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., a Job Fair will be held in the Hall of Governors. Paul Anderson, Managing Director of ProLango Consulting, Inc., will deliver a special presentation on Career Search Optimization from 9 to 10 a.m., and again from noon to 1 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

To register for, or receive more information about these two events, call 708.534.6985, or e-mail hcjcs@govst.edu.

GSU Sustainable Garden Making Debut

You can watch your garden grow this summer – right here at GSU.

The University Sustainable Garden is making its debut this spring and GSU faculty, staff, and students have the first opportunity to sign up for plots ranging from 35 square feet for beginners to 400 square feet for experienced gardeners.

GSU’s community garden will give participants a chance to grow a wide variety of vegetables using fully organic methods. The university is initiating the project to empower individuals and families to make healthy choices, build a sense of community, and provide a space to grow food in a custom-designed garden.
GSU will provide water for the garden site. Gardeners must bring their own tools and seeds, and agree to follow organic gardening principles. To be eligible for a garden plot, gardeners must pay a nominal fee, from $10 to $20 depending on plot size, and agree to the rules and policies of the community garden by May 31. Garden plots are available on a first come, first served basis.

To apply for a University Sustainable Garden plot, contact the Facilities Department at 708.534.4515 or visit www.govst.edu/garden.

**Alumni Night at the Races – May 18**

Join the Alumni Association for a Night at the Races at Balmoral Race Track on Saturday, May 18. Tickets are $40 per person ($35 if you are a Premium Alumni Member). Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The first race is at 7:10 p.m.

The ticket price includes free general parking, admission with reserved seating, two-hour buffet dinner and dessert bar, unlimited soft drinks and coffee, program, door prize drawings, winner’s circle group photo, and silent auction.

Proceeds benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Honoring Rosemary Hulett. Call ext. 7892 to order tickets.

**Alumni Great America Discount – May 18 and 19**

The Alumni Association is offering discounted tickets to Great America for May 18 and 19 only. Tickets are $28 each (plus a 5.99 per ticket order fee).

Tickets are available online only. Visit www.sixflags.com/greatamerica to purchase tickets. Use the pass code GSUalumni2013 to receive the discounted price.